



CITY OF MARGATE
Regular City Commission Meeting
Commission Chambers, 1st Floor
City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard
Margate, FL 33063

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 7:00 p.m.

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

City Staff Present: City Attorney Eugene M. Steinfeld; Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith; City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh; Department of Environmental Engineering Services (DEES) Director Reddy Chitepu; Economic Development Director Ben Ziskal; 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.

1) PRESENTATIONS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MADELINE TRUMBORE, 6TH GRADE, MARGATE MIDDLE

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: BETHANY INCE (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal)
ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: STEPHANIE QUACH (Ms. Janette Hameister, Principal or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)
HEBREW ACADEMY: SHMUEL FRIEDMAN (Rivka Denburg, Head of School, and Mrs. Michal Zagury, Sport's Team Coordinator)
~~LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: JAVON CLERISIER (Jessica Stiffel, School Representative)~~
MARGATE ELEMENTARY: KEVIN JAINARINE (Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Tara Pasteur, Assistant Principal)
MARGATE MIDDLE: LUKE CRUZ (Andrew Bronstein, Assistant Principal)
RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: ASHLEY BESSARD (Ms. Smith, Principal)

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: ELINE DE LIMA (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal)
ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: KATHY KIROUAC (Ms. Janette Hameister, Principal or Ms. Jounice Lewis, Assistant Principal)
HEBREW ACADEMY: COACH BRENNEN GRUBBS (Rivka Denburg, Head of School, and Mrs. Michal Zagury, Sport's Team Coordinator)
LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: JACQUELINE BEDFORD (Jessica Stiffel, School Representative)
MARGATE ELEMENTARY: CARRIE PAGLEY (Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Tara Pasteur, Assistant Principal)
MARGATE MIDDLE: SERGE TREYGER (Andrew Bronstein, Assistant Principal)
RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: MANUELA CRUZ (Ms. Guerra, School Representative)

PROCLAMATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY - APRIL 23, 2014 (presented to Carole Tolomeo, Margate Police Department)

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK - APRIL 6 - 12, 2014 (presented to Bettina Favata, Detective, Margate Police Department)

The meeting reconvened following a brief recess.

2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Talerico made no comments.

Commissioner Donahue reminded everyone about the Relay for Life on Friday, April 4th at Monarch High School starting at 6:00 p.m. He mentioned that the Margate Intergenerational Volunteer Band would be performing at 5:30 p.m. to begin the ceremony. He added that the Volunteer Program information was placed on the City's website under the resident section. He also mentioned the movie on Saturday in the park.

Commissioner Ruzzano congratulated Nora Lola for winning the Photo Contest with her picture of the Clock Tower. He also congratulated Gloria Shirley for receiving the Broward County Emerald Award Trophy for her beautifully landscaped property. He mentioned keeping the information posted on the water bill up to date. He commented on a possible Charter School being built on the corner of Banks Road and Coconut Creek Parkway, which he suggested the City keep on top of. He questioned whether awarding a bid by a point system rather than a price system was a new procedure in the City, such as with the canal erosion project that was awarded the bid by a point system.

Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith explained that he was on the review committee for the project and that there were multiple criteria used as part of the evaluation with price being one of the criteria, but not the sole criteria. He added that insurance also had to be reviewed as part of the process.

Commissioner Ruzzano mentioned Jim Nardi of the CRA management company and stated that he received many letters from business owners stating that he was an asset to the City. He said that Mr. Nardi did a great job, knew the buildings and had been managing the property for years.

City Attorney Eugene Steinfeld noted that under the Broward ordinance, the City Commission was not to interfere with determinations by Staff until it went through Staff recommendations.

Commissioner Ruzzano encouraged everybody to complete the Margate Strategic Planning survey. He mentioned parking and prior agreements to make a transit oriented corridor. He felt that the plans should be reconsidered with regard to the apartments and parking.

Vice Mayor Simone noted the first grand opening sign indicated on the monopod for Eyes on Atlantic. She thanked the Staff and the Commissioners for agreeing to the idea, which she felt would be positive for the businesses. She stated that she and Mayor Peerman went to Tallahassee for the Legislative Sessions. She said that they met with numerous Representatives and Senators to discuss the priority list. She thanked Senator Ring and Representative Waldman for their support and for asking for funding to rehabilitate Margate's sewer piping system. She also thanked Staff that worked on the folders they were provided with. She spoke about the importance of going to Tallahassee to make an impact and get necessary funding.

