



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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Wednesday, November 19, 2014

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Frank B. Talerico, Commissioner Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Joanne Simone and Mayor Lesa 'Le' Peerman

#### In Attendance:

City Manager Douglas E. Smith

City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. ID 14-687** ASHLEY BURKE, 5TH GRADE, AND ABIGAYLE BURKE, 3RD GRADE, RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. ID 14-707** SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED CITY COMMISSIONER LESA "LE" PEERMAN.

- B. ID 14-711** PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR LESA "LE" PEERMAN AND OUTGOING VICE MAYOR JOANNE SIMONE.

**ID 14-708** **RECESS - Cake and Refreshments were served in the City Hall Lobby**

### RESOLUTION(S)

- A. ID 14-709** RESOLUTION - ELECTION OF MAYOR

*Resolution 12-565*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, approve Joanne Simone as Mayor. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

- B. ID 14-710** RESOLUTION - ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR

*A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Mayor Peerman, after passing the gavel, to approve Frank B. Talerico as Vice Mayor.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, to approve Tommy Ruzzano as Vice Mayor.**

*Following a brief recess, Commissioner Talerico withdrew his name for nomination.*

*Resolution 12-566*

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano.**

**No: 2 - Vice Mayor Simone, Mayor Peerman.**

## **1) PRESENTATION(S) - Continued**

- A. ID 14-692** PRESENTATION TO DR. FRED RAHE FOR 17 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
- B. ID 14-693** RYAN NEMESEK FIREFIGHTER OF THE QUARTER FOR THE 3RD QUARTER

### **ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

- C. ID 14-717** BASEBALL: MAX PANNELL, 9 YEARS OLD  
(Margate Pony Elite Baseball and Softball, Margate Mariners)
- SWIM TEAM: ALEJANDRO LOPEZ, 16 YEARS OLD  
(Margate Motion Swim Team)

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

- D. ID 14-705** KENNETH HERMAN, SYSTEMS ANALYST - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 10 YEARS

## **2) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

*COMMISSIONER TALERICO wished everybody a happy Thanksgiving.*

*COMMISSIONER BRYAN thanked everyone for attending Celebrate Margate. She mentioned all of the children's activities that were available at the event. She wished everyone a happy and thankful Thanksgiving.*

*COMMISSIONER RUZZANO thanked the Commission for the nomination for Vice Mayor. He stated that Celebrate Margate was a great event. He mentioned the Margate Baseball signups.*

*VICE MAYOR SIMONE congratulated Commissioner Peerman on her re-election and Commissioner Ruzzano for his nomination as Vice Mayor. She wished everybody a happy Thanksgiving.*

*COMMISSIONER BRYAN and COMMISSIONER TALERICO added congratulations to Commissioner Peerman for her re-election.*

*MAYOR PEERMAN commended Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Jones and Staff for the great job done on Veteran's Day and she thanked the Margate Initiative for Community Action and Hope (MICA) for their gift. She noted that on Thursday,*

December 4, 2014, the polls will be open for voting for the County Commission District 2 Primary Election for the Democratic voters only who were registered to vote by November 5, 2014. She said that District 2 consisted of Coconut Creek and Margate with portions of Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach and Coral Springs. She said that there was currently no County Commission representing the District. She added that voting hours were from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. but early voting will not be available; however, absentee ballots could be requested to be mailed until November 26, 2014. She said that polling precincts were available on [www.margatefl.com/elections](http://www.margatefl.com/elections). She mentioned a prior discussion by Mrs. Ruzzano about obtaining a walk across by Margate Middle School, which was checked into by the Police Department. She said that according to the Broward County Traffic Engineer Division Margate was not eligible for the walk across. She mentioned that Jerry Graziose from Broward County Schools Safety Division who had some ideas he was willing to talk to Staff about. She added that the Mayors of Sunrise and Lauderhill were fighting the County about the pedestrian crosses by the schools. She said that she was working with them to try to obtain the cross walks before somebody died. All of the Commissioners agreed with having Mayor Peerman follow through. Mayor Peerman thanked everyone for allowing her to be Mayor and she congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH reminded everyone about the Relay for Life event to take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 11:00 am. to 11:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY EUGENE STEINFELD congratulated Mayor Peerman for her re-election and Vice Mayor Simone and Commissioner Ruzzano for their new positions as Mayor and Vice Mayor.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH also congratulated everyone, as well as congratulating Vice Mayor Simone for winning unopposed.

