



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano
Commissioners:
Lesa Peerman, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone

City Manager Samuel A. May
Interim City Attorney Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance:

City Manager Samuel A. May
City Attorney James A. Cherof
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[ID 2017-804](#) EMERY JACKSON, 5TH GRADE, ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

1) PRESENTATION(S)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

A. [ID 2017-807](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: STUDENT, EZRA JACKSON;
TEACHER, GODFREY MULLINGS
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, CHELSEA RANDOLPH;
TEACHER, MICHELE HEDBERG
(Mrs. Diane Eagan, Principal and/or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, ZARRIAH MUEZZIN; TEACHER,
MYRTLE LOWE
(Mr. David J. Levine, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: STUDENT, LANDON HOFFMAN; TEACHER,
STEPHANIE ROBINSON
(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: STUDENT, DANNA VELOZA; TEACHER, NELLA

WILLIAMS

(Mr. Earnest Toliver, Principal and/or Ms. Kari Murray, Assistant Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: STUDENT,
JERMAINIA RODNEY; TEACHER, EVAMER SANO

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

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: STUDENT, CECILIA FRYDRYCH; TEACHER,
MELISSA MARTY

(Ms. Donna Baggs, Principal)

2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER LESA PEERMAN said that they had their first double wedding in the City of Margate's Chambers this year and congratulated both couples. She said that she wanted to bring back Resolution 17-150 and explained that it was asking Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be able to access the private roads in the City of Margate. She said that when they passed it, they put "within gated communities" and said that it was not their intent to have it just for gated communities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to reconsider Resolution 17-150 to remove the word "gated" from the previous Resolution.

MITCH PELLECCCHIA, 6890 NW 9TH STREET explained that gated communities encompassed a number of different types of communities. He said that it needed to be noticed to the public so that they had the awareness to at least, be able attend and speak at a City meeting and said that he would caution the City Commission in that respect.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that she did not have a problem putting this item on the next Agenda. She stated that by removing the word "gated", it still allowed all gated communities but it would not exclude all the other communities that were not gated.

CITY ATTORNEY JAMES A. CHEROF explained that the proper procedure would not be to amend the Resolution simply by a motion. He advised that if the motion passed, it would need to come back at the next Commission meeting as a Resolution amending Resolution 17-150.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE explained that when the New Year began, it gave those the opportunity to reflect on the past year. She read a statement and said that she looked back on 2017 as a year of turmoil, disappointment, divisiveness and too many natural disasters. She said that she would like to see 2018 of renewed hope and peace

where heartened hearts and attitudes were softened. She said that she wanted to work with a unified team and put aside their differences and that it was time for a fresh start in 2018. She said that she recently attended the Cokesbury Ladies Group meeting and they spoke about the professionalism, caring and helpfulness of the City's Police and Fire staff. She explained that she received positive feedback on the hurricane debris cleanup, the holiday lights on Margate Boulevard and how well the canals looked and were maintained. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments and Public Works for all they do. She also thanked the Police Benevolent Association for taking care of a family from Wisconsin.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that he hoped that in future when they go out for bids, they would go to a design-build-bid with reference to Margate's Fire Station. He said that Coral Springs had just built a fire station for 9,000 square feet for \$3,500,000 and indicated that our bid was estimated at a higher cost and that we needed to be more responsible.

VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that Karen Diaz was voted Personality of the Year in the County for the work she did for senior citizens and that we should be thrilled to have that person working for Margate. He said that the Sounds of Sundown was on February 3rd. He said that he was excited that the City was opened five days per week.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said that she recognized that Fire Department Division Chief Rick Donahue would be retiring next Thursday after 30 years at the City. She said that he had trained a lot of wonderful firefighters and that they would miss him greatly. She said that she recently returned from a trip to Tallahassee with their lobbyists for three projects which were all passed by the Appropriations Committee. She read a document pertaining to a one-on-one evaluation for the City Clerk and asked for consensus.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to proceed with one-on-one evaluations of the City Clerk and bring back a Resolution at a future meeting.

3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET commended Chief Watson for hiring and training Michael Sprouse for his work on December 23rd at 2:30am. She mentioned issues on social media. She explained that she was confused as to what departments were opened in the City. She indicated that she had received conflicting information and asked if the City could post on their website what was opened and what was closed.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO said that he believed everything should have been open five days per week and that nothing should be closed which would not be acceptable to the residents.

JAMES K. POOLE, 2915 NW 70TH AVENUE said that Rock Island Road attracted his family to the City of Margate. He explained that he was concerned at the upcoming redevelopment of the Carolina Club Golf Course which could trigger the inevitable expansion of the roadway. He said that he was opposed to the widening of Rock Island Road.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that the widening of Rock Island Road was not in anybody's future right now. She said that they were willing to listen to every person's comments about the possibility of the Carolina Golf Course being sold. She explained that it may or may not come before them and that they could not make comment as it could prejudice

the outcome.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF explained that it would be premature for the Commission to engage in any response to the Carolina Club. He said that it would likely return as a Quasi-Judicial item.

MR. POOLE, 2915 NW 70TH AVENUE questioned whether the City would ever consider a roadway expansion development order.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF explained that his question would be reflected in the Minutes for the Commission and administration to review as the issue moves forward. He said that the Commission could express their point of view but it could invite a challenge and could prejudice the position of the Commission of the future.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN explained that she contacted the City Attorney's in this respect and was informed that as a resident, they were entitled to say anything that they want but they were not allowed to speak for the City.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ explained the Quasi-Judicial procedure.

The conversation continued on what the Commission could advise the residents pertaining to the Carolina Club.

RICK RICCARDI, 4829 SOUTH HEMINGWAY CIRCLE said that the Pompano, Margate and Lighthouse Pointe Chamber of Commerce were going to Tallahassee on February 6th – 7th. He invited everyone to the Chamber breakfast at 7:30am on January 25th.

CHARLIE ARTNER, 6631 NW 22ND COURT questioned whether they would approve a zoning change but said that the Interim City Attorney confirmed that the Commission could not do that.

RICH WAITKUS, BOCA RATON explained that he was recently removed as a baseball coach and said that he was disappointed with the City staff and that he had not received an invitation to discuss the matter further in the form of a meeting.

CITY MANAGER SAMUEL A. MAY said that he would reach out to him and arrange a meeting.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO questioned whether Mr. Waitkus was forcing them to put him on a team.

MR. WAITKUS said not as a coach but explained that he would complain about the process and lack of information as to why they would not hire him as a coach.

MARY KENNEDY, 7620 NW 28TH STREET said that she had been a resident of the Carolina Club since 1988. She advised that 13th Floor Homes had an agreement with the owners of the Carolina property to purchase the property. She explained that the owners had the right to sell the property but said that residents of the community had a right to have a say on what the future of the community would be. She advised that it was their intention to contribute in that discussion and considerations due to the significant value and impact that it would have on their property.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO advised that those wanting to discuss about the Carolina Club should also express what they would like to see in its place.

The conversation continued on the Carolina Club.

MARGE ZUBRZYCKI ON BEHALF OF HERSELF AND PARADISE GARDENS SECTION IV read a statement on the lack of communication from the Police Department. She said that the matter pertained about persons sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot. She said that she also sent a letter to the Commission but it was not addressed. She said that she addressed it to Commissioner Peerman.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that she did not send it to the Commission but to a Commissioner and that they also did not receive it.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that he would contact Ms. Zubrzycki but she should provide her contact details to the City Clerk.

VICKI BENITEZ, 1025 NW 72ND TERRACE said that she was also the President of Paradise Gardens IV (PG IV). She questioned why they were spending four times the cost on resurfacing the streets in PG IV when they had broken gutters and indicated that the water did not drain properly. She said that she also wanted to address the broken cement.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that he was unsure when they were coming in to resurface PG IV. He advised that the resurfacing would not be four times the cost of asphalt. He said that they could get Mr. Cucunato from Public Works to get with Ms. Benitez to find out any areas that needed addressing.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO explained that he had advised the Assistant City Manager that he would like to be informed of projects before they went out to bid. He said that the Commission should be notified of all Margate's projects.

ANTONIO ARSERIO said that he was a Carolina resident. He stated that the residents of the Carolinas were paying attention and that they had 800 followers overnight on a Facebook group. He said that if rezoning was done against the wishes of the residents, they would definitely speak at the ballot box.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that she read and followed the social media posts but advised that the last thing to do would be to bring up something that was not before them and threaten a vote on something that they did not have a say on which she said was inappropriate.

MICHELLE HAYNES, 1009 NW 62ND AVENUE said that she was there to discuss the David Park parking. She read an email from her husband and said that they could vote not to build the parking.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that she agreed with her husband and that she sent the email to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Chair as it was a CRA project.

COLLEEN R. NEBAUER, 1013 NW 62ND AVENUE said that she wanted to also speak on David Park. She said that some residents went to the CRA meeting only to be insulted and discouraged that their valid concerns did not matter. She said that some of the residents did not receive a letter informing them about the parking and was unaware until the variance meeting sign went up.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that she was on their side at that meeting and that she was not insulting them.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ advised that the CRA was a separate board and that they would take it up at the next meeting. She explained that the Commission could not do anything about that issue.

BOYD HAYNES, 1009 NW 62ND AVENUE said that he grew up in the Park and did not want to see parking across the street from his house. He questioned Commissioner Ruzzano's stance on rezoning the Carolina area.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that he was not for high density, urban development or apartments.

FRANK SANTARCANGELO, 1109 62ND AVENUE said that he had never seen a problem with parking at David Park. He said that it was sad to spend all that money for 10 parking spots.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO confirmed that he would vote for what the people wanted at the Carolinas.

MANNY LUGO, 1129 EAST RIVER DRIVE questioned whether they remembered when they were candidates and spoke out against Margate's development downtown and said that he compared it to the current parking situation at David Park. He advised that the folks did not want the parking lot and asked the CRA to stop bullying the people of Margate. He said that he could not understand why a developer would buy the Carolina property without seeking prior approval for their plans.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN advised that they were told at the CRA meeting of the residents' issue concerning the parking lot. She informed them that they would look into it and that the next CRA meeting was February 14th at 7:00pm and she would make sure that a discussion took place. She repeated that they were the only ones who could do anything about it as it was their project.

MIKE KUEHN, 1113 NW 62ND AVENUE said that his main concern about the expansions was the restrooms being in close proximity to people's houses and he also had concerns about unsupervised restrooms. He said that the parking plan was not a good idea and that the money could be spent on other things in the City.

ROBERT APGAR, 2609 NW 79TH AVENUE said that he had a home on the Carolina Golf Course and was deeply concerned about the direction of how the property might be going and read a statement on the same. He said that he would like to see more transparency and did not believe the Commission was powerless.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that he met with the 13th Floor about two months ago. He explained that they said that they were going to try and do a different approach and that they would seek the residents views and see how they feel. He indicated that if they were in favor of it, they would come to the Commission and ask for the rezoning.

RICH POPOVIC, 6066 WINFIELD BOULEVARD advised that those who wanted to get rid of the Carolina development should attend the Development Review Committee (DRC) meeting and then the Planning and Zoning Board meeting thereafter. He asked that he would like a Resolution to be passed on people using their cellphones when driving. He said that they should pass a Resolution thanking President Trump on passing the

Resolution for tax breaks on the money they had got back, the jobs created and said that he had done a good job. He also spoke about the CRA and Attorney Moskowitz.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ confirmed that they had already passed a Resolution on the use of cellphones when driving.

GLAISTER ORMSBY, 6217 MARGATE BOULEVARD said that he was a comic book author and represented Way Back When Antiques & Collectibles. He asked if they got an approval for their event on February 10th and 11th.

JOEY RUIZ, 6217 MARGATE BOULEVARD said that he was the owner of Way Back When Antiques & Collectibles and said that he recently spoke about organizing a convention in Margate at The Katz Center. He said that he was dealing with Mike Jones but said it was a critical time in receiving a response to the agreement.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that he had his permit and could not see a problem with it.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that he thought that they spoke about it months ago.

MR. RUIZ said that they were going to waive the fees and provide parking.

The conversation continued on how it could be advertised which included adding it to the front page of the water bill and adding it in Margate Matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to put on the Agenda as described to support and promote the Wayback When event, including the following: Participate in a Partnership, Katz Application Fee Waived, Signage on 441, Use of the Parking Lot, City Sponsorship, Advertise on Facebook, Water Bill, Margate Matters and Corner Lot City Signs.

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

RONALD WELLS, 2537 NW 79TH AVENUE said that he was a Carolina resident. He said that he thought that the purpose of this meeting was to find out what the residents would like to see or not see as it would affect the value of their properties. He asked whether any dialogue had taken place which could be discussed at the meeting.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO repeated that as far as he knew, 13 Floor Homes was trying to acquire the property if the residents approved the project. He said that he was advised that their project was to put housing, townhomes and apartments.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that at the meeting with the developers, they said they wanted to put single family homes only but no mention was made of townhomes or apartments.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said that she did not know anything about the project as it was her policy not to meet with lobbyists which was going to be Quasi-Judicial.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that condos and apartments never came up.

HORATIO P. MIGHTY, 2765 NW 79TH AVENUE said that he was not in favor of the purchase agreement and rezoning. He explained that he felt safe in his neighborhood, thanked the Chief as the officers had been patrolling regularly and said that the City should keep up the good work. He said that he loved Margate and did not want to leave due to that development.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that rezoning also never came up.

GILLES T. VENDETTE, 5100 NW 26TH COURT said that he disliked the golf course at the Carolina Club. He said that he worked for 13th Floor Homes and spoke about the areas that used to be golf courses which were being converted and constructed into homes. He said that the generation gap had changed and that golf courses were no longer in demand.

MR. PELLECCIA said that he wanted to speak about Social Media and Margate Police Department's posts. He said that he was going to give a copy of the criminal record of the father from Wisconsin to the City Clerk. He explained that the Margate Police sent a family back to Wisconsin and put it on their Social Media page. He said that he had asked the Police Department three weeks ago to produce a Police Incident Report justifying the claims by that family but to no avail. He said that he provided them with a series of documents that were slanderous and libelous to the Margate Waterfront Foundation and the Mayor and that it was also a violation of the City Policy. He then read a statement from the Margate Police Department. He questioned whether the Department of Children Family Services was contacted in Wisconsin and also asked why the family was left behind after the Carnival. He said that he attended the Strategy Planning meeting last spring and asked about the City's accountability. He questioned who was in charge of moderating the Police Department's Facebook's page.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that she read it and said that she found out that the Facebook page was moderated by somebody in the Police Department. She confirmed that she had that remark removed. She said that they did have a policy on Social Media but it was not always paid attention to. She stated that any City website that projects their image should not contain negative material. She indicated that the City would be monitoring Social Media posts.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO questioned who was responsible for running the Social Media in the Police Department.

CHIEF OF POLICE DANA WATSON said that he was accountable and said that the officer in charge of monitoring the Facebook account did not do a good job and was counseled. He explained that his intent with the Facebook page was to showcase positive interactions between the Margate Police Department and the citizens of Margate which included businesses. He advised that any negative comments made in future would be taken down by staff. He said that there was no ill intent to the Mayor or other persons in the City and made apologies to anyone who was offended.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ advised that if comments were being posted online, the City should make a statement that they should be mindful of their Social Media policy.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ADAM REICHBACH explained that when a comment gets posted on the City's webpage, they would be notified. He indicated that it would be automatically posted to the page and that there was no review period.

