



# 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, March 2, 2016

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

A. [ID 2016-107](#) MADYSEN JOHNSON, 1ST GRADE, MARGATE ELEMENTARY AND MALIK JOHNSON, VPK, MARGATE ELEMENTARY

#### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

#### STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

*LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, LORENZO BEGGS, WAS NOT PRESENT.*

A. [ID 2016-106](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: STUDENT, GEMA JEAN-BAPTISTE; TEACHER, VANESSA BECKLES  
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, AUTUMN WATSON;  
TEACHER, ASHLEY JONES  
(Mrs. Diane Eagan, Principal and/or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)

HEBREW ACADEMY: STUDENT, ADAM GONZALEZ; TEACHER, MEENA BONANNO  
(Mrs. Rivka Denberg, Head of School)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, LORENZO BEGGS; TEACHER, JILL CREELMAN

(Mr. David J. Levine, Principal and/or Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, MALLORY MILLER; TEACHER, LORI BAILEY

(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: STUDENT, RICHARD DAVIS; TEACHER, JOHN CONDOMANOLIS

(Mrs. Karen Murray, Assistant Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: STUDENT, NICHOLAS GOODWIN; TEACHER, SHIRLEY ALABRE

(Dr. Carmella Morton, Principal and/or Ms. Adriana Guerra)

*MAYOR RUZZANO spoke about the Selection Committee meeting for the Bond money to be appropriated to Margate Elementary School, and thanked Principal Schroeder.*

*PRINCIPAL SCHROEDER, Margate Elementary School, gave a brief overview of the process. He said that nine contractors bid on the architectural work to take place at Margate Elementary School for \$4 million dollars in renovation and upgrades as part of the \$800 million dollar Bond passed by the voters last school year. He stated that the school was slated for construction this summer and noted that Margate Elementary School was the oldest school in Margate. He explained that over \$300,000 of new technology was received in September so that every fourth and fifth grader now had a laptop. He noted that the construction was to be completed in one year. He referred everyone to the browardschools.com and the smart updates to see the projects slated and timelines.*

*The meeting reconvened following a five minute recess.*

## 2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

*COMMISSIONER SIMONE thanked the City Clerk's office for the refreshments provided for the City Attorney candidates being interviewed. She also thanked Director of Human Resources Jackie Wehmeyer for the warm reception she provided as the hostess. She mentioned the exercise equipment on Rock Island Road next to the Fire Station, which she thanked Parks and Recreation Director Mike Jones for. She was hopeful it will be very popular with the residents and she was happy to be using it weekly. She said that at the last meeting when discussing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), she announced that members went from 18 to 25; however, she wanted to clarify that she was referring to voting members that actually went from 19 to 25. She stated that the Fracking issue was defeated in the Legislative Session. She noted that the Sounds of Sundown was featuring the Good Nicks on Saturday, March 5th from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. She added that there was a Let's Go Biking event on Sunday, March 6th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. She noted that the group rides would begin at 9:45 AM, and that there would be a bike giveaway, free food and bounce houses. Commissioner Simone stated that she and the Commissioners went to the Challengers Softball Team, which was a fabulous event to cheer on the children with special needs. Commissioner Simone explained that Congressman Ted Deutsch met with the Commissioners and a School Board member for a roundtable discussion. She said that topics discussed were sea level rise, everglades restoration and the Post Office. She noted that many residents were upset that Pompano Beach showed up when putting in the City name. She stated that School Board Representative Nora Rupert spoke about the graduation rates and that it was an inaccurate picture, because*

students were receiving Certificates of Completion when they could not complete the reading portion of the test, but did the math, which would not even help to get in the military. She said that Ms. Rupert was hoping the students would be able to get tutors when needed. She added that there was discussion pertaining to money being needed for infrastructure and for Cities and Senior Centers. She said that Home Rule was discussed, as well as various types of grants available. She added that Sober Homes and the American Disabilities Act (ADA) were discussed, as well as Veterans in hospitals. Commissioner Simone mentioned an article in the Sun Sentinel regarding Broward County Commissioners donating tax dollars to charities. She said that the article was disturbing as it stated Commissioners gave taxpayer dollars directly to 14 entities with little background research and no competitive process. She stated that Commissioners agreed in December to allow themselves to use money left over in the County Office Budget that had been given back to the County General Fund in the past. She said that she was very glad that the Margate Commissioners decided to go forward with their application process. Commissioner Simone said that she was upset to hear that Commissioner Mark Bogan gave \$2,500 last August to the Margate Pony Elite Baseball and Softball League to cover travel to the league's World Series. She noted that the team came to Margate and also received \$2,500. She stated that she had asked to see the expenditures, but had yet to receive them.

