



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

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/92734424470>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Caggiano attended via Zoom video conferencing

Commissioner Simone attended via Zoom video conferencing

Commissioner Arserio attended via Zoom video conferencing

Vice Mayor Schwartz attended via Zoom video conferencing

Mayor Ruzzano attended in person

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 attended in person

City Attorney Janette M. Smith attended in person

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh attended in person

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH read a statement pertaining to the City's virtual public meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law and the Florida Governor Desantis' Executive's Order.

1) PRESENTATION(S)

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO announced that the presentation by Northwest Medical Center would take place at approximately 4:30pm.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Item 2 was discussed before Presentations.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH explained the options on how to submit a public comment. He confirmed that there were "no raised hands" submitted through Zoom and no emails received for Public Discussion.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

Item 3 was heard before Item 1.

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO discussed matters pertaining to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and asked everyone to be polite and patient with each other. He also highlighted those workers on the frontline during the pandemic.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE referenced matters pertaining to COVID 19 and discussed residents staying at home and social distancing measures to flatten the curve. She thanked the workforce, City employees and residents which were still working to provide essential services.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO echoed Commissioner Simone's sentiments and thanked the residents, the first responders and workers on the frontline and the essential employees. He discussed the importance of staying at home to flatten the curve of the virus.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ echoed what everyone had said. She thanked the staff and essential employees for keeping the City running, for the businesses that have closed to support the stop of spreading COVID-19 and to residents that have shelters in place and worn face coverings. She also highlighted that The Toasted Cafe was offering free peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to Margate residents.

MAYOR RUZZANO echoed the comments of the Commission. He spoke about masks being worn in public. He said that the real heroes were the doctors, nurses and first responders and he also thanked the City employees.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CALE D. CURTIS was pleased to announce that Chief of Police Shaw had been unanimously selected by the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association to be a District 11 representative. He advised that the City was constantly updating their webpage pertaining to COVID-19 and that they were going to send out a mailing to all residents and business owners which would contain key information including resources. He provided an update on the 2020 CENSUS for Margate with a response rate of 52.6% and praised the CENSUS Committee for getting the word out. He echoed the comments of the Commission with regard to thanking and recognizing the staff's level of service and flexibility. He also thanked the Commission for providing support and resources they needed to do their job.

VICE MAYOR SCHWARTZ encouraged residents to complete the 2020 CENSUS during their stay at home order.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO echoed Vice Mayor Schwartz's comments on the 2020 CENSUS and spoke of its importance.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5E. was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

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 2020-135](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: JANUARY 29, 2020 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; FEBRUARY 5, 2020 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; FEBRUARY 13, 2020 - CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2020-154](#) RESOLUTION - ADOPTING POLICY AND IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOLS FOR THE USE OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AT CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TO ALSO FACILITATE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE AT SUCH MEETINGS; PROVIDING THAT THE USE OF SUCH PROTOCOLS IS LIMITED TO PERIODS OF DECLARED EMERGENCY WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE LIMITS THE SAFE ATTENDANCE AT SUCH MEETINGS IN PERSON AND WHEN SUNSHINE LAW REQUIREMENTS ARE LAWFULLY RELAXED TO PERMIT SAME; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION 20-013

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2019-578](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY LED LIGHTING AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION OR MODIFICATION OF LIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY OF MARGATE.

RESOLUTION 20-014

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2020-097](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUBAWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL, EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF DISASTER DAMAGED FACILITIES FROM HURRICANE DORIAN.

RESOLUTION 20-015

APPROVED

- F. [ID 2020-101](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MARGATE TO PROVIDE COST SHARE SUPPORT OF A NATURESCAPE IRRIGATION SERVICE WITHIN THE WATER UTILITY SERVICE AREA AND AUTHORIZE BROWARD COUNTY TO CONDUCT SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES AS PART OF

LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION EVALUATIONS.

