



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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

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

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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

City Manager Cale Curtis  
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### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[ID 2020-037](#) KAI LOBBAN, MARGATE RESIDENT, LYONS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-008](#) HOME OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2020  
Craig and Karen Lekutis, 6969 Camden Court
- B. [ID 2020-020](#) OFFICER OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2019 - OFFICER LEONARDO ALBIZU
- C. [ID 2020-027](#) RECOGNIZING MARGATE POLICE LIEUTENANT DAVID YOUNG FOR GRADUATING FROM THE 278TH FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ON DECEMBER 20, 2019 IN QUANTICO, VA.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- E. [ID 2019-647](#) ANNE CLARKE, POLICE DETECTIVE - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS  
  
ADAM SPEZIALE, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS  
  
Item 1E. heard before 1D.

**ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

- D. [ID 2020-032](#) BASEBALL: CHRISTOPHER CASSIDY, 6 YEARS OLD  
(Margate Cubs)

**2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET asked everyone to join her in singing Happy Birthday to the Chief of Police Shaw.

ARTHUR J. KRELL, 6117 EDWARDS ROAD discussed the City Commission and also the City of Margate's Code Compliance.

MARILYN A. KNEELAND, 7955 NW 5TH COURT, ORIOLE GARDENS PHASE II gave Happy New Year greetings to all, wished the Chief of Police Shaw a Happy Birthday and thanked the Police Department. She discussed a recent "Keep Margate Green" Committee Meeting pertaining to Margate's Executive Golf Course. She referenced Lennar Homes and asked the City to keep them informed of developments.

Discussion ensued on the "Keep Margate Green" meeting and defining "development" and "redevelopment".

BARBARA ALBRECHT, 7905 NW 5TH COURT, ORIOLE GARDENS II thanked the City for their service and for recognizing and attending the "Keep Margate Green" Committee meetings.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE explained her non-attendance at the "Keep Margate Green" Committee meeting and said that as it was not publically noticed, she was advised by the City Clerk's Office that only one Commissioner was permitted to speak at that meeting.

Discussion ensued on the Commission attending the "Keep Margate Green" Committee meeting.

TAMARA LOBBAN, 6624 NW 4 STREET highlighted the Margate and Coconut Creek connection and said that she loved the activities held in the City.

GAIL DE ANGELIS, 5040 SW 11 PLACE said that she lived at the back of Queen of Heaven Cemetery which bordered North Lauderdale and discussed a 25 feet right of way. She explained that she received a Notice from the City of North Lauderdale pertaining to a Planning and Zoning Board meeting on February 4th, 2020 concerning the expansion of the Cemetery and requested a City representative be present at the same. She also requested that the Cemetery should install a fence to protect the residents against the wildlife. She said that she left a letter for the attention of the City Manager.

Discussion ensued on the right of way and the City of North Lauderdale's Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

ROSE FARQUHARSON, PALM GATE said that she lived near to Ms. De Angelis for nearly 24 years and what she discussed was very distressing. She highlighted ongoing problems in that area and requested representation from the City as they were trying to get a wall or a fence which would separate them from that piece of land.

Discussion ensued on whether to send a letter to North Lauderdale or create a Resolution for the next City meeting.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS said that he would report back to the City Commission with his recommendations if they could legally get involved in the matter.

MITCH PELLECCCHIA, 6890 NW 9TH STREET advised that the former City Manager, Samuel A. May, was now involved in Public Works in North Lauderdale and said that the issues that the residents were experiencing could be resolved quickly.

### **3) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO explained that it was a pleasure and an honor to speak with a Scout Troop at Westchester Elementary School.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ thanked the people for their good wishes from her recent recovery of pneumonia.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO discussed the soon to be completed retrofit of an all new light system project at the Margate Sports Complex. He said that they were tentatively having an Opening Day for Baseball on February 8th. He asked for CONSENSUS to host a Retrofit Light Grand Opening Ceremony on February 7th, 2020 at 6:00pm with a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Discussion ensued including the cost to run this event.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to have the City Manager work with staff to host this event.

MAYOR RUZZANO said that they just left a swearing in of the new Officers at Oriole Gardens and advised that they were the only community in the City that did a St. Patrick's Day parade. He asked for a member of the Commission or a City staff to attend the Oriole Gardens meeting on Friday. He suggested that they should try to make this event similar to the City's July 4th parade to see how they could partner with the City and promote it. He wished the Chief of Police Shaw a Happy Birthday.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO said that he was awaiting the date and time of the meeting and if available, could attend the same.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH wished the Chief of Police a Happy Birthday.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT provided an update on a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) project meeting that was discussed at the last City Commission meeting. He explained that they hoped to have 100% construction drawings completed by February 29, 2020 and then this would go through a permitting process with the City and then subsequently, the County, which would take approximately 60 days. He indicated that depending on the permitting variables of time, they estimated the vertical construction to take place sometime in early May or mid-June. He advised that thereafter, the estimated contract time would be 200 days for final completion which would be by the end of the calendar year.

MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the Southeast Park \$2,000,000 project and referenced 18 world class parks in the City.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE suggested that when a project with financial costs was brought up, that it should be put on the agenda so that the public could be aware what they were voting on.

Discussion ensued.

## 5) 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 2020-034](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING REAPPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY G. ROMANO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD FOR THE TERM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2020, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION 20-003

APPROVED

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

## 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-021](#) APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF PUBLIC ART FROM THE RUFFINO FAMILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH VINCENZO J. RUFFINO'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT. ALL DONATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE. THE CITY SHALL RECEIVE OWNERSHIP OF ALL ARTWORK AND SHALL INSTALL ALL DONATED MATERIALS PER THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-004

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

MAYOR RUZZANO provided an explanation of this Resolution from a PowerPoint presentation.



BOY SCOUT VINCENZO J. RUFFINO thanked the Commission and discussed his idea for the Eagle project and the new Dog Park in Margate through a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued on the Dog Park.

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

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

## 7) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A. [ID 2020-028](#) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX-A ZONING; ARTICLE IX - TRANSIT ORIENTED CORRIDOR - CITY CENTER (TOC-CC) DISTRICT, SECTION 9.12 PARKING STANDARDS; ARTICLE XXXIII - OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, SECTION 33.1. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIRED; SECTION 33.2. LOCATION, CHARACTER AND SIZE; SECTION 33.3. AMOUNT OF OFF-STREET PARKING; SECTION 33.4. COMBINED OFF-STREET PARKING; PROVIDING FOR ELIMINATING MINIMUM NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2020-1500.650

**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 Arserio, Vice Mayor Schwartz and Mayor Ruzzano

- B. [ID 2020-030](#) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX-A ZONING, ARTICLE III - GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.10 - ABANDONED VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2020-1500.651

**A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be approved.**

VICE CHAIR SCHWARTZ sought further clarification whether this passed at the last City Commission meeting. She questioned whether the idea that people that had non-registered and non-insured vehicles could park them without any issue in the City.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

- C.** [ID 2020-031](#) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX-A ZONING; ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 3.22. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SERVE OR SELL ALCOHOL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2020-1500.652

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be discussed.**

Discussion ensued.

**An amendment was made by Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, to have seven days per week at 2:00am, with an application fee to be determined for a 4:00am license on the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and have a separate application for Monday - Sunday for 4:00am for a premium fee to be determined, and to keep the holidays currently listed in the proposed Ordinance. Also, have staff come back with a Resolution for the application process and respective fees. Additionally, to have the applications for extended hours be reviewed by the Chief of Police with final decision making authority with the City Manager, removing the Quasi-Judicial process being approved by the City Commission at a City Commission meeting, providing for an effective date of October 1, 2020.**

Discussion ensued on the proposed amendment.

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

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Arserio and Mayor Ruzzano

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Simone and Vice Mayor Schwartz

Discussion ensued.

The original motion as amended carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Arserio and Mayor Ruzzano

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Simone and Vice Mayor Schwartz

## 8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. [ID 2020-002](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - PRIVATE SPONSORSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS gave a brief overview that the Parks and Recreation Department were doing a great job putting together a first time/preliminary type of sponsorship packet and that they were looking for the Commission's final blessing before it was rolled out. He said that there were two different types of tiered sponsorship which included one for businesses being able to participate and provide sponsorships for the City's annual events which were July 4th, Fall Festival and WinterFest. He explained that the other type of sponsorship program was that businesses could purchase an advertisement type banner that would go out on the home run fence at the Sports Complex.

Discussion ensued.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH highlighted that they were going to create a standard contract for sponsorship and that everyone would be treated consistently.

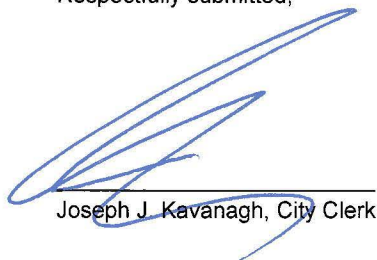
CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move forward with the proposed Sponsorship Program.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 4/13/20

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.