



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Special 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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Thursday, July 16, 2020

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83516449531>

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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

Commissioner Caggiano attended via Zoom

Commissioner Simone attended via Zoom

Commissioner Arserio attended via Zoom

Vice Mayor Schwartz attended in person

Mayor Ruzzano attended in person

City Manager Cale Curtis attended in person

City Attorney Janette M. Smith attended via Zoom

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh attended in person

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

No Presentations.

CRA COORDINATOR RITA RODI read a statement pertaining to the City's virtual public meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order.

#### 2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH explained the protocol for submitting a Public

Comment.

There was no Public Discussion.

### 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO discussed the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and advised people to adhere to the safety rules. He asked the City Manager when they were expecting the Broward Sheriff's Office's (BSO) proposal.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS said that he did not know when the BSO's proposal would be brought to his attention but the process to obtain a quote had started. He said that both he and Fire Chief Lorenzo would be following this up and would share all the information they needed to obtain the quote.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE advised everyone to continue to be safe and indicated that if they saw a business not adhering to the rules, to report it to 311.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO echoed the comments which his colleagues had mentioned and highlighted the record amount of COVID-19 fatalities. He requested the public to be safe and respectful to others. He said that he was also interested in receiving feedback from concerned parents and teachers.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ piggy backed on what Commissioner Arserio said about the schools. She highlighted the spike in COVID-19 recorded cases and reminded people to wear a mask and spoke of its importance. She thanked State Representative Anika T. Omphroy for her involvement in last Saturday's mask giveaway.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO discussed last Saturday's mask giveaway and said that they were going to do another one in approximately three weeks. He highlighted an upcoming blood drive event with a free antibody test on Margate Boulevard. He requested the public to speak to business owners or managers if they saw a problem as it would only take one call for the same to be shut down. He discussed the \$340,000,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that the County had not yet distributed to municipalities.

Discussion ensued on the CARES Act funding.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that Broward County had set aside 30% for the municipality allocations. He explained that the Broward League of Cities put together a sub-committee that was formed through Broward City Managers Association and they had been working on a category recommendation breakdown of how those funds would be distributed or allocated to each city which consisted of four different categories. He received an update today from the sub-committee and they were looking for final thoughts from the Broward City Managers Association before they presented them to the County. He said that it would not be a heavily debated type of allocation and that the sub-committee indicated that the County was anxious to spend these funds but had to have the mechanisms in place to distribute them. He said that at the meeting today, it seemed that they were ready to submit it to the County and that the next steps would be for them to form interlocal agreements (ILA) between the County and the cities to distribute those funds and to provide the mechanisms for them to submit their invoices for reimbursement. He advised that the City would be prepared and ready to do that as they had been keeping a detailed track of their COVID-19 expenses.

Discussion ensued on other expenses that were not on the list and the distribution of the

CARES Act funding.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission to hold a shade meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission.

#### 4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that they had coordinated with a private lab company, Lab 24, that provided polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing which was performed by a nasal swab.

He requested CONSENSUS from the City Commission for sponsorship for a COVID-19 testing site and to provide a drive up testing with Lab 24 on July 25th on Margate Boulevard's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) property.

He advised that they were working with a company on getting testing for Medicare, Medicaid and the uninsured and that they would do free testing at no cost to the employee but they would bill the patient's insurance company. He said that they were in preliminary discussions in working with State Representative Omphroy's office to potentially bring a Florida Department of Health testing site at the CRA property. He said that he visited the City of Lauderdale today to view their set-up which was supported by the National Guard and believed that the CRA property would be appropriate and that the site had the potential of being up and running within two weeks.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission.

#### 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 2020-249](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA APPROVING FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUBAWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES OR ANY OTHER RELATED PROJECTS RESULTING FROM COVID-19; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER to APPROVE SUBAWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENTS RELATED TO COVID-19 AND TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS OR RENEWALS WHICH PROVIDE FOR FUNDING OR TO MEET STATE OR FEDERAL GUIDELINES, without FURTHER COMMISSION action; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO APPROVE ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-041

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, 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) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

### A. [ID 2020-243](#) PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARGATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; ACCEPTING THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,052 WHICH IS ALLOCATED TO THE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY OF FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION; ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARGATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2020-2024 PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OF HOUSING REHABILITATION, FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE, PUBLIC FACILITIES/SERVICES, AND ADMINISTRATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND/OR SUBMIT ANY AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-042

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that as an entitlement of City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, that they use those funds for a variety of activities and that part of the requirement for receiving the funds was that they had to adopt an actual annual plan and a five-year consolidated plan.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

## 7) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-167](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING URBAN COUNTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND CITY OF MARGATE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN BROWARD COUNTY'S URBAN COUNTY DESIGNATION FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2023; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-043

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that presently, the City was responsible for all the accounting and administrative duties of the CDBG program. He explained that this Agenda Item was for an agreement for the County to take over the planning and the administrative activities such as developing these plans but the City would maintain control and would still be responsible for providing direction on what activities they wanted to use.

Discussion ensued.

**This carried by the following vote:**

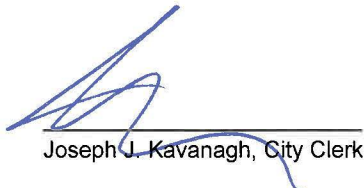
**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Schwartz and Mayor Ruzzano

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 8/6/2020

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.

The City of Margate's procedure for the virtual public meeting are as follows:

- Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52, in which the Governor declared a public health emergency and a state of emergency, there is a recommendation to limit public gatherings.
- On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending the quorum requirements for public meetings held by a local government body, and the requirement that a local government body must meet at a specific public place.
- On June 23, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-150, extending Executive Order 20-69 regarding local government public meetings until 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2020.
- Consistent with the authority contained in the Governor's Executive Orders, and in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Margate's residents and employees, the City of Margate finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Margate to hold this virtual public meeting.
- Therefore, the City of Margate will be holding this virtual meeting through the use of electronic communication. Members of the public are invited to join the City of Margate meeting by accessing the meeting through Zoom using Webinar ID: 835-1644-9531 or can call in via telephone by calling one of the following phone numbers: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099.
- A copy of the Agenda for this Virtual Meeting is posted on [www.MargateFL.com](http://www.MargateFL.com) and on the main bulletin board outside City Hall located at 5790 Margate Blvd, Margate, FL 33063.
- Any comments related to any item on the agenda can be submitted to the City of Margate via the following e-mail address: [JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM](mailto:JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM).

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY OF MARGATE'S VIRTUAL SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M.

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Go to [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com)

Go to "Agendas & Minutes" > Find the respective meeting date and click "Agenda Summary" to view the agenda items and see the Zoom meeting website address

**THROUGH COMCAST CHANNEL 78:**

If you are a Comcast/Xfinity customer, please go to Channel 78 to view the meeting.

PRIOR to the start of the meeting, email Public Comments to [jjkavanagh@margatefl.com](mailto:jjkavanagh@margatefl.com) (all public comments that are three (3) minutes or less will be read into the record.)

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3. On the computer users should click "Participants" then see option to raise hand
4. Once you have been selected to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your device or stay muted.