RESOLUTION 20-017

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

1) PRESENTATION(S) (CONTINUED)

A. ID 2020-162 PRESENTATION BY NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER KRISTEN LINDENBOOM

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER (HCA) CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER KRISTEN LINDENBOOM expressed that the outpouring of support from their community had truly been overwhelming and that it had been a challenging time for healthcare. She said that Margate and surrounding cities have been a tremendous support in sending food and donations for their staff. She gave a brief update pertaining to COVID-19 practices and procedures at Northwest Medical Center. She advised that to date, they had not experienced any capacity issues and that 415 tests had been performed with 87 patients treated. She highlighted the need for convalescent plasma transfer from recovering COVID-19 patients.

Discussion ensued including a question and answer session.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

E. [ID 2020-143](#) RESOLUTION - AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 2020-005, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EROSION BARRIER TUBING TO EROSION BARRIER INSTALLATIONS, CORP.

Item 5E was pulled from Consent Agenda and discussed.

RESOLUTION 20-016

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Mayor Ruzzano, that this Consent Agenda Item, should be discussed.

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that the process had been used throughout the City for a while and that it was a good process. He said that he had received calls from residents who questioned the low depth of the water in the canals. He said that the canals were

regulated by South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and that the City had been in contact with them asking about the levels of water. He asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission to write a letter to SFWMD to advise them that the City's canals were vulnerable.

Discussion ensued including grant funds.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, MARK COLLINS explained that they would be looking for all funding resources for all the projects that they were going to do. He advised that he had put together a list of the canal banks which his staff went out and identified as being the worst which went to the City Manager for review. He indicated that they may be able to get about five canal banks completed by year end and if the funding continued, they would schedule it appropriately by putting it on a five-year capital project.

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 2020-139](#) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AND THE CITY OF MARGATE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE FPL TRANSMISSION EASEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #58

RESOLUTION 20-018

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, be approved.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO explained that he strongly agreed with this Easement Agreement.

The motion carried as follows:

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

- B. [ID 2020-151](#) APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF MARGATE DIRECTOR, FIRST ALTERNATE, AND SECOND ALTERNATE TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020-2021.

RESOLUTION 20-019

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, to insert Mayor Ruzzano as a Voting Member, Commissioner Caggiano as First Alternate and Commissioner Simone as Second Alternate. This carried as follows:

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

- C. [ID 2020-153](#)** APPROVING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR ACCESS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-020

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, that this Resolution, be approved. This carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR RUZZANO said that Fire Inspector, Kevin Wilson and Florida Representative, Kristin Jacobs, passed away during the last two weeks. He discussed future plans for the COVID-19 pandemic and potential re-openings in the four Counties of Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH outlined the current guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

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.

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

CITY OF MARGATE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
PROCEDURE FOR VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Margate is holding a virtual public meeting on April 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. This statement explains the City of Margate's findings related to the need to hold the virtual public meeting, and the ability of the public to access the virtual public meeting in compliance with Florida Sunshine Laws.

The City of Margate's procedure for the virtual public meeting are as follows:

- Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52, in which the Governor declared a public health emergency and a state of emergency, there is a recommendation to limit public gatherings.
- On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending the quorum requirements for public meetings held by a local government body, and the requirement that a local government body must meet at a specific public place.
- On March 26, 2020, the City of Margate issued Margate Emergency Order (EO) 2020-01, directing all residents to shelter in place
- On April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91, ordering all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities.
- Consistent with the authority contained in the Governor's Executive Orders, and in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Margate's residents and employees, the City of Margate finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Margate to hold this virtual public meeting.
- Therefore, the City of Margate will be holding this virtual meeting through the use of electronic communication. Members of the public are invited to join the City of Margate meeting by accessing the meeting through this link: <https://zoom.us/j/92734424470> or can listen in via telephone by calling one of the following phone numbers: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833 - Webinar ID: 927 3442 4470
- A copy of the Agenda for this Virtual Meeting is posted on www.MargateFL.com and on the main bulletin board outside City Hall located at 5790 Margate Blvd, Margate, FL 33063.
- Any comments related to any item on the agenda can be submitted to the City of Margate via the following e-mail address: JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM