



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

*Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz*  
*Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio*  
*Commissioners:*  
*Anthony N. Caggiano, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone*

*City Manager Cale Curtis*  
*City Attorney Janette M. Smith*  
*City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh*

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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### CALL TO ORDER

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Caggiano attended in person.

Commissioner Simone attended in person.

Commissioner Ruzzano attended in person.

Vice Mayor Arserio attended via Zoom.

Mayor Schwartz attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

City Attorney Smith attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2021-181](#) OLEAN PRIDGEN, 2021 BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME ELECTEE

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ spoke on this Item.

OLEAN D. PRIDGEN thanked the City Commission for her nomination.

- B. [ID 2021-199](#) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA H. WILLIAMS, DISTRICT 92

FLORIDA STATE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 92, PATRICIA H. WILLIAMS, summarized the legislative update and advised that this year was the largest budget in the history of Florida. She confirmed that Governor DeSantis signed a total budget of \$101,500,000.

A question and answer session with the City Commission ensued together with an update on the Seminole compact and gambling rights.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

- D. [ID 2021-144](#) SPENCER L. SHAMBRAY, PURCHASING MANAGER - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

DOUGLAS CLINE, UTILITY MECHANIC II- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 25 YEARS

WILLIAM MOSCARITOLO, AQUATIC MAINTENANCE - PARKS AND RECREATION - 15 YEARS

MICHAEL ALAN BUSH, DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION MANAGER - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 15 YEARS

FRISNEL LOUIS, HVAC SPECIALIST - PUBLIC WORKS - 10 YEARS

VICKRAM RAMOUTAR, CANAL MAINTENANCE - PUBLIC WORKS - 10 YEARS

### **PROCLAMATION(S)**

- E. [ID 2021-227](#) OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - MAY, 2021 (presented to Karin Diaz, Director - Northwest Focal Point Senior Center)

### **2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH explained the protocol for submitting a Public Discussion.

MARILYN A. KNEELAND, 7955 NW 5TH CT, referenced the group, Keep Margate Green and said that Margate was heading in the right direction and thanked the City for their efforts during COVID-19.

### **3) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO highlighted tomorrow's free recycled paint giveaway event at Oriole Park's parking lot and the Memorial Day Ceremony at the end of the month. He paid tribute to the team at NWFPSC and to Project Director Diaz.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE pulled 5A & 5B from the Consent Agenda. She

congratulated the Finance Department for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year 2021. She also congratulated Assistant City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson as the sixth approved Athenian Leadership Society Fellow for the State of Florida. She highlighted the 65th birthday of National Bike Month. She requested that Parks and Recreation add a cycling event to the budget and suggested the involvement of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO congratulated Vice Mayor Arserio on his newborn daughter. He thanked the public for attending the City Commission meeting. He referenced the Keep Margate Green group and said that he had not made contact with the proposed developers. He mentioned Calypso Cove and referenced expanding the park. He highlighted the July 4th Parade. He congratulated Building Director Richard Nixon for introducing online permitting. He discussed the possibility of the City merging with The Broward Sheriff's Office's (BSO) Fire Department. He indicated that he would not be in favor of the contract if it did not include all of the City's Firefighters. He explained that the BSO's 911 system needed to be addressed.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ spoke on the 911 system.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO introduced his baby girl. He echoed Commissioner Caggiano's comments and thanked Project Director Diaz for all that she did at the NWFPSC. He looked forward to the City's standard July 4th extravaganza.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ spoke on Vice Mayor Arserio's baby. She highlighted the City's Memorial Day Ceremony and the Our Margate quarterly publication. She thanked the staff for doing an extraordinary job over the last 18 months and for keeping the City running. She confirmed that the City's Future Land Use Amendment resulted in a 9 - 4 vote on April 22nd at The Broward County Regional Planning Council (BCRPC) meeting. She asked for CONSENSUS to write a "Thank You" letter on the City's letterhead to the nine members of the BCRPC who voted in support of Margate's Provisional Recertification of the Future Land Use Element Amendment.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to send a letter to the nine members of the BCRPC.

#### **4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CITY MANAGER CURTIS indicated that the City Commission covered all of his updates. He thanked Assistant Finance Director Schwartz and Budget Manager Smith-Burke for the work they put into the budget each year. He advised that they were only taking reservations at the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) pertaining to the free recycled paint giveaway.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH congratulated Vice Mayor Arserio and his wife on the birth of baby Mila. He congratulated Assistant City Clerk Johnson.

#### **5) CONSENT AGENDA**

5A and 5B were pulled from the 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.

- C. [ID 2021-213](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR CITY-WIDE LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE CURRENT EXPIRATION DATE OF MAY 31, 2021 OR UNTIL A NEW SOLICITATION FOR CITY-WIDE LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES IS RELEASED AND AWARDED BY THE CITY; WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. PROVIDING THAT ALL OTHER TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT REMAIN AS STIPULATED IN RFP 2016-006, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 16-224 AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 16-280; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-035

- D. [ID 2021-215](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF \$348,691.00 OF SURPLUS FEDERAL FUNDS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT-COUNTYWIDE (JAG-C) PROGRAM TO BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP DIVISION.

