

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

July 15, 2020

MINUTES

Present:

Arlene Schwartz
Antonio V. Arserio
Joanne Simone
Anthony Caggiano, Vice Chair
Tommy Ruzzano, Chair

Also Present:

Cale Curtis, Executive Director
David Tolces, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
Michael Burke, Esquire, Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch,
Burke, Piper, Hochman, P.A.
Certified Court Reporter

The special meeting of the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency having been properly noticed was called to order at 11:06 a.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, by Chair Tommy Ruzzano. Roll call was taken. There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Tolces, Board Attorney, stated the Margate CRA was holding a virtual attorney-client session. As provided for by Florida Statutes Section 286.011, he stated that the attorney-client session would open to the public via Zoom Virtual Meeting and then move to a Closed Session via Zoom Virtual Meeting. Following the Closed Session, the meeting would reopen and be adjourned via Zoom Virtual Meeting. He stated that the public was not allowed to attend the Closed Session. He read the Margate CRA's Findings and Procedures for Virtual Public Meetings.

He said the Margate CRA Board of Commissioners would be going into an attorney-client session being held pursuant to F.S. Section 286.011. The session would be held between the Board members of the Margate CRA and Special Counsel as follows: Chair Tommy Ruzzano, Vice Chair Anthony Caggiano, Board Member Antonio Arserio, Board Member Arlene Schwartz, Board Member Joanne Simone, Margate CRA Attorney David Tolces, Special Counsel Michael Burke, Executive Director Cale Curtis, and a Certified Court Reporter.

Attorney Tolces stated that the purpose of the Closed Session was to discuss litigation strategies related to expenses and any potential settlement negotiations in Case No: CACE 18-004869 (13) New Urban Communities, LLC, Plaintiff, versus the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Margate, Florida.

Chair Ruzzano recessed the public meeting at 11:12 a.m. The Closed Session via Zoom Virtual Meeting convened in the office of Executive Director, third floor, City Hall, 5790 Margate Boulevard, Margate, Florida.

Chair Ruzzano reopened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., and asked if there were any comments.

Board member Arserio said he understood that there would be harsh penalties for speaking about what was discussed in the Closed Session, and he asked whether someone who gained knowledge of the meeting and shared that knowledge as a conduit would also be subject to stiff penalties. Attorney Tolces stated that being a conduit was a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Arserio made the following motion, seconded by Vice Chair Caggiano:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tommy Ruzzano, Chair

Transcribed by Rita Rodi, CRA Coordinator

