



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance:

City Manager Douglas E. Smith

City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. ID 14-744 CAYDENCE MAUNEY, 1ST GRADE, MARGATE ELEMENTARY

1) PRESENTATION(S)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

A. ID 14-746 ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: STUDENT, GABRIEL RIBIERO;
TEACHER, ERICA ADAMS
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, STEPHANIE CALCANO;
TEACHER, CARYN CAMPBELL
(Ms. Janette Hameister, Principal or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)

HEBREW ACADEMY: STUDENT, CHANA POSNER; TEACHER, MORAH
HENNY BARTFIELD
(Mrs. Rivka Denburg, Head of School)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, JOBANA MALDONADO; TEACHER,
NATASHA GARCIA
(David J. Levine, Principal and/or Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, BROOKE STARLER; TEACHER,
SHANNON MILLS
(Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Tara Pasteur, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: STUDENT, KAYLA BURROWS; TEACHER, WANDA
OLCIMA
(Lezondra Harris, 8th Grade Assistant Principal)

THE MEETING RECONVENED FOLLOWING A BRIEF RECESS.

2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN mentioned the streaming of the Commission meetings and asked what progress was made.

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH stated that he was reviewing information submitted by the City Clerk and would report back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO congratulated the Professional Local Firefighters for winning a cup recently, and the students for doing well. He spoke about re-instating the Food Drive to assist the poor people needing help.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN spoke about the Margate Initiative for Community Action and Hope (MICA) and explained that MICA's was having a Food Drive and would be asking people to donate food at the Winter Festival. She added that there would be canned food boxes throughout the City Hall as well. She said that any leftover food would be distributed to the Cokesbury Food Pantry and Atlantic Baptist Church. She mentioned serving at the Thanksgiving Day Dinner, which she enjoyed doing along with other Commissioners. She congratulated Sergeant Mahoney for his 25 years of service and his retirement. She mentioned attending the opening of the Emergency Room at the Northwest Medical Center and the people she met at the event. She reminded everyone of the Winter Festival and thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Mike Jones for his work, as well as Abundant Life for their help with the entertainment. She asked for everyone's prayers as she was traveling on the red eye.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO welcomed Mayor Simone back and congratulated both the Mayor and Vice Mayor for their new positions. He reminded that the new logo was "Together we make it Great."

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO thanked the Commission for his position as Vice Mayor and congratulated the Mayor. He spoke about presenting an award to a student at Liberty Elementary School. He mentioned speaking to Mr. Levine who informed him of a student recently passing away. He said that Mr. Levine spoke about planting a tree with a plaque for the property.

MR. LEVINE, Liberty Elementary School, mentioned the fourth grade student who was killed in an automobile accident.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO suggested that Mr. Levine inform the Commission of the plans and they would assist however they could.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO mentioned attending the Carnival Saturday night and an incident that took place. He said that a generator went on fire and the response time was 14 minutes for a fire truck to respond. He asked that the City Manager look into the situation with the Fire Chief. He mentioned the Movie in the Park that was playing Polar Express on Saturday night at the Sports Complex at 6:00 p.m. He reminded everybody about the Winter Festival on December 19th with real snow. He added that baseball season was starting up and signups were still available.

MAYOR SIMONE thanked the Commission for electing her as Mayor and spoke about the City and working together to make great improvements. She thanked Director of Public Works Sam May and the City Manager for the car fire cleanup on Sunday night.

3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

REBECCA CASE, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, requested that the

Commission sponsor a breakfast at the Carolina Club on January 22, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to sit down with local businesses to get and give feedback. She noted that sponsorship of a table cost \$500.

MAYOR SIMONE mentioned that the City was putting together guidelines for donations.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN mentioned the Sunshine Law.

CITY ATTORNEY EUGENE STEINFELD said that it could be done as a recorded meeting so two or more Commissioners could be present at. He stated that doing it outside the public was a problem, unless the City Clerk could attend and record and do minutes at the meeting. He said that the appearance of two or more Commissioners caused a problem.

THERESA DECRISTOFARO, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, spoke about the Relay for Life. She explained that she made candy cane wreaths and a snowman that wiggles to raffle for Relay for Life. She said that the snowman would be on display at City Hall.