### 3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

RICH POPOVIC, 6066 Winfield Boulevard, mentioned the upcoming election.

The meeting reconvened following a brief recess.

MAYOR PEERMAN stated that there was a policy stating that there would be no campaigning from the podium.

MR. POPOVIC spoke about unprofessionalism.

MAYOR PEERMAN spoke about the Rules of Conduct.

SYDNEY KING, Margate Lion's Club, thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Jones for his excellent work at Celebrate Margate. He noted that the Lion's Club performed Child Identification, which had a great turnout.

DOCTOR SOL GOLDENBERG, Margate Lion's Club, explained that the free Mason's took pictures of the children, as well as fingerprints and a DNA sample, which was then put on a CD and provided to the parents. He suggested that parents take the CD with them when traveling with the children. He noted that they identified so many children at the event that he had to purchase 50 additional CD's. He thanked Mr. King for asking him to help with the event.

MR. KING stated that the City of Margate had the Lion's Club's complete support for everything. He noted that the Lion's Club wanted to plan Christmas Caroling in Margate the day after the Winter Festival. He mentioned giving a prize for wearing a costume.

EDWARD DECRISTOFARO, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, stated that he was the Planning Chief for the Margate Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He thanked Fire Chief Franklin Edwards and Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Jones for all their assistance for the Family Fun day, which was a huge success. He also thanked the Commissioners, Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager and everyone that came to the event. He said that a lot of money was made for the CERT Team and he looked forward to doing it again. He requested that Mike Jones thank his Staff, Chris and Joseph.

MAYOR PEERMAN thanked Mr. DeCristofaro for doing a good job on a great event. She also thanked him for adding the Animal Rescues, which allowed four dogs and two kittens to be adopted.

THERESA DECRISTOFARO, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, spoke about the Relay for Life, which she and her husband were chosen to be Community Champions. She noted that the theme for this year's event was Carnival for a Cure and would be held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. She felt that the time period would make it easier for families to come to the event together. She noted that there would be carnival rides and a fun time, which will be on Saturday, April 11, 2014. She invited everyone to join a team, create a team or to attend the event to benefit the community. She said that she would be happy to help anybody with fundraising.

NICOLE COLLINS, 6125 NW 17th Street, congratulated everyone and was glad all would be working as a team. She said that she previously worked with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for the Toy Drive. She stated that BSO no longer did the Toy Drive and asked if the City of Margate could have a Toy Drive for the less fortunate children in Margate. She suggested asking the three schools for names.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO stated that the Police Department provided a program called Shop with a Police Officer.

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE LARRY HORAK explained that they assist at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and that Palm Lakes also provided assistance. He mentioned an upcoming luncheon with thousands of dollars of donations for churches, schools and non-profits. He said that he would provide Ms. Collins with additional details, and Ms. Collins offered her assistance.

MAYOR PEERMAN commended the condominiums for their work every year obtaining donations of toys. She noted that Officer Carreccia of Margate provided a list of Margate children and families needing assistance.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN asked Ms. Collins to let the Commission know if she ran across any families or children in need so they could follow up and add them to the list. She mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce might be doing a Toy Drive as well.

RICK RICCARDI, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber would be having a meeting tomorrow to discuss it.

MS. COLLINS wanted to make sure that the program was only for the Margate children.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO suggested determining from the parents what was really needed and not just toys.