MAYOR RUZZANO thought that the donation Commissioner Bogan made was personal for one specific team.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said that was what was stated in the Sun Sentinel.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN thanked the Pony League for inviting us to the Challenger and having them come to Margate. She noted that it was rewarding watching the Pony League players helping. She stated that she loved the exercise equipment; however, everything was soaked when it rained. She wanted to see if the area could be covered. She also mentioned adding lights. She asked whether funds could be taken from somewhere to cover the equipment and light it.

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH agreed that some of the project money from the Community Garden could be re-budgeted next year in order to provide a pavilion type structure over the equipment if the Commission was in support. He stated that it would go through the standard purchasing process.

VICE MAYOR BRYAN asked whether it would take all of the money from the Community Garden.

CITY MANAGER SMITH said that the estimate was \$85,000. He noted that the Community Garden might have been \$100,000. He stated that it could be looked into for next year. He noted that he received some information from the Baseball League, which Staff could look into at the accountant's office.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN asked for consensus to cover the equipment.

CONSENSUS: All Commissioners agreed.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that Sounds at Sundown was scheduled this weekend. She thanked all the people involved in the City Attorney search from 70 candidates to 5 candidates.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO thanked everyone for the help with the selection of the City

Attorney candidates. He noted that the current City Attorney, Eugene Steinfeld, was spoken about with regard to his great reputation in the State of Florida. He spoke about kids today being awesome and noted that the teachers were doing a great job. He asked the City Manager for an update on the Jaywalking Program for the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER SMITH agreed.

VICE MAYOR BRYAN stated that there were phenomenal candidates for the position of City Attorney. She commended Renee Narloch and the City Staff for their assistance with the process. She noted that the Cokesbury Car Show was a lot of fun. She added that the Challenger Baseball Event was also great. She read a quote aloud about believing in dreams from Oprah Winfrey.

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that the Challenger Baseball Program was for disabled children that did not have a chance to play. He said that the league had been in effect for 20 years. He noted that they came to the Margate Sports Complex, which he hoped the league will make their home. He added that there were six teams playing with the help of family and fans. He read a letter of appreciation aloud from the Program Manager thanking everyone for the plaque and their help. He said that there was City Staff present and he hoped that Margate might sponsor a team next year. Mayor Ruzzano spoke about the Presidential Physical Fitness Award that he was previously involved with and he spoke with Principal Schroeder of Margate Elementary School regarding a Pilot Program. He noted that Principal Schroeder mentioned grant money for the second graders. He suggested having a Mayor's Fitness Challenge. He noted that he would work with Principal Schroeder and the Gym Teacher and whoever qualified would receive a certificate.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN agreed

MAYOR RUZZANO stated that the Car Show was awesome and he suggested that next year a Mayor's Trophy could be given. He noted that on March 19th there was a free Egg Hunt for children 8 and under with 9,000 eggs over three baseball fields. He mentioned streaming meetings on Comcast and asked the Commission if they were still interested in moving forward with that.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO asked whether there was a cost involved.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that she thought that the equipment was too old.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH noted that the report that was done for video streaming to Channel 78 took place more than a year ago; therefore, the numbers would have to be refreshed for current information and data. He said that he could look into that and report back to the Commission if they wanted him to.

The Commissioners agreed to have the City Clerk bring back an updated report.

MAYOR RUZZANO said that the Commission had a scheduled 911 Workshop coming up. He mentioned that the resolution voted on a couple of weeks ago, which he understood were the opinions of the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the County. He asked whether an investigation would be looked into as part of the resolution.

CITY MANAGER SMITH explained that part of the resolution included the City expressing support for the Police Chief's statement from December and encouraging the County Commission and the Sheriff's Office to direct their Staffs to timely implement those

recommendations. He noted that the County was doing a consultant study and upon receipt of the report, the Commission would be copied on the findings.

MAYOR RUZZANO asked whether the Commission wanted to have a Workshop to give Staff direction on whether to stay with the system or ask Coral Springs if the City could join their system, or whether they wanted to wait for the results of the investigation.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO felt that the City should wait because there were many Cities involved and he did not want the City to go off on its own right now. He felt that consensus of what the goal was.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that the City had a lot more backing than it did when the system first opened up and she and Mayor Becky Tooley felt that the system needed help and did not work. She stated that now there were Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs and other Cities. She wanted to see if the City could pressure the County into doing the right thing. She noted that when the weather was bad this week all of dispatch was out of service. She said that the communications were being updated for 2017, which she suggested moving that up because it was a large part of the problem. She noted that the Commission had an idea of the numbers, but wanted to see what could be done as a unified group. She agreed with waiting for the report and mentioned that there was a guestimate of \$11 million dollars.

VICE MAYOR BRYAN agreed with waiting for the report because there were many people aggressively behind it now.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE also agreed with waiting for the report.

MAYOR RUZZANO asked the City Manager when the report would be received.