JIM MOYER, Salvation Army Broward County Adult Rehabilitation Center, congratulated all who ran for office. He said that the center was putting clothing recycling boxes in the communities. He spoke about the homeless needing help and asked for the City's assistance.

MAYOR SIMONE asked that the City Manager look into the matter and get back with Mr. Moyer.

HARRY PLACKE, 271 NW 76 Avenue, said that Saint Vincent's and the Chamber of Commerce recently submitted a letter regarding the carnival.

SYDNEY KING, Margate Lions Club, spoke about a problem at the Lion's Club because they have no more walkers to lend out to people in need. He asked that people donate any walkers or crutches to the Lion's Club at 508 Melaleuca Drive. He thanked Commissioner Talerico for his assistance.

RICH POPOVIC, 6066 Winfield Boulevard, spoke about the candidates who lost. He mentioned the EMS Dispatch service, which he felt was a fiasco. He spoke about a woman with Alzheimer's who appeared at his door and was lost. He drove her around and took her to the Police Station and the Fire Station and nobody was there to help.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23 Street, welcomed Mayor Simone back and congratulated Vice Mayor Ruzzano. He questioned what happened with the car that blew up on NW 77th Avenue. He noted that the ground where the car burned needed to be fixed. He hoped nobody was in the car. He asked whether the Emergency Room at Northwest Medical Center was opened.

COMMISSIONER BRYAN AND CITY MANAGER SMITH said that they were not aware of the opening date.

MAYOR PEERMAN noted that the City worked on the pavement on NW 77th Avenue, but it would be looked into again.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that he was informed that the Emergency Room would be open in January.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

- A. ID 14-761** RESOLUTION - APPROVING REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Resolution 12-572

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH said that Firefighters Park basketball court renovation was complete. He noted that a meeting was scheduled in January pertaining to the Parks Master Plan Project with a tour of the park facilities with the contractor. He said that following that tour, a schedule will be provided, which will begin the end of February. He noted that the permits were issued and construction would be commencing on the Toscana Villas. He mentioned the Food Drive events. He stated that this Saturday would be the Cops for Kids event, which was formerly called the Shop with a Cop event. He noted that toys donated by various groups were being stocked up to provide to those in need. He said that Police Officer Tony Careccio or Officer Police Sergeant Edwin Suarez could be contacted with families in need.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. ID 14-748** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE AMENDMENT WITH VERIZON FOR AN ADDITIONAL 72 SQUARE FEET AT 851 NW 66TH AVENUE.

Resolution 12-573

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

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

- B. ID 14-749** ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE CITY OF MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ACCEPTING FUNDING THROUGH THE 2014-2015 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA), A GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,308 TO FUND THE CITY OF MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FULL-TIME VICTIM ADVOCATE POSITION.

Resolution 12-574

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 Peerman, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Talerico, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Simone

- C. ID 14-759** APPROVING A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE BIERMAN & POPOK, P.L. AND AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, INC.; PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION; PROVIDING FOR FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES TO BE PAID SOLELY BY AMERICAN TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS.

Resolution 12-575

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 Peerman, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Talerico, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Simone

- D. ID 14-777** APPROVING RULES OF CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE AT MARGATE CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2014-2015.

Resolution 12-576

A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Talerico, that this Resolution be approved.

An amendment was made by Vice Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that the paragraph requiring a Discussion Card be removed from the Rules of Conduct. The amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bryan and Vice Mayor Ruzzano

No: 3 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Talerico and Mayor Simone

An amendment was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to have Discussion Cards filled out on line and e-mailed to City Clerk's office. The amendment passed by the following vote:

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

The original motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to approve as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Talerico and Mayor Simone

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Ruzzano

E. ID 14-765 APPROVING THE CITY OF MARGATE STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Resolution 12-577

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 Peerman, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Talerico, Vice Mayor Ruzzano and Mayor Simone

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

A. ID 14-750 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASES AND BID AWARDS BY THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS BY THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

8) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

A. ID 14-762 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE DRIVEWAY WIDTH REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Ordinance 1500.609

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date