



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes

### Regular City Commission Meeting

**Mayor Tommy Ruzzano**  
**Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan**  
**Commissioners:**  
**Lesa Peerman, Joanne Simone, Frank B. Talerico**

**City Manager Douglas E. Smith**  
**City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld**  
**City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh**

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**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### In Attendance:

City Manager Douglas E. Smith  
City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[ID 14-1551](#) AUDREY DONASCIMENTO, 2ND GRADE AND JULIA DONASCIMENTO,  
3RD GRADE, RISE ACADEMY

#### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

**A.** [ID 14-1569](#) YELLOW DOT PROGRAM (presented by Broward County Mayor Martin David Kiar)

*BROWARD COUNTY MAYOR MARTIN KIAR provided a handout to the Commission. He explained the Yellow Dot Program would save lives when fully implemented in Broward County. He noted Florida Legislature passed a law two years ago, stating that Counties could adopt the program, because of the problem first responders were having. He stated that when people were unresponsive or unconscious the first responders had no information to provide treatment on the scene. He explained that with the Yellow Dot Program, which was free to the public, would provide a yellow dot and decal to place on the back of the car. He said that a yellow pamphlet would contain pertinent information about the driver with a picture, which would be placed in the glove box. He noted that Broward County adopted the Yellow Dot Program and would fund the initial 100,000 decals and pamphlets, which would cost about \$30,000. He said that he was requesting each City to partner with Broward County so that the program could continue after the initial 100,000 decals and pamphlets were exhausted. He noted that about 15 to 17 Cities had already agreed to partner with the County, and each City would provide an amount based on population. He stated that Margate represented 3.079 percent of Broward County's population and would need to provide \$922.00 to partner with the County.*

VICE MAYOR BRYAN asked what the date for the program was.

MAYOR KIAR said that the public would be able to obtain the decals and pamphlets this month or next. He noted that they would be distributed from Fire Stations throughout the County, as well as City Hall. He said that they would also be available online.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO asked who would receive the first 100,000.

MAYOR KIAR said that to be fair to all Cities, 7 or 10 Fire Stations located throughout the County would be giving them out first come first serve.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN suggested that the \$922.00 come from the Resident Project Fund.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that the \$922.00 be taken from the Resident Project Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

MAYOR KIAR stated that as the newly elected Mayor, he would do anything to help the Commission or residents.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN asked that the dispatch be fixed.

MAYOR KIAR agreed that the most important thing was to save lives; therefore, he felt that the 911 Dispatch must be made right.

MAYOR RUZZANO asked whether the Air and Sea Show was coming back this year.

MAYOR KIAR said that it would be back in May.

**B.** [ID 14-1554](#)

FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION RECOVERY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION TO MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. PROGRAM (presented by Rick Riccardi, Founder & CEO)

RICK RICCARDI, Fellowship Foundation, spoke about the Fellowship Foundation and its assistance to recovering addicts by providing funding information, awareness and education to the DARE Program. He presented the Police Department that ran the DARE Program with a basket of items to assist them.

POLICE CHIEF DANA WATSON noted that this was the third year that the Fellowship Foundation fpaid for all supplies for the DARE Program, which this year cost \$5,600

POLICE CHIEF DANA WATSON explained that the two officers were receiving a Civilian Recognition Award because of their actions off duty when putting themselves in peril to assist Police Sergeant Scott Dedi with a very violent situation.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

- C. [ID 14-1553](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: STUDENT, NATALIA AGUIAR; TEACHER, LORETTA CAMACHO  
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)
- ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, AISHA ACLUCHE; TEACHER, PATRICIA FALCON  
(Ms. Janette Hameister, Principal or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)
- HEBREW ACADEMY: STUDENT, ALIYAH FROMME; TEACHER, VALERIE SHORE  
(Mrs. Rivka Denburg, Head of School)
- LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, KARSON CHOAT; TEACHER, PATRICK LAWSON  
(Mr. David J. Levine, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)
- MARGATE ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, KATHERINE MARTINEZ; TEACHER, DIANA BERESOVY  
(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)
- MARGATE MIDDLE: STUDENT, ALEXANDRA MUNOZ; TEACHER, MARISHA HUTCHINSON  
(Ms. Cara Coletti, 8th Grade Intern Principal)
- RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: ~~STUDENT, LEANNY LOPEZ~~; TEACHER, CINDY GUISHARD-BALDWIN  
(Dr. Carmella Morton, Executive Director)
- STUDENT, LEANNY LOPEZ was not present.*