MR. PELLECCIA said that he was expected to see those disciplinary action forms in the proper files within a week.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that the Chief took responsibility and that it was an oversight and the matter was taken care of.

CAROL BEITLER, 6353 HARBOR BEND explained that she thought conversation would take place on the sale of the Carolina Club and said that she wanted to do something. She said that she was attracted to the area by the Carolina Club and bought a property nearby. She said that she was proud of her community and also wanted to commend the City for the wonderful events that were put on. She questioned that moving forward, whether there was going to be transparency. She said that she would love to see the golf course remain and that she did not want to see more homes.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under Consent Agenda are viewed to be routine and the recommendation will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. If discussion is desired by the Commission, the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. Anyone wishing to comment on any item on the Consent Agenda should approach the podium now. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

- A. [ID 2018-014](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2018-009](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING REAPPOINTMENT OF PATRICK D. CRISTIANO TO THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 21, 2018 TO JANUARY 20, 2021.

RESOLUTION 18-001

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2018-010](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING REAPPOINTMENT OF GILLES T. VENDETTE TO THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 21, 2018 TO JANUARY 20, 2021.

RESOLUTION 18-002

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2017-803](#) RESOLUTION - URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REJECT HOUSE BILL 521 RELATED TO PREEMPTING TO THE STATE THE REGULATION OF THE TRIMMING, REMOVAL, OR HARVESTING OF TREES AND TIMBER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS RELATING TO THE TRIMMING OR REMOVAL OF TREES OR TIMBER; PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM PROHIBITING THE BURIAL OF VEGETATIVE DEBRIS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES.

RESOLUTION 18-003

APPROVED

- E. [ID 2017-806](#) RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING BILL OF SALE AND APPROVING THE UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES AT 2402 - 2534 NORTH STATE ROAD 7, MARGATE, FLORIDA.

RESOLUTION 18-004

APPROVED

- F. [ID 2017-814](#) RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THE POSITION OF LEAD PERMIT SPECIALIST AND AN ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPECIALIST I POSITION IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION 18-005

APPROVED

- G. [ID 2017-816](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH IP NUVO MARGATE, LLC FOR INSTALLATION OF A WATER MAIN ON STATE ROAD 7, NORTH OF SW 8TH COURT.

RESOLUTION 18-006

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Caggiano and Mayor Schwartz

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Simone

5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER MAY highlighted the following events;

- Sounds of Sundown from 5:00pm – 10:00pm on February 3rd
- Neighbors Meeting Neighbors Gardening Club from 10:00am on February 7th and 10th at the Community Center
- Movies in the Park on at 6:30pm on February 24th at the Sports Complex

CITY MANAGER MAY brought up the possible purchase of five bays at Banks Commerce Park of 6,000 square feet which would offset the cost of a portion of the Fire Station. He advised that if they went from a two story fire station to a one story Fire Station, it would save them approximately \$500,000. He advised that it would be real property and if they did not need it in the future, they could get rid of it at a good cost. He said that they could build the firehouse as originally planned but this could be a way of saving money.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that they could save a lot more money by remodeling the one they already have. He said that he thought the reason why they were doing the Fire Fee Assessment was to build a 12,000 square feet, two story firehouse. He said that they could move the firehouse to an existing property on Rock Island Road.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that they would still need the money for the Fire Fee Assessment to do that but it would be paid off a little bit sooner than originally proposed.

