

MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 2024

MINUTES

Present:

Joanne Simone
Antonio V. Arserio
Arlene R. Schwartz
Anthony N. Caggiano, Vice Chair
Tommy Ruzzano, Chair

Also Present:

Cale Curtis, Executive Director
Larry Vignola, Assistant Executive Director
David Tolces, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman

The regular meeting of the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency having been properly noticed was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 10, 2024, by Chair Tommy Ruzzano. Roll call was taken. There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was held in the City Commission Chambers and was also accessible virtually through Zoom technology.

1A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - (9/11/2024 Regular)

After David Tolces, Board Attorney, read the item title, Ms. Simone made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Arserio:

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE

ROLL CALL: Ms. Simone, Yes; Mr. Arserio, Yes; Ms. Schwartz, Yes; Mr. Caggiano, Yes; Mr. Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

2. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No comments were made by the public.

3A. RESOLUTION 735: ADOPTING GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 189.0694, FLORIDA STATUTES

After David Tolces, Board Attorney, read the resolution title, Vice Chair Caggiano made the following motion seconded by Mr. Arserio:

MOTION: SO MOVE TO APPROVE

Ms. Schwartz said SMART goals were a goal-setting technique that used an acronym to help ensure that objectives were clear, achievable, and trackable. She explained that S stood for Specific, M was Measurable, A was Achievable, R was Relevant, and T was Timebound. She said any goals and performance measures created by the MCRA should state expected end dates and amounts associated with specific projects, if applicable, otherwise the goals were difficult to track without certain parameters. Cale Curtis, Executive Director, said the goals and objectives were drafted to comply with the new Florida Statute and would be fine-tuned.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Simone, Yes; Mr. Arserio, Yes; Ms. Schwartz, Yes; Mr. Caggiano, Yes; Mr. Ruzzano, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board thanked Rita Rodi, MCRA Coordinator, for compiling the draft in a short timeframe.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cale Curtis, Executive Director, reported that Colliers International Florida had notified the firms that were short-listed for the City Center proposals following the MCRA meeting on September 30, 2024. He said their updated proposals would be due by November 5 and they would be invited to present their submittals to the Board at the first meeting in December.

He also advised the Board that he authorized a transfer of \$8,200 in FY24 for the final costs associated with the July 4th event. He said he would provide a more comprehensive report on ongoing capital projects at the next meeting.

4A. TENANT UPDATES

No comments were made.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Simone: Inquired if there was any update on the economic gardening programs that she had spoken about at the previous MCRA meeting. Cale Curtis, Executive Director, said staff had been working on the proposed implementation of similar programs here in Margate. He said he should have some proposals to put before the Board within the next couple of months.

Mr. Arserio: No comments.

Ms. Schwartz: Thanked Rita Rodi, MCRA Coordinator, for writing the draft of the goals and performance measures.

Vice Chair Caggiano: Reminded everyone to be prepared in the event of a hurricane.

Ms. Schwartz said she offered her best wishes to the people in Fort Myers and other areas affected by the recent hurricane. She said that while things were replaceable, people were not, and she was glad that so many people had heeded the evacuation warnings. Discussion ensued about how the storms might affect insurance rates and the housing market.

Chair Ruzzano: Asked Mr. Arserio if there was another storm brewing in the Caribbean. Mr. Arserio replied there was a possibility but that nothing had formed yet. He reiterated what Vice Chair Caggiano had said about early preparations, and he encouraged everyone to watch and listen to the National Hurricane Center (NHC) for the most up to date information. Chair Ruzzano said the City had done an incredible job preparing its residents for the impending storm and he thanked all the city employees for continuing to come to work during the previous two days. He said when schools closed due to an approaching storm, it was difficult for parents to balance work with family life. He said he hoped the City could find a solution to help employees with young children in similar situations in the future.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Fiona Christmas, CRA Coordinator

Tommy Ruzzano, Chair