



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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Caggiano showed up at 7:56 P.M.

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 - RONALD HUFFMAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A.** [ID 2020-077](#) HOME OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY 2020
(Luz Luciano and Andrew Vissicchio, 5511 SW 10th Court)
- B.** [ID 2020-051](#) OFFICER OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2019 - DETECTIVE J. SCHWARTZ

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2019 - DETECTIVE J. RIVERA
- F.** [ID 2020-045](#) NEIL D. SOHN, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

Item 1F. was heard before Item 1C.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

- E.** [ID 2020-047](#) TRAVEL SOCCER: ANTHONY "TONY" REID, 11 YEARS OLD
(Margate United FC)
- BASEBALL: MICHAEL RUZZANO, 11 YEARS OLD

(Marlins 12U Division)

Item 1E. was heard before Item 1C.

C. [ID 2020-041](#) RECYCLING PRESENTATION BY WASTE MANAGEMENT

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT MANAGER BARBARA HERRERA explained that there were some changes to the recycling program and she provided an update for the City of Margate for 2020. She said that the main change was that they would no longer be accepting mixed paper such as mail, magazines, copy paper and paper board which included food, tissue and cereal boxes. She advised that from August 1st, 2020, paper would be considered as contamination as the market was over saturated with fiber.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ spoke on this Item.

Discussion ensued on recycling and contamination.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO said that he attended a Coconut Creek Commission meeting where they discussed getting a bailer which would cost approximately \$12,000 and there would be a spot where residents could throw their cardboard paper and the City could possibly sell that waste for \$500 - \$700. He questioned Waste Management Manager Herrera if that sum was realistic.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT MANAGER HERRERA said that it depended on the material, provided an example and referenced high-density polyethylene (HDpE) which was natural plastic.

Discussion ensued including the collection procedures.

CITY MANAGER CALE D. CURTIS explained that for promotional costs, most of the work they were doing on social media and some costs were associated with the bus stop benches at a few thousand dollars but that it had very little impact.

Discussion ensued on eliminating blue bins in the City with the option of residents requesting the same, recycling soda cans, microwavable containers and bottles with a narrow neck.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B recapped on points he made from a previous City Commission meeting on improving the City's recycling.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CHARLIE ARTNER, 6631 NW 22ND COURT referenced a recent meeting and also requested the Commission to look at the City's minimum road width which he said he had mentioned at previously meetings. He said that the road was not wide enough if parking was allowed on both sides of the street.

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET discussed an enormous amount of misinformation on social media and requested users to research before posting comments.

PHIL ALBRECHT, 7905 NW 5TH COURT thanked the Commissioners who attended The Keep Margate Green meeting. He said that he understood that there had been a sale

agreement with the Executive Golf Course and requested an update.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO provided an update and said that currently, it was a private sale so they had no way of determining whether it would continue operating as a golf course.

Discussion ensued.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH echoed Commissioner Arserio's comments and advised that as it was going between two private entities and that it was not the City's property being sold, then they may not have notice.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Golf Course.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET discussed over watering by the median between N. Rock Island Road and Royal Palm Boulevard near McDivot's.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO thanked everyone for attending and apologized for arriving late at the meeting.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE thanked Communications and Marketing Manager, Alison H. Saffold, for the tremendous job she did for putting together the City's Military Tribute Banner program and discussed the same. She recommended better communication with all the Commissioners at the same time.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ discussed the problem with parking and road widths and proposed looking at widening any streets in new developments.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO discussed road widening and referenced Planned Unit Development (PUD). He confirmed that they could look at street widening and that he would like to put it into the Strategic Plan but he did not want to deviate from what they had accomplished.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO discussed the ownership and problems of residential parking spots. He confirmed that he agreed on research into road widening.

Discussion ensued on road widening.

VICE MAYOR SCHWARTZ highlighted problems with people parking in front of a mailbox on a residential street. She advised that the video taken by the Police and Fire Department for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was on the Police Department's City's Facebook page. She forewarned that everyone should take a look at their Voter's Registration form as her own information was incorrect. She referenced a star on the Florida Driving License and discussed the REAL ID program.

MAYOR RUZZANO discussed how he spent the anniversary of Marjory Stoneman Douglas on Valentine's Day. He referenced the Strategic Planning meeting and asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission for doing an Employee of the Year and plaque together with recognizing residents that lived in the City in excess of 50 years.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move forward with a program for Employee of the Year selected by the presiding Mayor and a program to recognize 50 year residents.

MAYOR RUZZANO discussed Coconut Creek putting an Item on their Agenda to move forward with the 911 dispatch with Coral Springs.

