



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Budget Workshop

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

City Manager Cale Curtis
Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2022-279](#) FY 2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS introduced the City Commission Budget Workshop and explained that Finance's Budget Manager, Smith-Burke, would conduct the PowerPoint presentation.

FINANCE'S BUDGET MANAGER, DECIA A. SMITH-BURKE, welcomed everyone to the Fiscal Year 2023 proposed City Commission Budget Workshop. She conducted a PowerPoint presentation and explained:

- How the budget was developed as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communication device;
- Highlighted that two of the most important numbers when assessing the budget were the millage rate and property values;
- The proposed rate for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 for the millage rate was 7.6508 which was slightly down from FY2022;
- How the taxable value and the millage were used to calculate the tax revenue and for FY2023, it included an increase of an estimated revenue of 9.8 percent;
- The net change to the general fund budget was \$2,000,000 net;
- Eight percent of Margate residents did not pay ad valorem taxes which accounted for 1,727 properties. Approximately 9,100 properties paid less than \$500 in City operating taxes.
- Based on FY2022 data from the Broward County Property Appraiser (BCPA) and

Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), the City of Margate was ranked 27th out of 31 cities in Broward County for operating revenue per capita;

- The taxable value on the average single family homes; and
- The FY2023 proposed budget was \$184,000,000 which increased by \$15,600,000 from FY2022. \$12,300,000 is for water and waste water capital projects and the general fund increased by \$450,000.

FINANCE BUDGET MANAGER SMITH-BURKE continued with her PowerPoint presentation and provided a summary of the general fund revenues, expenditures, capital items and improvement program.

MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO questioned whether the projected sum for Centennial Park had been scaled back from the original proposal that the residents were opposing.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that this was correct.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO asked about Oriole Park's funding and the Building Department's proposed expansion works.

FINANCE BUDGET MANAGER SMITH-BURKE confirmed that \$2,000,000 was for Oriole Park and said that the other funding Commissioner Ruzzano made referenced to was for a grant.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS referenced the Building Department's expansion and explained that they could potentially be shifting direction with the possibility of purchasing a piece of property across the street from the existing site and that they were working on the design.

Discussion ensued on the Building Department's expansion plans and funding.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ referenced Parks and Recreation and questioned if they were installing security cameras.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS informed that for their new parks, renovations and the bond projects, they were including security cameras into those scopes and they were also retrofitting existing parks with camera assistance that were not part of the bond project.

Discussion ensued on time scales of the installations of security cameras and restrooms.

FINANCE BUDGET MANAGER SMITH-BURKE continued to summarize the City's finances and highlighted some of the infrastructure projects in the enterprise funds from the proposed FY2023 budget. She informed that staff requested that the City Commission set the ceiling for the millage rate and proposed to keep the operating millage the same at 7.1171 with the debt service millage that decreased at a total of 7.6508. She advised that the next steps were to set the millage ceiling, to provide the City Commission with a full budget book on August 15th and that the two public Budget hearings would be held on September 12th and 21st. She concluded the presentation and opened the floor to questions.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to keep the Millage rate as requested by staff. This carried by the

following vote:

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

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ raised questions and concerns pertaining to the Budget, including:

- The timescale of when the Budget book was received;
- Line-items under Revenues;
- The projected revenue for Special Magistrate and Code Compliance violations;
- City Manager Office employees;
- The Enterprise program;
- Longevity bonuses for employees;
- Assistant Director of Finance position;
- Auditing company;
- Money sent to the 501 internal service fund for Workers Compensation; and
- Fire house replacement.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO raised questions pertaining to the Enterprise program, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and 911 dispatch.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission not to allocate the ARPA funds to the 911 dispatch system.

MAYOR ARSERIO suggested holding another workshop after the break to narrow down the use of the ARPA funds.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ mentioned wanting to have a code workshop.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that he could speak with the City Commission individually to gain a head-start on an expense plan for the ARPA funds in advance of a public meeting for formal direction.

VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO discussed the ARPA funds and the Enterprise program.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission for Interim City Attorney Tolces to work with the City Manager to review the Enterprise contract and report back.

Discussion ensued pertaining to Station 58's covering for vehicles.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE voiced her concerns on receiving the budget book late.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that the Budget hearing would take place on September 12th if the City Commission required more information. He encouraged the

City Commission to continue perusing the Budget and repeated that they could meet with both himself and staff for any further questions that may arise.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MARY BEAZLEY advised that there would be a full Budget book available by August 15th which should include approximately another 100 pages.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO asked if the City Commission could take action at a Workshop.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES indicated that action taken at a Workshop was to the extent of how the City Commission controlled their Agenda. He explained that if the City Commission felt more comfortable in light of their past practice and not to take formal action at a Workshops, he recommended that they could add this as an additional Item at their City Commission meeting tonight and have another motion, a second and a vote on the same.

Discussion ensued on taking action at a Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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