



**CITY OF MARGATE**  
Regular City Commission Meeting  
Commission Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard  
Margate, FL 33063

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014 7:00 p.m.**

**Commission Present:** Mayor Lesa Peerman; Vice Mayor Joanne Simone; Commissioner Brian Donahue; Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano.

**Commission Excused:** Commissioner Frank Talerico

**City Staff Present:** City Manager Jerry A. Blough; City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld; Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith; City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh; Building Director Chris Cotler; Department of Environmental Engineering Services (DEES) Director Reddy Chitepu; Economic Development Director Ben Ziskal; Finance Director Gail Gargano; Fire Chief Franklin H. Edwards; Human Resources Director Jackie Wehmeyer; Information Technology Director James Wilbur; Parks and Recreation Director Michael A. Jones; Police Chief Dana Watson; Public Works Director Sam May; Purchasing Manager Pat Greenstein; Senior Center Project Director Karin Diaz.

The regular City Commission meeting of the Margate City Commission, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor Lesa Peerman at 7:00 p.m. There was a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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**1) PRESENTATIONS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ISABELLA NUCCIO, 4TH GRADE, MARGATE ELEMENTARY

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND RECYCLING SERVICES UPDATE PRESENTED BY WASTE MANAGEMENT  
A demonstration of the technology of the truck mounted camera, new work tablet and CNG fuel was provided.

**ATHLETE OF THE MONTH**

TAE KWON DO: SOPHIA CAGGIANO, AGE 7 (KC Chung Tae Kwon Do)

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

NARINE GOVIND, UTILITY TECHNICIAN - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 10 YEARS

**POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITIONS**

JOSEPH C. KRISSEL - 2013 OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
THAD NGUYEN - 2013 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

**PROCLAMATIONS**

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL, 2014 (presented to Dr. Runar Polluson, Secretary, Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida, Inc)

WATER CONSERVATION MONTH - APRIL, 2014 (presented to Lorraine A. Mayers, Regional Community Outreach, South Florida Water Management District)

WATER REUSE WEEK - MAY 18 - 24, 2014 (presented to Lorraine A. Mayers, Regional Community Outreach, South Florida Water Management District)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 1, 2014 (presented to Pastor Cheryl Jane "CJ" Walter of Cokesbury United Methodist Church)

## **2) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Donahue stated it was an honor to be invited to the RISE Academy National Elementary School Honor Society induction ceremony. He said that after viewing the Mission Statement and the school-wide pledge he was impressed with what was being taught to the students. He mentioned the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee and following discussions with other organizations he provided talking points as a template for discussions. He suggested using the same format for the Adopt a Street and Adopt a Park programs. He commended Margate for their attendance and community participation at the Sounds at Sundown and the Movies in the Park, which he recently attended. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Ruzzano commended Parks and Recreation for the Movies in the Park, and noted that the Amazing Spiderman would be shown on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. He announced and congratulated Margate resident, Yesenia Molina, who was crowned Miss Broward County. He recognized the Margate Police Department and the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES). He mentioned a situation recently when the Police Department assisted in saving lives. He said he appreciated that the work DEES did was done in-house. He was pleased that Margate had its own Fire, Police, Water and Sewer departments and he hoped to have it remain the same. He mentioned the \$2,500 Waste Management Scholarship Program application available online.

Vice Mayor Simone, thanked the Parks and Recreation department and the City Manager's office for putting out the event flyer. She asked whether a banner could be placed at Firefighters Park to advertise the volleyball and pickle ball. She said that the Grand Opening signs were a great asset for businesses. She asked that staff look into expanding the Grand Opening Sign Program to include other businesses that were here more than one year. She suggested utilizing the same signs now being used and that each month the Grand Opening Sign could be replaced with a similar sign, such as a welcoming sign or featuring sign that each business could use on a monthly revolving basis. She noted that she spoke with several plaza tenants who were in favor of having advertising on the existing pole. She asked for a consensus and all Commissioners agreed to direct staff look into using the poles with signs for other businesses. Vice Mayor Simone congratulated the Margate resident, Yesenia Molina, for being crowned Miss Broward County. She mentioned the RISE Academy and said that the program was fabulous. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Peerman noted that Miss Broward County and the U-19 Soccer Team would be awarded the Key to the City. She thanked the Police Chief for his assistance with the problem at the Charter School in Coconut Creek. She asked that when other Charter Schools came before DRC the traffic issue be considered. She wished everyone happy holidays.

