



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

*Mayor Tommy Ruzzano*

*Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz*

*Commissioners:*

*Antonio V. Arserio, Anthony N. Caggiano, Joanne Simone*

*City Manager Cale Curtis*

*City Attorney Janette M. Smith*

*City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh*

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Wednesday, February 5, 2020

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

City Manager Cale Curtis

City Attorney Janette M. Smith

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

**A.** [ID 2020-055](#) EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - OMAINE DENNIS

**B.** [ID 2020-053](#) PRESENTATION BY BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND BROWARD COUNTY REGARDING REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF GREGORY TONY thanked the City for the invitation, recapped on how he took office and referenced the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. He discussed the Broward County Communication's system and advised that they had fixed the issues in terms of the relationship between his ability to communicate with the County Administrator and the Sherriff's Office. He also discussed working with the County Administration and their team as they were responsible for the regional communication systems and handling the technology. He introduced members of his team.

BROWARD COUNTY AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES OSCAR LLERENA explained that regional communications provided service to all the public safety responders in the County which fell under his Department. He introduced Broward County's Director of Regional Emergency Services & Communications, Tracy Jackson. He highlighted their main objectives which included the regional communications of fire rescue response. He indicated that there had been a reduction of call transfers between the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) and that they had three of these. He said

that they processed approximately 2,500,000 calls per year and that they just became eligible for emergency fire dispatch and emergency police dispatch accreditation. He said that one of the benefits of a regional system was full awareness in the County and explained that by the end of March 2020, they were getting ready to launch the closest unit response which was one of the County's goals. He said that he wanted to focus on open communication and partnership which was his personal goal. He continued with his presentation and highlighted complaint tickets, outside resources and an E911 system for photo and video submittals.

Discussion ensued during a question and answer session.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO advised that the City had a time restraint and were given a deadline to respond back to Coconut Creek or that they would move forward without Margate. He explained that they would need to obtain further communication with the City's Chiefs, the City Manager and Broward County.

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF TONY spoke further on this presentation. He thanked the City and said that they would return and answer tough questions to give them sound confidence in Broward County.

### **STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH**

E. [ID 2020-033](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: MICAH WALKER (Student);  
TIMOTHY WINT (Teacher)  
(Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: JORDAN BATES (Student); MICHELE  
HEDBERG (Teacher),  
(Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Mr. William Hartner, Interim Vice  
Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: ADRIANA HERNANDEZ (Student); HEATHER  
KOSTICK (Teacher),  
(Mr. Matthew Whaley, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: SOPHIA RUZZANO (Student - January); LAUREN  
JEDWAB (Teacher -January)  
(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: DEONDRAE WILLIAMS JR. (Student); SONYA  
COSTELLO (Teacher)  
(Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: KHALEAH HARVEY (Student); WINSTON CAMPBELL  
(Teacher),  
(Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: BRIANA  
ARELLANO (Student); XIONA ROCHA (Teacher)  
(Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: FILLIPE COSTA (Student); NATASHA JEAN (Teacher),  
(Mr. Will Pickens, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Mr. Derrick Hugue)

Item 1E was heard before 1C.

- C. [ID 2020-044](#) PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE MARGATE-COCONUT CREEK FIRE RESCUE ALS TEAMS.

- D. [ID 2020-046](#) HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

1st PLACE- EDWARD DEIMLING, 6675 NW 17TH COURT  
(\$100 VISA GIFT CARD)

2ND PLACE- PATRIA & JUAN RODRIGUEZ, 5809 NW 20TH STREET  
(\$50 VISA GIFT CARD)

3RD PLACE- STEVE MCCULLOUGH- 5816 NW 20TH COURT  
(\$25 VISA GIFT CARD)

STEVE McCULLOUGH, 5816 NW 20TH COURT was absent.

## 2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET discussed an incident with a resident in her neighborhood and thanked Captain Nemesek and Firefighter Todd Lacey. She also praised the City Manager's office.

JAMES (JIM) A. WEISHAR, 7540 NW 28TH STREET, GREENS IV requested an update on the 13th Floor Homes and McDivots.

Discussion ensued on 13th Floor Homes.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET requested an update on the Firehouse on Rock Island Road.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO said that he hoped to provide an update at the next City Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on the Firehouse.

## 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO thanked Broward County Sheriff Tony and his staff for providing an update at City Hall. He thanked Mr. Dennis for his service and highlighted that he was going to be the first Veteran on the polls on Margate Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO echoed Commissioner Caggiano's sentiments towards the Broward County Sheriff's office and for providing an overview of their 911 system together with insight on the enhancements that were made.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ echoed the comments made pertaining to Broward County Sheriff's office. She highlighted the second anniversary of the Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School incident.

MAYOR RUZZANO referenced the City's Strategic Planning and explained that he was holding a meeting on March 25th, to discuss the goals and objectives for each Department. He discussed the Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) and referenced a Burger King near a hospital and an approved project.

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR PLANNER ANDREW PINNEY explained that the Mayor was referring to initial TOC Regulations where buildings had to be up on a front property line and occupy a specific percentage. He also advised that to overcome some of the Regulations, sometimes, the Applicants would seek a variance to those provisions. He explained that when there was a phased development, from the time when the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) was issued, they had until one year to obtain a permit for the next phase in order to maintain the valid site plan but if the one year elapsed, there were a few extensions in either the Code or Statute. He indicated that once it expired, they would have to return for a new site plan approval.

Discussion ensued including a text amendment to the landscaping Code.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH wished Assistant City Manager Vignola a very Happy Birthday.

#### 4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS mentioned the Strategic Planning and thanked the City Commission and staff for their hard efforts in particular, Interim Development Services Pinney. He said that they rescheduled last week's Sounds of Sundown to February 8th, 2020.

#### 5) 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 2020-035](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING FUNDING AND WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING AND TRANSIT (TNT) BUILDING. TO BE FUNDED BY THE GENERAL FUND AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.

**APPROVED**

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

#### 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-036](#) APPROVING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARGATE AND THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF CRA PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that the Resolution, should be approved.**

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that when the City held an event on Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) property, this Resolution identified the responsibility of each party.

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR PLANNER PINNEY indicated that there were 370 units currently available for allocation.

Discussion ensued.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

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.

One or more members of the City of Margate advisory boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting.