



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

**Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz**  
**Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano**  
**Commissioners:**  
**Lesa Peerman, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone**

**City Manager Samuel A. May**  
**Interim City Attorney Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.**  
**City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh**

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Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz

In Attendance:

City Manager Samuel A. May  
City Attorney James A. Cherof  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Athletes of the Month were heard before the other Presentations.

**D.** [ID 2018-060](#) SOCCER: AARON CABALLERO  
(Margate United FC U11)

BASEBALL: GIUSEPPE KOPCZYK  
(Margate Baseball 7U Travel Team and AA Division)

BASKETBALL: DAKOTAH DANIELS  
(Margate Youth Basketball League)

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

**A.** [ID 2018-021](#) 2018 RELAY FOR LIFE (presented by Lora Stearns, Community Development Manager, American Cancer Society, and Teresa DeCristofaro, Event Lead)

Theresa DeCristofaro talked about the 2018 Relay For Life Event on May 19, 2018, at Coconut Creek High School.

**C.** [ID 2018-057](#) HOME OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2018

Home of the Month was heard before Civilian of the Month.

- B. [ID 2018-047](#) CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2017 - MARITES D. BERNARDO-O'KEEFE, COURT LIAISON

## 2) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER LESA PEERMAN said that she was in Tallahassee when the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting happened. She discussed the tragedy in Parkland and the impact of the students in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. She asked for CONSENSUS asking the Mayor to send a letter to the City's State Representatives to support "Common Sense" gun laws. She also discussed the age limit to purchase fire weapons.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE said that the Sunrise gun-related Resolution was very well written and basically covered everything and asked if they could do something similar.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO questioned whether Cities could discuss gun regulation. He said that Sunrise's Resolution was too strict.

CITY ATTORNEY JAMES A. CHEROF said that Cities could not regulate what was pre-empted by the state but could weigh in on many types of issues similar to the type of Resolution that Sunrise had circulated to review and adopt.

VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO discussed the Parkland tragedy and suggested sending a letter to the City of Parkland, as well as the State Legislators.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said that he would draft a Resolution similar to Sunrise with alternative wording and bring it back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE received great feedback for DEES and City employees. She discussed walkways and bike paths, including the Complete Streets program. She praised the City Staff and said that they were wonderful professionals. She also mentioned adding a Resolution to the next Agenda regarding adding the words "In God We Trust" in the Commission Chambers.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed Margate becoming the first "Ring" City in the United States, which is a doorbell video monitoring device.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO mentioned the Challenger Baseball event on Sunday, February 25th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. He discussed the tragedy in Parkland and requested suggestions on how they could improve safety in Margate's schools.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO discussed making Margate being the safest City possible. He advised that the Margate Garage Sale would take place on March 17th.

COMMISSIONER PEERMAN highlighted the following events:

- Absolute Surplus Auction on Saturday February 24th on Rock Island and 1st Street.
- Movies in the Park on February 24th.

### 3) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET discussed the Parkland tragedy and gun control.

BARRY S. GLUCK, 7921 NW 29TH STREET explained that he represented a grass roots community group called Parents Against School Shootings (PASS), discussed the Parkland tragedy and read a statement.

Discussion ensued regarding school security ideas.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said he would research how the City can regulate private school security.

JILL R. CERCHIONE, 6188 SEMINOLE TERRACE said that she was the owner of Michelle's International Learning House and said that she was at the meeting on behalf of all early childcare education centers. She discussed the Parkland tragedy and childcare center lockdown protocol. She requested her business to be informed when lockdown situations occur near her facility.

Discussion ensued regarding the Code Red program being implemented and reaching out to Margate childcare centers.

CITY MANAGER MAY mentioned implementing a robocall system regarding lockdowns. He also said that he would get back to Ms. Cerchione pertaining to Code Red.

POLICE CHIEF DANA WATSON discussed the School Board of Broward County protocol for lockdowns.

MARK ROBINSON, 2450 BANKS ROAD explained that he worked for Liberty Elementary and discussed the Parkland tragedy and school safety at Liberty Elementary.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO asked about talking to Broward County Schools about ideas.

CITY ATTORNEY CHEROF said a Resolution or letter could be sent to the School Board.

Discussion ensued regarding sending a letter of suggestions to the School Board.

ANDREW ROSENGARTEN, 6770 NW 15TH STREET explained Florida's conditional approval on purchasing firearms. He also questioned the root cause of tragedies such as the incident that occurred in Parkland and how security measures could be improved.

STANLEY LEWIS, 5160 SW 8TH STREET discussed a Youth Football Tackle program trying to merge together North Lauderdale and Margate. He said that they were not asking for any funds.

CITY MANAGER SAM A. MAY asked Mr. Lewis to leave his number with the City Clerk.

DANNY MARINO, 2600 NW 69TH AVENUE said that he lived in the Carolinas and liked Commissioner Ruzzano's "Ring" idea. He discussed burglaries in his development and school security.

TONY SPAVENTO, 3194 WEST BUENA VISTA DRIVE discussed school security, gun control and what topics should be discussed at City meetings.

#### 4) 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.

- A. [ID 2018-064](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: OCTOBER 4, 2017 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2017 - REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

**APPROVED**

- B. [ID 2018-056](#) RESOLUTION - AMENDING AND UPDATING THE CITY'S LISTING OF SOLE SOURCE MANUFACTURERS AND PROVIDERS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 16-305; AUTHORIZING WAIVING OF BIDDING AS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUDGETED SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTS FOR SO LONG AS THE LISTED VENDOR REMAINS THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE ITEM(S) SPECIFIED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 18-019

**APPROVED**

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Peerman, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

#### 5) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER MAY explained that they had completed negotiations with The Federation of Public Employees (FPE). He said that there were four unions and that there were a few that had to vote on their contracts. He advised that construction had commenced at Dandee Donuts on the corner of State Road 7 and NW 31st Street. He said that they were finalizing their canal debris clean-up from Hurricane Irma. He said that Absolute Surplus Auction was at Public Works on February 24th.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH sought clarification from the Commission on drafting a letter for the legislation on gun control or bringing back a Resolution.

CONSENSUS was given by the Commission to draft a Resolution which they could add or edit on the night of the meeting.

#### 6) RESOLUTION(S)



- A. [ID 2018-065](#) PROVIDING FOR CITY SUPPORT OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2018 OPENING DAY OF THE CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM WHICH OCCURS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE MARGATE SPORTS COMPLEX; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO COORDINATE PAYMENT TO JOJI YOGURT, LLC, THE EVENT YOGURT VENDOR.

RESOLUTION 18-020

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, that this Resolution be approved and that it does not exceed the amount of \$2,500.**

Discussion ensued regarding the event and funding the costs from the City Commission - General Contribution account.

IVAN BREGER, JOJI YOGURT, LLC 5840 W SAMPLE ROAD asked if they could provide coupons for free Bubble Tea to anyone who participated in donating blood at the Margate Blood Drive on February 27th.

CITY MANAGER MAY said that they would get back to him.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE asked for costs to open Calypso Cove for a half day for Challenger Baseball.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL JONES estimated it was about \$1,600 for the last event.

Discussed ensued regarding the details of the event.

JULIE JONES discussed the item.

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

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Simone

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

- B. [ID 2018-067](#) ~~AUTHORIZING THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PURSUE BICYCLE AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NW 54TH AVE, NW 31ST ST, AND NW 62ND AVE.~~

This item was previously removed from the agenda and not heard at this meeting.

- C. [ID 2018-059](#) APPROVING A TWO PERCENT (2.0%) COST OF LIVING (COLA) FOR THE

PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Resolution, be approved.**

Discussion ensued regarding tabling this item.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, that this item should be tabled. This failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Peerman and Commissioner Simone

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

CHARLIE ARTNER, 6631 NW 22ND COURT discussed the item.

DANNY MARINO discussed the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline of this agenda item and providing evaluations.

TONY SPAVENTO discussed the item.

**The original motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Peerman and Commissioner Simone

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

## **7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING**

- A. [ID 2018-048](#)** AMENDING THE MARGATE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE ALL REFERENCES TO "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT" TO THE "DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT"; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Ordinance, First Reading, be approved. This carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

- B. [ID 2018-058](#) ORDINANCE TO REVISE WINDOW SIGN REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE FOR AMORTIZATION ON NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman to table this item to 4/18/18 so that they could get the architectural design guidelines.**

**Commissioner Peerman withdrew her motion to table.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, that this Ordinance, First Reading, be discussed.**

Discussion ensued regarding Applebee's.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Peerman, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to table this item to 4/18/18 so that they could get the architectural design guidelines. This carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Commissioner Peerman, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Caggiano

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Schwartz

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 5/3/18

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.