



City of Margate

5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063
954-972-6454
www.margatefl.com

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
Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 851 9781 5440

Due to technical issues, the meeting video has poor audio quality. If you wish to receive an audio file of the meeting, please email jjkavanagh@margatefl.com. We appreciate your understanding.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85197815440>

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

Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

Interim City Attorney David Tolces attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-300](#) PRESENTATION OF 4TH OF JULY PARADE WINNERS
PRIVATE BUSINESS: 3 AXES MOBILE
MARGATE FAMILY: VICKI AND JEFF BERTRAM
NON-PROFIT: THE LEGACY CLOSET

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, MICHAEL A. JONES, spoke on this item.

JEFF BERTRAM thanked everybody and said they lived in Margate for 38 years and had participated in the parade for approximately 12 years.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LEGACY CLOSET spoke on this Item.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ thanked all those who participated.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

B. [ID 2021-297](#) NANCY POPICK, ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - 25 YEARS

RYAN MCCARTHY, POLICE LIEUTENANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

PAUL KOSTICK, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

RITA RODI, CRA COORDINATOR - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - 15 YEARS

TERRY MICHAEL BARNETT, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS

ERIC SCOTT WOMER, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS

LEE ANN LUHRS, OFFICE MANAGER - PUBLIC WORKS - 15 YEARS

BRIAN KRUPSKI, FLEET SUPPORT SPECIALIST - PUBLIC WORKS - 10 YEARS

THOMASINA PERRY, CITY RECEPTIONIST - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE - 5 YEARS

T'KEYAH TINDALL, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

CHIEF OF POLICE, JON SHAW, spoke on this Item and presented Police Sergeant Kostic with a plaque.

Discussion ensued.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH, spoke about the contributions to the City made by City Receptionist Perry.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JON SHAW, spoke on this Item and presented Police Officer Tindall, with a plaque.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MAYOR SCHWARTZ, read a statement pertaining to rules and public decorum during Public Discussion.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET, wished everyone a happy and safe Summer. He questioned whether Calypso Cove was \$500,000 in debt. He asked whether any negotiations took place with Coconut Creek pertaining to the Fire Rescue-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) which he discussed at the last City

Commission meeting.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS clarified that Margate provided Fire Rescue-EMS to Coconut Creek and that the City was under an agreement with them until September 30, 2021. He confirmed that Coconut Creek opted not to renew that agreement with the City. He said that the City's Fire Rescue-EMS would stay put which would not affect service from October 1, 2021.

Discussion ensued on the partnership with Coconut Creek's Fire Rescue-EMS.

NINA CULVER, 6480 NW 11 ST., read a statement thanking Commissioner Simone and Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) Director Keyser pertaining to a Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) issue. She also thanked Vice Mayor Arserio and highlighted a City-wide school supplies drive.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO thanked everyone who attended and assisted in the July 4th events.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE congratulated all their employees for their dedicated years of service. She congratulated Margate Middle for winning its first boys basketball County championship and Abundant Life Christian Academy for winning the elementary sports league championship in soccer. She addressed the departure of former City Attorney Smith.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO thanked Mr. Alianiello and discussed Calypso Cove. He said that he received many calls about the condition of the canals in Margate and repeated his request for a boat ride to inspect the same. He said that he had a meeting with a Coconut Creek representative pertaining to the Fire Rescue-EMS.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO thanked those who attended the July 4th events. He also referenced listening to a meeting pertaining to the Broward County Sheriff Office (BSO).

MAYOR SCHWARTZ discussed a meeting she attended at Cooper City which was one of 13 cities that had a fire and/or police contract with BSO. She explained that the meeting addressed concerns over a lack of transparency, staffing, costing and unanswered telephone calls amongst a multitude of other issues regarding BSO. She indicated that they would have to review the BSO situation. She reassured residents that from October 1, 2021, they would be fully covered pertaining to Fire Rescue-EMS. She wished everyone a happy Summer break and that the City Commission would return at the end of August. She introduced Interim City Attorney Tolces. She congratulated employees for their years of service.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS referenced the meeting in Cooper City pertaining to BSO and explained that the City had been negotiating with BSO's Fire Rescue-EMS for approximately one year and he continued to provide an update on the same. He clarified by saying that the City was in no need to make any quick transition with Coconut Creek leaving and that Margate was in fine shape with Fire Rescue-EMS. He received notice that the City finally received the \$200,000 matching grant reimbursement for Firefighters Park which pertained to renovations that dated back to 2016.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES introduced himself and said that he looked forward to working with everyone.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

No items on the Consent Agenda.

6) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A. [ID 2021-292](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 39 WATER AND SEWERS - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, ARTICLE VIII - CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL/BACKFLOW PREVENTION, SECTION 39-108 AND ADDING NEW SECTION 39-111; PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTION OF THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-7

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be approved. This carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [ID 2021-304](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17- FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFICATION OF ELEVATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-8

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be approved. This carried by the following vote:

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

7) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-293](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING FEES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 39 WATER AND SEWERS - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, ARTICLE VIII - CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL/BACKFLOW PREVENTION, SECTION 39-111 FEES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-056

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

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

- B.** [ID 2021-313](#) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. AS INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-057

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

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.

The City of Margate will be holding this 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 Zoom using Webinar ID: 851 9781 5440 or can call in via telephone by calling one of the following phone numbers: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099.

- A copy of the Agenda for this 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.

THROUGH THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

Go to www.margatefl.com

Go to "Agendas & Minutes" > Find the respective meeting date and click "Agenda Summary" to view the agenda items and see the Zoom meeting website address

PRIOR to the start of the meeting, email Public Comments to JJKAVANAGH@margatefl.com (all public comments that are three (3) minutes or less will be read into the record.)

ALTERNATE OPTION FOR VIEWING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:

THROUGH ZOOM TECHNOLOGY:

Instructions for Attendees\Participants:

Topic: "Virtual Meeting - Margate Regular City Commission "

Enter the following link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85197815440>

Telephone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099

Webinar ID: 851 9781 5440

To virtually raise hand and be acknowledged to speak:

1. Users who call in can dial *9 to raise their hand and dial *6 to toggle mute/unmute
2. If going through mobile (phone\tablet) app, to raise hand select "Participants", then see option to raise hand.
3. On the computer users should click "Participants" then see option to raise hand
4. Once you have been selected to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your device or stay muted.