RESOLUTION 21-036

**APPROVED**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

- A. [ID 2021-225](#) MOTION - WAIVING OF RENTAL AND LABOR FEES FOR THE USE OF CHARLEY KATZ COMMUNITY CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450. FEE WAIVER REQUESTED BY MICHELLE'S INTERNATIONAL LEARNING HOUSE.

This Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Item should be discussed.**

COMMISSIONER SIMONE questioned if this Item had been budgeted.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that it was not a budgeted expense but it was a fee waiver for renting their facility.

Discussion ensued including putting a policy in place pertaining to waived fees and creating a list of organizations that made this request.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

- B.** [ID 2021-223](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: APRIL 7, 2021 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 21, 2021 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

This Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to approve this Item.**

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH explained that Commissioner Simone requested an edit to the April 21st, 2021 Regular City Commission minutes under item 10A Discussion and Possible Action - Donation for Margate Baseball and Softball and the amendment was read into the record.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

## **6) RESOLUTION(S)**

- A.** [ID 2021-086](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ AS CITY COMMISSIONER TRUSTEE TO THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FUND FOR THE TERM OF JUNE 1, 2021, UNTIL MAY 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION 21-037

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Mayor Schwartz, to insert the name of Joanne Simone.**

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed the Employee Benefit Trust Fund (EBTF).

Discussion ensued.

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

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

- B.** [ID 2021-219](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS TO THE VINSON PARK BOND PROJECT: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$669,422, AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR \$94,896.85.

RESOLUTION 21-038

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that this Item was part of the Park Bond project.

Discussion ensued on Park Bond projects within the City.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO requested a Bond Project update at the next City Commission meeting.

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET, discussed the quality of public restrooms.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

- C.** [ID 2021-220](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 2021-004 - GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF FLORIDA, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ("REPUBLIC") AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION 21-039

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, that this Resolution, should be discussed.**

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO queried whether some Addendums pertaining to this Item were distributed, noticed or approved.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that the Addendums were signed.

DEES DIRECTOR CURT KEYSER introduced staff members, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Melher and Sustainability Coordinator Tauber.

DEES SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COORDINATOR, DAWN MELHER, gave a PowerPoint presentation on this Item and provided a background on when they did the Request for Proposal (RFP).

DEES SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR, AARON TAUBER, spoke on this Item.

A question and answer session ensued between DEES representatives and the City Commission.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC., MUNICIPAL SALES MANAGER, JOANNE STANLEY, spoke on recycling and said that they were excited with the possibility of being the City's new hauler.

A question and answer session continued with the City Commission, Republic Services Inc. Municipal Sales Manager, Stanley and representatives from DEES.

ERIK J. OLMER, 3400 BANKS ROAD, questioned if there were any issues with bulk pick-up.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC., MUNICIPAL SALES MANAGER, STANLEY explained that they never really had problems with bulk waste but had seen a 20 – 30 percent increase since the pandemic and during the hurricane period.

Discussion ensued including disaster and debris removal.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC., MARKET VICE PRESIDENT, VINCE SANUDO, detailed his career history in the waste industry. He indicated that safety and customer care were his most important issues.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET, questioned whether there was a more simplified recycling program for residents.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC., MUNICIPAL SALES MANAGER, STANLEY, highlighted a program on their website called RecyclingSimplified.com.

Discussion ensued.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

**1) PRESENTATION(S) (CONTINUED)**

- C. [ID 2021-221](#) PRESENTATION ON THE SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE FORMATION OF AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT TO GOVERN SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING ISSUES COUNTYWIDE.

This item was heard after item 6C.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained this Item.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO explained that he had discussions with the Broward League of Cities Solid Waste Working Group (BLOCSWWG) who offered to provide a PowerPoint presentation to the City Commission.

MAYOR OF COOPER CITY AND CHAIR OF BLOCSWWG, GREG ROSS, provided a brief introduction and referenced the previous Resolution on recycling.

BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND VICE CHAIR OF BLOCSWWG, BEAM FURR, referenced the previous Resolution on recycling and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He explained the history and said that prior to forming the Solid Waste Working Group, they were previously known as the Resource Recovery Board (RRB) which most cities were a part of. He advised that the RRB was effective for 20+ years and subsequently, the board expired in 2013. He also discussed land at Alpha 250. He explained that their first term arrangement for disposal with Wheelabrator South Broward (WSB) and with Waste Management was expiring and the next one would commence on July 3rd, 2023 but the deadline to renew was January 15th, 2022. He explained that the stipulations for renewal was that they had to advise them if they were going to renew and that they would commit to 500,000 tons of garbage going to WSB. He explained that in 2015, one of the incinerators was dismantled and as they have more garbage than ever before with fewer places to put it, he recommended that at the very minimum, WSB should add another burner. He continued with his PowerPoint presentation where he discussed the findings of a study. He referenced reconsideration and said that the BLOCSWWG was only looking at the possibility of a dependent or an interlocal agreement. He explained that the waste generation study was something that would have to happen, regardless of the governing body. He also advised that the BLOCSWWG was trying to get the best deal they could and that the County Commissioners would be prepared to pay up to fifty percent of the study.

BLOCSWWG CHAIR ROSS referenced the statement of One Broward and indicated that it would be better if all the cities were in it together. He asked the City Commission if they had any concerns or questions.

A question and answer session ensued with the City Commission and representatives of BLOCSWWG.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ thanked the BLOCSWWG representatives for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City ClerkDate: 

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