FIRE CHIEF DAN BOOKER advised that the engineer said that the building needed to come down and be replaced. He said that after explaining their requirements, the architect came back with almost a 60 feet tall, three story building which drove the cost up. He explained that they went back to the drawing board with the architect to give them a one story station and explained that a building became available in Banks Road which would save them a lot of money. He advised that if they wanted to stay on Rock Island Road, they would have to buy a bigger piece of property to build the firehouse.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO questioned how much money they had already spent on that project and estimated it to be over \$100,000. He said that they should go back to accountability.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said that it looked like Margate always settled for second best. She said that the buildings in Banks Road looked like warehouses and that the location was two steps away from Coconut Creek. She did not expect to see her executive staff or anything for the City be there and that it was not the image she wanted portrayed for the City. She said that it should be a state of the art building.

CITY MANAGER MAY advised that they could keep it as it was originally designed but they were just bringing it forward as an option.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO advised that before they bought any property, they should do a Design Build and see what they got. He said that they could cut their losses with the previous firm of architects.

The conversation continued on where the Fire Station should be built.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES)
DIRECTOR REDDY CHITEPU confirmed that they had used both concepts of the Design Build and had also used it for other projects. He said that they go to Design Builds with two criteria. He said that a criterion would be if the project was complex and that they or the engineer did not want to take the liability. He explained the process of doing a Design Build which would also involve having to sign and seal the document of those presenting the same which would be based on a ranking system. He said that for example, all the bidders' names would be in a sealed envelope a package A, which could be opened but if they were not accepting the proposal from that bidder, they were prohibited from opening package B which contained the cost of the bid.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that they should put the Firehouse out for a Design Build bid.

Discussion ensued regarding the construction of the proposed Fire Station.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman to direct staff to pursue a one story Fire Station and send it out for a Design Build and direct the City Manager to purchase the office space properties as proposed.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE #B said that they may want to talk to

Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Jack Seiler. He said that they were building a state of the art, two story, 10,000 square feet firestation which was below budget and ahead of schedule. He said that the constructors were Burke Construction.

MR. ARSERIO questioned whether the warehouses were turnkey ready.

FIRE CHIEF BOOKER said that it was currently being used as retail space and that it was completely open. He said that they would require at least five offices but it was up for discussion.

MR. PELLECCCHIA said that he did not find it appropriate for firefighters to be sleeping in firehouses and that that for the quality of life, they should do eight hour shifts and not 24 hour shifts. He said that they should not be taking firefighters and police officers away from their families.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to include a two story Design Build added to the previous motion.

MR. PELLECCCHIA explained that they could take a lane off Rock Island Road, move the Fire Station into that, eliminate the stacking lane that was never used and create the same two lanes going both ways.

The amendment carried by the following vote:

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

The motion, as amended, carried by the following vote:

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

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2018-017](#) APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO THE FIVE MEMBER MARGATE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR THE VACATED POSITION TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM ENDING MARCH 21, 2019.

RESOLUTION 18-007

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said that with two nominations, the item would be considered in the order presented and a vote taken. He said if the first nomination did not pass, the next name would be considered.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, to insert the name of JAMES O'NEILL.

An motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to insert the name of CRYSTAL MOORE.

The motion with the name inserted of JAMES O'NEILL carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Caggiano and Mayor Schwartz

No: 2 - Commissioner Peerman and Commissioner Simone

The Resolution approving appointment of JAMES O'NEILL carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Caggiano and Mayor Schwartz

No: 1 - Commissioner Simone

- B.** [ID 2018-026](#) APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RONALD L. BOOK, P.A. FOR PROVISION OF STATE LOBBYING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO RENEW THIS AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER COMMISSION ACTION PROVIDING FOR TERM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 18-008

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

An amendment was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to amend to a one year contract from a two year.

Commissioner Peerman withdrew her second.