## **3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Rich Alianiello, 7631 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, hoped that Margate keeps the Police and Fire departments together because it was a fine family. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Scott Yardley, 5948 Winfield Boulevard, mentioned the last Commission meeting when someone commented about racism and that there was no color ethnicity on the dais. He said that the Commission was elected by the people, but he disagreed with the election method, which was by seat city-wide. He mentioned representation for South Margate and challenged the structure as being racist.

Rick Ricarrdi, 4829 South Hemingway Circle, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the first Multi-cultural meeting was held today and it was difficult to reach people. He said that the membership and board meeting would be next Thursday and he invited the City Commission. He mentioned a fundraiser held last year for drug and alcohol prevention, which would be held again this year through the Fellowship Foundation. He invited the City to participate and have a team on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Parkland Country Club. He noted that the cost was \$175 per person, but \$125 worth of golf equipment, food and golf were included for the day.

**MOTION:** TO HAVE MARGATE SPONSOR A TEAM LIKE IT DID LAST YEAR.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Peerman asked that Mr. Riccardi get the word out that golfers were needed, and he agreed.

Richard Eddens, 3043 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, thanked the City for the National Day of Prayer and noted that the Country needed prayer as it had been on a major decline since 1963, when prayer was removed from schools. He felt that the rise in Charter Schools was because parents had enough of the brainwashing taking place in the schools. He mentioned the citizens previously approving term limits and the election being moved from the municipal period of elections to the federal cycle in November. He suggested taking an honest look into the election periods and questioned why it was changed. He felt that a more educated group of individuals would vote in March.

Mayor Peerman agreed that the City would save money by moving the election to November. She added that March elections favored the incumbents because there were so few people coming out to vote. She said that November elections brought more voters out. She clarified that the March elections were paid for by the City.

City Clerk Joseph Kavanagh stated that the most recent estimate received from the Broward Supervisor of Elections for the November election was about \$17,000, which was a high end estimate. He noted that the prediction for the actual cost to be approximately \$15,800, based on past analysis. He believed the range of cost for the November election was \$60,000 to \$75,000.

Joyce Bryan, 7005 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Street, and Ed DeCristofaro, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, thanked everyone for their support for the fantastic Relay for Life, which had a great turnout. She commended the Margate Moonwalker's Team and Team Captain Carol DiLorenzo. Mr. DeCristofaro mentioned that he would be contacting the City to start a team for the Strides against Breast Cancer.

Rich Popovic, 6066 Winfield Boulevard, commented on Waste Management building the dump because of upcoming global warming. He also commented negatively on the Water Proclamations. He said that incumbents remained in office because of the system and not because of March elections. He disagreed with the racism comments made about the Commission. He felt that the March elections were moved to help the incumbents and the people voting in November did not have a clue about voting. He said that changing the election date was the worst thing that happened to Margate. He also commented on not having districts to vote in and changing the Charter to allow election of minorities.

#### **4) CONSENT AGENDA**

NO ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith reported that the paving project on Margate Boulevard west of Rock Island Road and an eastbound turn lane from Rock Island Road to Royal Palm Boulevard began today and would take approximately two weeks to complete. He added that the City Hall parking lot restoration project would begin May 28<sup>th</sup> as a staged project with evening and weekend work. He said it would take approximately two to three weeks to complete.

**6) RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. **RESOLUTION 12-469** - REALLOCATION OF UNUSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS.

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO ACCEPT.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

- B. **RESOLUTION 12-470** - REALLOCATION OF WESTON, FL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS.

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

- C. **RESOLUTION 12-471** - CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF RANCHO BOULEVARD TO CELEBRATION POINTE BOULEVARD.

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

- D. **RESOLUTION 12-472** - APPROVING A PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE BEDROOM COUNT AND DWELLING UNIT MIX OF CELEBRATION POINTE.

**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

**7) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING**

- A. **ORDINANCE – RZ-1-2014** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF RANCHO MARGATE MOBILE HOME PARK.

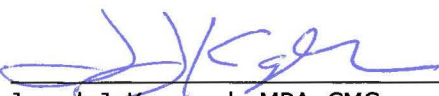
**MOTION:** SO MOVE TO APPROVE.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Talerico, Excused; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo



Joseph J. Kavanagh, MPA, CMC  
City Clerk



Date