Mayor Peerman mentioned attending the Annual Broward Emerald Awards in Davie. She said that the event was incredible and that gardeners should try out for that award. She noted that this month was Autism Awareness Month and she encouraged everyone to put a blue light bulb in your patio light for support. She added that the Relay for Life event was being held this weekend and she hoped to see everyone there.

3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Joyce Williams Bryan, 7005 NW 17th Street, thanked the City Commission for their support. She mentioned that Commissioner Donahue would have his volunteer band playing at the event. She added that she was a member of the Margate Moonwalkers. She commended the City Clerk and the Assistant City Manager for their support with the can food drive. She invited cancer survivors to attend the free dinner, which was being donated by 10 restaurants. She noted that the event was at Monarch High School at 6:00 p.m.

Theresa DeCristofaro, 6600 Brandywine Drive South, explained that besides the Luminaria ceremony and the Survivor Dinner the event included all of the participating teams fundraising. She added that there would be face painting, tattoos, food and all items were themed with different countries.

Mrs. Bryan added that the Margate Moonwalkers were representing Germany with authentic strudel and more.

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh gave a special thanks to Margate Moonwalker's Team Leader Carol DiLorenzo.

Rick Riccardi, 4829 S. Hemingway Circle, President of the Chamber of Commerce, mentioned the recent carnival that had good participation though it rained. He commended the phenomenal entertainment showcased, as well as many volunteer bands. He felt that something should be included in the bidding process to allow the Margate businesses a prior announcement about the upcoming bid projects. He noted that when the new City plan was completed, there would be no empty field for having events. He mentioned looking into the property located on Banks Road and Coconut Creek Parkway. He thanked the City Commission for representing the City in Tallahassee with regard to the Sober Homes Bill. He noted that the Fellowship Foundation would be having a golf outing at Parkland Country Club on April 28, 2014.

Mayor Peerman explained how to obtain the upcoming bid information from the City's website. She noted that future events could be held at the Sports Complex.

Commissioner Ruzzano mentioned bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt, and a brief conversation ensued with regard to bringing back programs, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, through sponsorships. Commissioner Ruzzano also spoke about a possible point system for the bidding process.

Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith stated that he would provide a summary of the current process and any prior comments about the Margate business issue.

Rich Alianiello, 7631 NW 23rd Street, felt that it was a good idea to have temporary grand opening signs to display new businesses coming into the City. He mentioned his prior discussion pertaining to boats parked on the lawn. He expressed concern with regard to storms and hurricanes because boats sized from 18 feet to 35 feet were not anchored down.

Phil Hylander, 6993 NW 5th Place, was glad to see that the Charter Review Committee ideas were coming to fruition. He suggested having specific businesses sign up with the City so when a specific contract came up that business could be notified by e-mail, rather than having to view the website every day. He mentioned the new signs and suggested adding the City's name on top, such as, "Margate welcomes", indicating that the City was also involved.

Commissioner Ruzzano thanked Vice Mayor Simone for the signs idea. He agreed with putting the businesses on a list.

Rich Popovic, 6066 Winfield Boulevard, noted that the property mentioned on Banks Road and Coconut Creek Parkway was previously owned by the City of Margate; however, to repurchase it would be astronomical. He agreed with Commissioner Ruzzano regarding the future development plans and felt that the redevelopment would never happen. He stated that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Broward County want the redevelopment because they want City Centers along State Road 7 so they can apply to the Federal Government for additional grants. He stated that the redevelopment had nothing to do with what the residents wanted. He noted that if not in agreement with the redevelopment, Broward County could take back the money.

Commissioner Ruzzano mentioned a prior survey, and Mayor Peerman noted that 187 people responded to the survey and residences were discussed. A discussion ensued with regard to the redevelopment.

Scott Yardley, resident, mentioned his prior offer of televising the City Commission meetings on Channel 78. He said that the City was accused of not being transparent and he was providing the opportunity to serve the public by televising the meetings. He stated that the Swap Shop that was closed down was very popular as a unique target. He suggested putting in a new Swap Shop to increase money with a constant flow of people. He suggested adding a small restaurant on the property.

Mayor Peerman noted that the Swap Shop was not regulated by any health inspections or law enforcement inspections, and only taxes were paid on the land. She said that for the City to have a Swap Shop there, the City would have to go through all of the government entities.