MS. COLLINS said that with BSO, they went to different places that donated money, which WalMart matched and doubled it. She noted that there would be a Mr. and Mrs. Claus giving the gifts. She said sometimes a \$100 gift card was given for the parents to

*purchase food.*

*COMMISSIONER RUZZANO mentioned a prior discussion about hiring a promotional person to solicit funds to take the burden off the taxpayers.*

*MAYOR PEERMAN suggested placing that idea on the next agenda. She mentioned the many donations the City received for Student of the Month and other programs. She noted that all donations could be dropped off at the City Clerk's office.*

*JOE VARSALLONE, Coral Springs, congratulated Mayor Peerman and Vice Mayor Simone for the great job they did. She wished Vice Mayor Simone a quick recovery and wished her the best of luck in her new position as Mayor. He congratulated Commissioner Ruzzano for his new position of Vice Mayor. He commended Commissioner Bryan and Commissioner Talerico on the good jobs they were doing. He commended Department Heads and said that they were lucky to be working with this Commission. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.*

*AMANDA RUZZANO, 116 East Palm Drive, commended Calypso Cove. She noted that she recently held a party there and hired a Lifeguard to prevent any accidental drownings. She said that the Lifeguards could be hired on an hourly basis. She stated that it provided for a safe pool party and the Lifeguard was great. She suggested that residents utilize the service.*

#### **4) CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. ID 14-712** RESOLUTION - CONFIRMING CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS.

*Resolution 12-567*

**APPROVED**

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

#### **5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

*CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH congratulated Mayor Peerman, Vice Mayor Simone and Commissioner Ruzzano. He congratulated the Margate/Coconut Creek Advanced Life Support (ALS) Team that finished second place at the last competition; however, they actually had the overall points to obtain the Florida Cup for a second year in a row. He stated that the Firefighters Park basketball courts were currently under construction with the new adjustable glass backboards. He noted that the courts would be resurfaced and ready for the upcoming basketball league. He stated that the Centennial Park playground renovation also had equipment on order. The Movies in the Park event was successful with 150 people in attendance. He noted that the new mobile app Our Margate went live at the end of October and now had over 200 downloads. He suggested that everyone download the app to be able to communicate with the City, as well as receiving news and updates. He mentioned that Interim Chief of Police Larry Horak received information from Officer Carreccia that the Seminole Casino was donating 175 holiday turkeys, some of which would be going to the Senior Center, as well as other places in Margate. He clarified that the Lifeguard Mrs. Ruzzano referred to*

*at Calypso Cove was actually a former Lifeguard that was available to help with the safety of the children. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.*

## 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. ID 14-718** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, FLORIDA STATE LODGE (POLICE OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS) FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; PROVIDING FOR HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR WAGES.

*Resolution 12-568*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Talerico, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

- B. ID 14-719** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 131 AT&T PUSH TO TALK PHONES AND SERVICE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (WATER DEPARTMENT), BUILDING DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR WSCA/NASPO (GOVERNMENT) PRICING.

*Resolution 12-569*

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

- C. ID 14-713** APPROVING AWARD OF RFP 2014-012 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN TO THE FIRM OF HELLER AND HELLER CONSULTING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$112,500.00; APPROVING CONTRACT AND HOURLY RATES AS PROVIDED ON EXHIBIT I.

*Resolution 12-570*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

- D. ID 14-725** AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AND PAY RANGE.

*Resolution 12-571*

**A motion was made by Mayor Simone, seconded by Commissioner Talerico, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

## **7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING**

**A. ID 14-690** CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE DRIVEWAY WIDTH REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

**A motion was made by Mayor Simone, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that this Zoning-Related Ordinance - 1st Reading be approved on first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

## **8) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING**

**A. ID 14-706** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8, CITY OF MARGATE BUDGET FOR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014. PROVIDING FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Ordinance 2014-8*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Talerico, that this Ordinance - 2nd Reading be approved on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Talerico, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Simone and Mayor Peerman

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo*

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*Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk*

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*Date*