CITY MANAGER SMITH said that it might be 60 to 90 days, but he would provide an update when he hears something specific. He noted that he would send a request for a projected time frame to the County Administration.

MAYOR RUZZANO thanked Renee Narloch and Jackie Wehmeyer for all their work. He noted that he went to an event held by Mr. Sydney King, who he thanked.

### 3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23 Street, mentioned that many properties throughout Margate did not have the address posted. He spoke about the clutter in front of the homes with no addresses and he suggested Code Compliance check that out.

SYDNEY KING, 2111 NW 76th Avenue, thanked the City Commission for coming to a luncheon. He noted that it was a pleasure to watch the Commission's behavior at a public State event. He mentioned expanding into Margate with a Masonic presence, a Rotary presence and four charities. He felt that they could be put together and be housed in the Lion's Club.

### 4) CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. [ID 2016-101](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

## 5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

*CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH said that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was planned for the Exercise Equipment on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, at 5:30 PM. He stated that information regarding the Margate Community College applications will be coming out to start the new series at the end of April.*

## 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A.**     [ID 16-0079](#)     REQUESTING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF EIGHT(8) PORTABLE TRAFFIC ANALYZERS (PTA) FROM JACE CHANDLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500.00 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

*RESOLUTION 16-178*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, 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

- B.**     [ID 2016-102](#)     APPROVING AWARD OF BID NO. 2016-004, 2016 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO T.V. DIVERSIFIED, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$408,386.50, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.

*RESOLUTION 16-179*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, 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

- C.**     [ID 2016-103](#)     REJECTING BID RECEIVED FOR BID NO. 2016-001 AERIAL UTILITY CROSSING REHABILITATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR REBID OF PROJECT AT A FUTURE DATE.

*RESOLUTION 16-180*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, 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

- D. [ID 2016-126](#) VOICING CONCERN FOR THE DEATHS OF INNER-CITY CHILDREN WITHIN MIAMI METROPOLITAN AREA AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

*RESOLUTION 16-181*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, 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) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2016-112](#) AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 21. MARGATE INNER-CITY MINIBUSES; SECTION 1. FEES ESTABLISHED; PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF FARES FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE INNER-CITY MINIBUS TRANSIT SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Ordinance - 1st Reading be approved. 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 2016-123](#) CITY ATTORNEY POSITION

*MAYOR RUZZANO stated that the City Attorney would be leaving the City in 58 days. He noted that a search was conducted for a new City Attorney, which provided 70 applicants that were narrowed down to five. He stated that group interviews, as well as one-on-one interviews, were held with the five candidates. He explained that tonight was a Workshop to discuss how the Commission felt.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Talerico, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, that Douglas R. Gonzales be hired as the new City Attorney.**

*CITY ATTORNEY EUGENE STEINFELD suggested having one motion to negotiate the contract.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Vice Mayor Bryan, to insert the name of Douglas R. Gonzales and to direct the City Manager and City Attorney negotiate a contract with a starting salary of \$165,000 with the same Benefit Package as the City Manager's Benefit Package.**

COMMISSIONER TALERICO questioned whether Renee Narloch would be present during the negotiations.

CITY ATTORNEY STEINFELD said that Ms. Narloch could be present to answer any questions and the Human Resource Director should also be involved. He felt that this could be done in-house, but will not hesitate to talk with the consultant if needed.

CITY MANAGER DOUGLAS E. SMITH requested that Ms. Narloch provide information regarding any final offer extended being contingent upon completing background checks.

RENEE NARLOCH, S. Renee Narloch and Associates, thanked the Commission for working with her and allowing her to get to know the City of Margate. She noted that City Attorney Steinfeld's reputation preceded him and the City had an excellent reputation, which made for easier recruiting. She stated that any discussions that took place were contingent on background checks. She said that she would do background checks that would include a credit history, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records for infractions or Driving under the influence (DUI) infractions, criminal, civil, education and a Social Security trace. She added that her background check would then be handed off to the Human Resource Department for any additional checks the City would do.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN asked whether that needed to be part of the motion.

CITY ATTORNEY STEINFELD said that would be part of the standard hiring process and it was not necessary to update the motion.

COMMISSIONER TALERICO thanked Ms. Narloch for the great job she did.

VICE MAYOR BRYAN asked Ms. Narloch to identify who she was and what she did.

MS. NARLOCH introduced herself as President of S. Renee Narloch and Associates, which was a Public Sector Consulting Firm. She noted that she was in business 25 years and performed a variety of searches for many Cities and Counties nationwide for many different types of positions.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23rd Street, asked that the starting salary be repeated.

MAYOR RUZZANO replied that the starting salary was \$165,000, which was found to be at the lower end of the surrounding Cities based on a salary survey.

**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 8:56 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo*



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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

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