Discussion ensued on the 911 dispatch system.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CALE D. CURTIS had no City Manager's report to provide.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

No items on Consent agenda.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-078](#) AWARDING RFP NO. 2020-003 - PARK IMPROVEMENTS - VINSON PARK TO MBR CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,130,000 INCLUSIVE OF BASE SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES, OTHER PROPOSED SERVICES AND AMENITIES, ALLOWANCES, AND CONTINGENCY FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-007

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, that this Resolution, should be discussed.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE requested changes be made to the amenities at this park and questioned the need for a Splash Pad. She suggested that a rented picnic pavilion would serve the park better.

Discussion ensued.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL JONES explained that the reason why staff were recommending MBR Construction was that the overall proposal was making this a high performing public space. He advised that it was the direction of the Commission during their Bond Workshop to include water features at these locations.

Discussion ensued including drainage.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH provided legal advice on this Resolution.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, to raise the contingency funding amount to \$55,000. This carried by the following vote:

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

The original motion as amended carried by the following vote:

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

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. [ID 2020-081](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - SUPPORT FOR RISING TIDE CAR WASH JOINING THE CORAL SPRINGS COMMUNITY

This item was heard immediately after 6A.

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that the owner of Rising Tide Car Wash requested if the City would sponsor a letter for them to expand their business to Coral Springs.

RISING TIDE CAR WASH OWNER spoke on this Item.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to have the letter show support from all City Commissioners.

MR. ALIANIELLO spoke positively on this business.

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2020-050](#) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, SECTION 2-11 - REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING OUTSTANDING LIENS; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, that this Ordinance, First Reading, should be approved.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH confirmed that it would normalize and standardize the charges that the City had for Liens which would bring in more revenue and would make it more consistent with surrounding cities.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO was fully supportive of this Item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (CONTINUED)

B. [ID 2020-082](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES 63RD ANNUAL GALA, MAY 16, 2020

This item was heard immediately after 7A.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Mayor Ruzzano, that this item, should be discussed.

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that this was a networking event where they got to meet other City Commissioners and staff. He spoke on the importance of networking and said that it was a good event.

Discussion ensued including networking.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE spoke against the City attending this event and advised the residents that it cost \$5,000.

VICE MAYOR SCHWARTZ agreed with Commissioner Simone in terms of the cost of this event and suggested that the signage recognition of the event did not help anybody apart from those that attended the same. She said that if she was going to vote for this item, she would only vote for the \$2,500 as she did not see any value in the \$5,000.

Discussion ensued on the cost of the event.

A motion was made by Mayor Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Arserio, to approve the \$5,000 sponsorship package.

LAUREN BERACHA, PARADISE GARDENS III explained that if they felt it necessary to do this, she asked them to do it at \$2,500.

VALERIE PERRY, 6812 DOGWOOD LANE said that the residents were still having a major issue with the car allowance and suggested that they should deduct it from that revenue to pay for the Broward League of Cities Gala.

Discussion ensued on the Gala, City Commission and Department heads' car allowance.

MR. ALIANIELLO queried the entry fee for the Broward League of Cities and recommended that the City Commission should go for the full package.

Discussion ensued.

BARBARA ALBRECHT, 7905 NW 5TH COURT queried whether those who wanted to attend could pay for their own ticket.

Discussion ensued including budgeted line items.

MR. ARTNER said that he had no problem with the \$2,500 as he indicated that the fee for \$5,000 which included advertising was not feasible.

Discussion ensued including advertising.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Commissioner Simone and Vice Mayor Schwartz

MAYOR RUZZANO highlighted a St Patrick's Day Parade at Oriole Gardens III.

Discussion ensued including advertising this event in different developments.

ADJOURNMENT

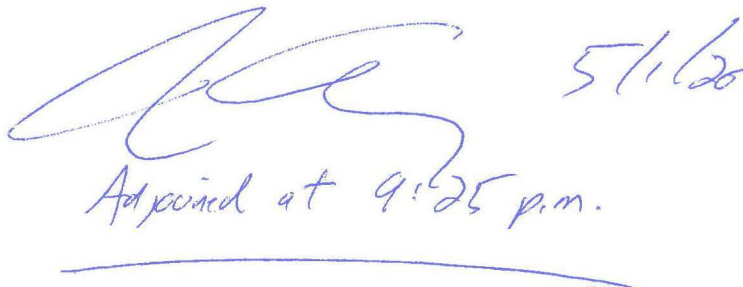
PLEASE NOTE:

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.



5/1/20
Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.