**2) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

*COMMISSIONER SIMONE congratulated the Police Department for the outstanding National Night Out every year, as well as for placing 1st Place overall for the State of Florida. She recognized Robbie Flory for his participation in the Macy's Day Parade. She said that he did an outstanding job and had provided pictures. She reminded everyone about Margate Under the Moon taking place on December 5, 2015, from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. She added that the Movie in the Park was showing Alexander and the Terrible No Good Very Bad Day on December 12, 2015. She noted that the Winter Festival was scheduled for December 18, 2015, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. She announced that the Florida League of Mayors and the Florida League of Cities was sponsoring a Statewide Essay Contest titled, "If I Were Elected Mayor". She said that it was open to all 7th Grade Students in public schools. She noted that the entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2016, and that there would be three winners. She added that the essay must be 250 words and must describe how the student would make a difference as Mayor to their City. She noted that additional information was provided on the City's Facebook page.*

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN congratulated the new Mayor and Vice Mayor. She said that she had a great time at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving. She mentioned an organization that would provide food for the homeless at Christmas time for \$11. She asked that the Commission take \$500 from the Resident Project Fund to donate to the homeless program.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bryan, to take \$500 from the Resident Project Fund to provide to Police Sergeant Kostick's homeless program for Christmas Dinner and discretionary uses of the money. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

PRESENTATION - Robbie Flory - Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that Robbie Flory previously asked for a donation to assist him with performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which was unanimously approved. He noted that he actually saw Robbie on television and congratulated welcomed him home.

ROBBIE FLORY thanked the Commission for giving him the donation. He also thanked his friends and family for their support so he could attend the parade. He presented a Macy's ornament to the City in appreciation of their support.

VICE MAYOR BRYAN also thanked Robbie and was sorry she missed the parade.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN mentioned the things that Robbie did with Margate Elementary School, which made her very proud, and she felt he had a great future ahead of him. She thanked him for representing the City so well.

### 3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

NORMAN GRAD, 7460 NW 18th Street, Palm Springs III, congratulated Mayor Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Bryan. He said that as a citizen, he appreciated that the Commission allowed public speaking for three minutes. He said that he was interested in what goes on in the Country, such as situations between the Police and the citizens. He asked how many Margate Police Officers were Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) trained versus how many sworn Police Officers were in the department. He said that he worked in Law Enforcement for 20 years and felt that it started in the hiring and testing in Human Resources. He stated that many departments hire people from outside agencies with a history and others are not given proper background checks. He noted that Broward Sheriff's Office had a program called Citizen on Patrol, which he suggested Margate look into. He wished everyone good health.

SYDNEY KING, 2111 NW 76th Avenue, congratulated the City on all of its events. He explained that in England, every Mayor and Lord Mayor had a chain of office; however, Margate did not have one. He stated that it was the mark of authority, and he presented a gold chain to Mayor Ruzzano to show the State of Florida that Margate was a progressive and civilized City.

CITY ATTORNEY EUGENE STEINFELD asked how a Mayor who was not a Lord Mayor would be addressed in Britain.

MR. KING said that the Mayor would be addressed as Your Worship.

#### 4) CONSENT AGENDA

No items on Consent Agenda.

#### 5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH stated that the annual Holiday Decorating Contest information would be posted by Monday. He said that Staff would be the Judges and the awards would be recognized at a City Commission meeting. He recognized TD Bank for supporting the City and the Police Department with the Homeless Outreach Program and the \$2,200 check. He thanked Police Chief Dana Watson and his Staff, as well as the other departments and volunteers that participated with putting on the National Night Out. He noted that it was a successful event, was a State award winner and was recognized at the National level. He mentioned the additional lights that would be installed on Royal Palm Boulevard and State Road 7 and at the Western boundary of Royal Palm Boulevard, as well as at Southgate Boulevard. He commended Public Works for working with the contractor and doing a great job on the lights.

#### 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 14-1547](#) APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM WITH ACCELA, INC. FOR PUBLICSTUFF MOBILE APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF TEN MONTHS

Resolution 15-134

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

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

#### 7) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A. [ID 14-1550](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 30 PERSONNEL, ARTICLE II-CIVIL SERVICE, DIVISION 1-GENERALLY, SECTION 30-54 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREFIGHTERS; PROMOTION; PROVIDING FOR DRIVER ENGINEER AND DIVISION CHIEF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION.

Ordinance 2015-10

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

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

## 8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. [ID 14-1549](#) SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST FROM WOMEN IN DISTRESS OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000

*KATELYN TECO, 9741 NW 7th Circle, Plantation, representing Women in Distress, explained that Women in Distress had an increase in services. She said that the Women in Distress provided Domestic Violence services to include, emergency shelter and counseling groups support. She noted that the children's services were recently expanded to serve infants who were also Domestic Violence survivors. She stated that there was an increase in Margate residents; whereby, 500 more emergency shelter nights were provided than in the previous year. She added that there was a 46 percent increase in calls to the 24 hour Emergency Crisis Hotline. She said that over \$66,000 worth of Domestic Violence services were provided to the residents; therefore, the Women in Distress were requesting \$1,000 to help with the cost.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Talerico, to donate \$1,000 to the Women in Distress. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo*

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*Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_