The original motion was carried by the following vote:

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

- C.** [ID 2018-027](#) APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 18-009

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 Peerman, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Caggiano and Mayor Schwartz

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A.** [ID 2017-813](#) ORDINANCE TO REVISE WINDOW SIGN REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE FOR AMORTIZATION ON NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Ordinance, First Reading, be discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to Table this item to February 21, 2018, Regular City Commission meeting. This carried by the following vote:

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

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A.** [ID 2018-025](#) SELECTION OF CHARITY FOR A DONATION OF \$1,000 BY WAWA AT THEIR GRAND OPENING EVENT.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF explained that if they embraced a co-sponsorship relationship with whoever they designate, then they would be each individually relieved of the responsibility of disclosure under the County Ethics Code. He confirmed that it should be brought back as a Co-Sponsor Resolution at the meeting on January 31st, 2018.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ advised that WAWA would make a \$1,000 donation in return that the City Commission entered a competition to learn how to make sandwiches which was similar to another donation which involved the Police or Fire Department.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said that she would not be able to participate as she had a Workshop in West Palm Beach.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said she wanted to mention the Fellowship Foundation. She indicated that they had never come before them for money, were always willing to do anything that the City needed them to do and that they had never given them anything.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ asked the Commission for nominees on charities.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said the Broward Stage Door Theater.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said Cats Exclusive.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO said Cats Exclusive.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said Cats Exclusive.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO said Cats Exclusive.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ said Meals on Wheels.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to nominate Cats Exclusive, Inc. as the charity to receive the \$1,000 donation from WAWA.

JENNIFER D. GILTRAP, 399 SW 65TH AVENUE indicated a non-profit Guardian Ad Litem Program and explained that they worked with Foster children or it could go to something with children, families or the elderly. She also said that she was part of Margate Florida Residents which had a group on Facebook.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN said that she could fill out one of their forms for non-profits to come before the Commission. She said that they have \$1,000 for charities that come before the Commission.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano
No: 1 - Mayor Schwartz

B. [ID 2018-024](#) PARKS AND RECREATION BOND REFERENDUM.

CITY MANAGER MAY introduced the item by reading the fact sheet.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that they had just remodeled David Park and were in the process of doing the Sports Complex. He said that they had 18 parks and some of them did need upgrading. He said that they could try and get all the parks looking great by doing a five year plan which would be the ultimate prize at the end. He indicated that next year on the ballot, was the additional Homestead Exemption. He said that Mike was doing a good job and was aware that Coral Springs was going for a fairly huge bond for their parks. He said that they should let the people decide.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE explained that although she agreed that the parks needed an uplift, she was not one for going out for bonds and did not want to put anymore burden on the taxpayers. She said that the master plan indicated that a lot of residents were for having a user fee for some of the things in the parks as well as grants but 42% of the responders said that they were willing to pay nothing in additional taxes to develop the Parks and Recreation facilities. She indicated that if she voted for a bond, it would be to bring back the 911 Communications which was more important than a Parks and Recreational bond. She also asked what the cost would be for staff time and consultation to put a bond together.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that they received some input from Coral Springs and would assist in putting some of it together. He indicated that he would use their inhouse staff and get some estimates on consultants but would try and keep it as minimal as possible.

He said that he could provide an answer next week.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO questioned whether they could charge for other parks or services apart from Calypso Cove.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL JONES said that the Parks were outdated and needed capital improvements. He indicated that the master plan indicated that they were insufficient in many categories including land and acreage. He explained that when other cities did bond referendums, they made sure that land acquisition was included. He said to make changes with general fund dollars was very challenging but it would make it easier to do things for the master plan by using bonds.

Discussion ensued regarding the consideration of bringing back information on a Parks and Recreation Bond for the November 2018 election. City Manager May said he will proceed with the initial research towards the Bond Referendum and schedule a future Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07am.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone desiring a verbatim transcript shall have the responsibility, at his/her own expense, to arrange for the transcript.

[Appendix A – Zoning – Section 3.3] Any representation made before any City Board, any Administrative Board, or the City Commission in the application for a variance, special exception, conditional use or request for any other permit shall be deemed a condition of the granting of the permit. Should any representation be false or should said representation not be continued as represented, same shall be deemed a violation of the permit and a violation of this section.

Any person with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services for this meeting may call the City Clerk's office at (954) 972-6454 with their request at least two business days prior to the meeting date.