



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, September 2, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87803955867>

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 via Zoom

Mayor Ruzzano attended in person

City Manager Cale Curtis attended in person

City Attorney Janette M. Smith attended in person

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh attended in person

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-302](#) PRESENTATION BY BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER MARTY KIAR.

BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER (BCPA) MARTY KIAR gave a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to how taxes were processed in Broward County. He gave a snapshot of where Margate was right now and said that it was doing very well as it had outperformed the County's average. He explained about the notification letters that were distributed recently and said that they were sent in advance for accuracy before the

tax forms were issued in November. He said that there were 14,643 Homestead Exemptions in Margate and he also discussed the importance of Homestead and how exemptions could be implemented. He also informed how the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) would affect property values and tax purposes for this year.

Discussion ensued including a question and answer session.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI thanked Mr. Kiar and said that his office was always efficient and helpful. He discussed a matter concerning an elderly resident pertaining to a Homestead Exemption and a mortgage increase. He also discussed fraud pertaining to Homestead Exemptions and referenced Florida Power & Light Company (FPL).

Discussion ensued.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

RICHARD ZUCCHINI asked for elevators to be a requirement in new multi-story family residential constructions.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO said that he would contact the Broward League of Cities to see if they could do anything about this.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH read an email submitted by Michael A. Sirjue of 6811 NW 4th Street, pertaining to walking pedestrians.

MAYOR RUZZANO responded to Mr. Sirjue's comments.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO responded to Mr. Sirjue's comments.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO asked people to be safe.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE thanked Parks and Recreation Director Jones and his staff for last Saturday's Mask Giveaway event. She asked residents to continue to be safe, to wear their masks and indicated that the COVID-19 numbers were going down.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO thanked BCPA Marty Kiar for his presentation and encouraged the residents to contact them with any questions and also discussed exemptions for disabled veterans. He thanked the City Commission and Parks and Recreation Director Jones for the recent Mask Giveaway event. He also thanked the residents who were partaking in the event. He said that he was looking forward to Culver's grand opening on September 5th.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ echoed what everyone had said pertaining to the Mask Giveaway event. She highlighted the forthcoming general election and referenced the City's statement of "Together We Make It Great."

MAYOR RUZZANO read a letter from Michelle's Learning Center on the impact of COVID-19 on their business and referenced reimbursement for attending students. He

asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission to write a letter of support to Broward County and State Governor DeSantis to advocate for enhanced COVID-19 funding for learning centers, such as Michelle's International Learning.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission.

MAYOR RUZZANO explained that there were some residents from Oriole Gardens who were asking for a border from the street to the front of Rock Island Road and said that he would share the letter with the rest of the Commission.

Discussion ensued on small businesses and daycare.

MAYOR RUZZANO referenced the last City Commission meeting and said that one of the Board of Adjustment (BoA) nominees pulled their application and said that this appointment could be re-opened at a future City Commission meeting. He asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission to have Commissioner Caggiano's Board of Adjustment appointment on the October 7th, 2020, Regular City Commission meeting Agenda.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH advised on the protocol for advertising and resubmitting the BoA position for a future City Commission meeting.

Discussion ensued on the date for the BoA position.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission.

MAYOR RUZZANO illustrated two pictures of a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) project on Winfield Boulevard which he indicated should be completed within approximately 30 days.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS recognized and thanked Parks and Recreation and other members of staff in setting up the Mask Giveaway distribution which he said was very successful.

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 2020-308](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: JULY 22, 2020, SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2020-301](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF FOUR (4) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY, MARGATE ELEMENTARY, LIBERTY ELEMENTARY AND MARGATE MIDDLE SCHOOLS FOR AUGUST 19, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 9, 2021; AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO RENEW THIS ANNUAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE SAME TERMS WITHOUT FURTHER

COMMISSION ACTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 20-265

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2020-311](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION WASHOUT SETTLEMENT WITH GEORGE WOOLLEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 WITHOUT ADMISSION OF COMPENSABILITY.

RESOLUTION 20-266

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2020-313](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION WASHOUT SETTLEMENT WITH ERIN YOUNG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 WITHOUT ADMISSION OF COMPENSABILITY.

RESOLUTION 20-267

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

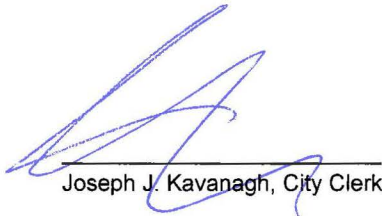
Yes: 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Schwartz and Mayor Ruzzano

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 10/02/2020

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 is holding a virtual public hearing on September 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. This statement explains the City of Margate's findings related to the need to hold the virtual public meeting, and the ability of the public to access the virtual public meeting.

The City of Margate's findings and 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 August 7, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-193, extending Executive Order 20-69 regarding local government public meetings until 12:01 a.m. on October 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 clients 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 communications. Members of the public are invited to join this virtual meeting by going to www.zoom.com and entering Webinar ID: 878 0395 5867 or by calling in via telephone by dialing one of the following phone numbers: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099 - Webinar ID: 878 0395 5867
- A copy of the Agenda for this Virtual Meeting is posted on 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: JKKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M.

THROUGH THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

Go to 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 (all public comments that are three (3) minutes or less will be read into the record.)

ALTERNATE OPTION FOR VIEWING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:

THROUGH ZOOM TECHNOLOGY:

Instructions for Attendees\Participants:

Topic: "Virtual Meeting - Margate Regular City Commission Meeting"

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2. If going through mobile (phone\tablet) app, to raise hand select "Participants", then see option to raise hand.
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.