



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano

Commissioners:

Antonio V. Arserio, Arlene R. Schwartz, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis

Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman

City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz and Commissioner Joanne Simone

Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio attended via Zoom.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2023-167](#) CITY OF MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR - DETECTIVE JULIO FERNANDEZ

CHIEF OF POLICE, JOSEPH GALASKA, spoke on this matter.

POLICE DETECTIVE FERNANDEZ discussed his accomplishments in solving eight of 13 cold cases.

Discussion ensued.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO explained the protocol for speaking under Public

Comments and the Consent Agenda.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, praised the Fire Department pertaining to a matter in North Lauderdale and referenced safety on the 4th of July and the Fireworks event. He discussed the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) approval of Wings Fest on June 17th.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET, thanked Parks and Recreation, the Fire Department and Police Department for Margate's International Day Festival. She said that she would not be able to attend future City Commission meetings and requested that the public should be able to participate via Zoom.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE, repeated her request for the public to participate via Zoom at the City Commission meetings. She highlighted the speeding problem on Margate Boulevard.

JULIE JONES discussed a police ride-along she attended with a different municipality. She referenced The Caribbean National Weekly which advised US citizens to leave Haiti.

MARGATE RESIDENT, NINA CULVER, commented on the difficulties that residents were not permitted to speak over Zoom or through another source at the City Commission meetings. She discussed the Fire Rescue-EMS training and telephone calls.

HALDANE L. COOPER, 6965 NW 29 COURT & OWNER OF VALENCIA CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT, expressed that it was a pleasure to be in Margate and said that the City did a good job.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO explained that he could not attend this evening's City Commission meeting in person and he welcomed the return of resident, Ms. Sanchez. He congratulated the Police Officer of the Year.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO congratulated Detective Fernandez with the cases. He thanked the owner of Valencia Caribbean restaurant for attending the meeting. He said it was nice to see Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Beracha at the City Commission meeting and said that he did not have a problem with Zoom calls. He congratulated the kids that had graduated and said that his son received the Most Valuable Player of his high school and baseball team and he continued to talk about his children.

MAYOR CAGGIANO congratulated Detective Fernandez for Officer of the Year. He referenced Pride Month and said that everybody helped make the tapestry of Margate great. He read the schedule for the City's forthcoming 4th of July Parade and Fireworks and highlighted the National Night Out event in August. He forewarned that people should start preparing for the hurricane season.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ said that Detective Fernandez was an amazing human being. She attended four graduations in the last couple of days with Mayor Caggiano. She received inquiries pertaining to parking at the Winfield Marina.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS advised that the City was going to post some signs for "no overnight parking" and that unauthorized vehicles would be towed.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced the Ring of Life celebration and said that the City had approximately seven of these which was featured on Channel 7 News. She wished everybody a Happy Father's Day.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE extended her appreciation and thanked Detective Fernandez and also the entire Police Department. She looked forward to seeing everybody at 4th of July Parade and Fireworks.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS congratulated Detective Fernandez and the Margate Police Department on their achievement for the cold cases and Officer of the Year. He provided an update on the very successful Property Improvement Grant Program (PIP) and informed that the City had reimbursed over \$660,000 to Margate residents and that they hoped to reopen the same with any remaining funds at some point in the future. He congratulated the Communications and Marketing Department as they received a Silver Telly Award this year for their production of "What We are Thankful for in Our Margate." He highlighted tomorrow's Employee Appreciation Picnic.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ mentioned that Parks and Recreation's, Recreation Supervisor, Winograd, retired after 35 years.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO referenced monies from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other notable revenues and questioned when the City was going to finalize the distribution of what they planned to do with the rest of the money.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS indicated that he would consult with staff to establish what remaining balance they have and put together a recommended priority list for the City Commission.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES wished the Florida Panthers continued success for the Stanley Cup.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by the Commission, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. [ID 2023-171](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: MAY 3, 2023 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND MAY 9, 2023 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2023-177](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that there would not be any increases made to the rate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, should be discussed.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO informed that although the City was not raising the rate, he believed that they were still below the State allowable where they could be charging residents \$367 per year.

MAYOR CAGGIANO confirmed Commissioner Arserio's assessment and advised that the City was subsidizing \$67 of the \$367.

Discussion ensued.

MR. KRALJIC was glad that the rate had not increased although he would prefer a decrease.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

- B. [ID 2023-112](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES IN BROWARD COUNTY.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO informed that he was not against this Item but expressed his

concerns on the same.

MAYOR CAGGIANO referenced the use of an incinerator.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO explained that he hoped that this Item would work.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO referenced an incinerator and discussed the costs of a study.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

- C.** [ID 2023-168](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOP TEN RANKED FIRMS, (1) CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC., (2) HAZEN & SAWYER, P.C., (3) CHA CONSULTING, INC., (4) CRAIG A. SMITH & ASSOCIATES, INC., (5) WGI, INC., (6) CHEN MOORE & ASSOCIATES, INC., (7) CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC., (8) KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., (9) MCKIM & CREED, INC., AND (10) KEITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) 2023-010 - GENERAL CIVIL ENGINEERING, BUILDING ARCHITECTURAL, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

7) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A.** [ID 2023-170](#) ORDINANCE - AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE V, RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR VACATION RENTALS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Resolution, should be discussed.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, to add owner of vacation rental or a designated property manager/agent as required in Section 5.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO explained that it was very common in the real estate business for these vacation rental owners to use a third party or a realtor/property manager to manage their properties.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE indicated that the legitimate point that was made in an email explained that this would give the City an additional point of contact as well. If they were unable to get hold of the owner, then they could communicate through the property agent or both and it would be handled in a more timely manner.

Discussion ensued.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO questioned whether the actual owner of the property was required to authorize this. He referenced AirBnB arbitrage and explained that random people would rent a place from somebody and then put it up on that platform. He wanted to ensure that it protected the homeowner.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS believed that it would be listed as the owner but explained that if it was not the case, then they would bring something back.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES clarified that it was just for a registration and not a license.

MR. KRALJIC explained that he was seeing an increase of individuals renting private rooms in houses and questioned whether this could be included in this Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

The original motion as amended carried as follows:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Ruzzano, Mayor Caggiano, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Simone

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 7/6/2023

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