Mitch Pellecchia, 6890 NW 9th Street, suggested putting a Police Station on the old bank land, which would free up space in City Hall. He also suggested putting the Community Center on the Swap Shop property with a swimming pool and gymnasium. He said that the property across the street could then be developed with restaurants for the people to utilize. He stated that the property could be refaced rather than being replaced and that adding out parcels along the street would provide the street side zoning. He said that the corner of Margate Boulevard and State Road 7 would be where the apartment building would be built. He spoke about touching base with the businesses by the simple tax receipt listing, and that e-mails could be sent out to the businesses and contractors. He also commented on cleaning roads and liability.

Eddie Vasquez, 7331 NW 18th Street, spoke about racial discrimination and civil rights violations. He said that he was a former Commissioned Officer in the Marine Corps running a 250 man company with many ethnic groups. He stated that the demographics in Margate indicated that African Americans made up 25.8 percent of the population; Hispanics made up 22.2 percent; and foreign born made up 30.9 percent. He said that there was no representation of these groups in the Police, Fire or City Commission. He stated that the government representation was not a representation of the community. He noted that he was a victim of discrimination and was involved in an ongoing investigation.

Commissioner Ruzzano noted that Commissioner Donahue would be looking into a Multi-Cultural Board, and that the City Commission was elected by the residents.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MOTION-AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE WITH THE REFERENDUM SUBJECT OF "CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR GENDER NEUTRALITY, CAPITALIZATION, DELETION OF OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, CURRENT TECHNOLOGY FORMAT"
- B. MOTION-AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE WITH REFERENDUM SUBJECT OF "CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR CITY MANAGER, BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND DESIGNATING ACTING CITY MANAGER."
- C. MOTION-AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE WITH THE REFERENDUM SUBJECT OF "CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS, DIRECTOR, OFFICES, AGENCIES AND BOARDS, CONTRACTS, PURCHASES AND BID AWARDS."
- D. MOTION-AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE WITH THE REFERENDUM SUBJECT OF "CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS, OATH, AND ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR"
- E. MOTION-AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE WITH THE REFERENDUM SUBJECT OF "CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR LESS THAN FULL TERM, MISSING COMMISSION MEETINGS, HEARING FOR FORFEITURE OF OFFICE".

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Douglas E. Smith reported that the City Auction would take place on April 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works Facility, and the information was available on the City's website under the meetings and calendar section. He explained that the survey being performed was part of the Strategic Planning Process. He said that the Strategic Plan would be looking at the City's vision, mission, values and goals for the future. He stated that he was seeking resident and business input through an online survey. He noted that the deadline to respond was April 9th and the survey could also be accessed on the website, margatefl.com. He added that printed copies were available at City Hall and the survey was also provided in Creole and Spanish translations.

Item 8 was heard prior to Item 6

8) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

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

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. **RESOLUTION 12-464** - AMENDING CITY COMMISSION DATES FOR 2014.

MOTION: SO MOVE TO AMEND FROM DECEMBER 3RD TO DECEMBER 17TH.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

- B. **RESOLUTION 12-465** - AWARD OF BID NO. 2014-009 FURNISH AND DELIVER SODIUM HYDROXIDE AT A COST OF \$1.57/GALLON FOR TRUCKLOAD DELIVERY AND \$1.89/GALLON FOR LESS THAN TRUCKLOAD DELIVERY. CITY OF MARGATE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE GROUP.

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Item D was heard prior to Item C.

- D. **RESOLUTION 12-466** - AWARD OF BID NO. 2014-007 SANITARY FORCE MAIN INSTALLATION TO METRO EQUIPMENT SERVICE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,449,895.00.

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

- C. **RESOLUTION 12-467** - APPROVING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF BICYCLES AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

7) RESOLUTION(S) - QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

- A. **RESOLUTION 12-468** - CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE, TO PERMIT DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES AT ROCK ISLAND PLAZA (374-400 ROCK ISLAND ROAD) FOR DUNKIN DONUTS.

MOTION: SO MOVE.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Talerico, Aye; Commissioner Donahue, Yes; Commissioner Ruzzano, Yes; Vice Mayor Simone, Yes; Mayor Peerman, Yes. The motion passed 5-0.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Carol DiLorenzo



Joseph J. Kavanagh, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Date