



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Budget Hearing

Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano

Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano

Commissioners:

Antonio V. Arserio, Arlene R. Schwartz, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis

City Attorney Janette M. Smith

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

In Attendance:

City Manager Cale Curtis

City Attorney Janette M. Smith

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. [ID 2019-453](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO opened the Public Hearing.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS spoke on this Item and explained that they had set the Millage Rate and proposed budget.

TINA (SURNAME INAUDIBLE) expressed her concerns at the City Commissioners' raises and referenced the \$300 per month car allowance.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET said she opposed the City Commissioners' \$300 per month car allowance and referenced petitions and signatures.

LAUREN BERACHA, PARADISE GARDENS III concurred with the previous public speakers' comments pertaining to the City Commissioners' raises. She also highlighted the School Board's decision to take a \$3,500 pay cut, referenced the increase in the health insurance for dependents and also discussed taxes and the Fire Assessment fee.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO addressed comments pertaining to the School Board's pay cut.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO indicated that they would need some sources of revenue and that he would not be voting for this. He also discussed the car allowance, the 911 Dispatch Service and questioned whether the City Commissioners' positions were part-time.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ discussed the City's increases and referenced the Fire Assessment. She said that she would not be voting for this.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE discussed why she approved the budget and said that the pros outweighed the cons. She explained that the 911 Dispatch Service with Coral Springs was critical and also referenced Fire Station 58. She emphasized her decision in not accepting the car allowance.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO spoke further on the Budget and referenced mistakes made in Code. He also discussed the 911 Dispatch Service.

MAYOR CAGGIANO read an article from Sun-Sentinel pertaining to raising the Millage discussed at the previous Budget hearing and he also spoke about having money for the 911 Dispatch Service.

Discussion ensued including the 911 Dispatch Service, raising revenue, the City's step raises and other related topics.

2) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2019-454](#) APPROVING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.7666 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION (WHICH INCLUDES .6495 FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE); THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.1171 IS 15.51% HIGHER THAN THE ROLL-BACK RATE OF 6.1612.

RESOLUTION 19-099

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

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO spoke on this Item.

ARTHUR J. KRELL spoke about the City Commissioners' 12 percent raise and \$300 per month car allowance.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio and Mayor Caggiano

No: 2 - Commissioner Schwartz and Vice Mayor Ruzzano

3) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A. [ID 2019-455](#) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUND;

PROVIDING FOR A MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2019-8

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be approved.

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO spoke on this Item.

LESA B. PEERMAN, 6921 NW 4TH PLACE discussed the Step and Cost of Living Allowance raise at the School Board. She suggested that at the next Budget meeting, they should go through each department advising what cuts should be made.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio and Mayor Caggiano

No: 2 - Commissioner Schwartz and Vice Mayor Ruzzano

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

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.

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