



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609261991>
Webinar ID: 846 0926 1991

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Caggiano attended via Zoom

Commissioner Simone attended via Zoom

Commissioner Ruzzano attended in person

Vice Mayor Arserio attended via Zoom

Mayor Schwartz attended in person

City Manager Curtis attended in person

City Attorney Smith attended via Zoom

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person

1) PRESENTATION(S)

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ asked for CONSENSUS to move Presentation 1B before Presentation 1A.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH read a statement pertaining to the City's virtual public meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order.

B. [ID 2021-036](#) INTRODUCTION TO THE CODE RE-WRITE PROJECT

This Item was heard before 1A.

CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES (CGA) INC, DIRECTOR, JIM HICKEY explained the organization's background and said that they were one of the largest planning firms in the state of Florida. He explained that they contracted with the City to work with staff to make some changes and would focus primarily on the pre-development site plan process, Zoning Code and Zoning Regulations. He highlighted the phases that they would be working on and referenced holding future Workshops.

Discussion ensued including service water, retention areas and the Comprehensive plan.

A. [ID 2021-015](#) UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION BOND PROJECTS.

This Item was heard immediately after 1B.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL A. JONES provided his third update and overview on the Parks Bonds Projects. He hoped that when the pandemic was over, the residents would be able to go out and enjoy the parks to their maximum potential. He highlighted the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for Southeast Park and said that they were very proud of this project. He provided an update on the retrospective light emitting diode (LED) fitting at the Sports Complex and Southeast Park and informed that the City's electrical costs had decreased by 35 percent to approximately \$34,000 per year in savings for the two locations. He highlighted the benefits of the LED's 10-year warranty. He also provided an update to the Vinson Field Improvement project.

Discussion ensued on the Vinson Field Improvement project and artificial turfs.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES discussed the design phase at Oriole Park that included a proposal to change the baseball field.

Discussion ensued on landscaping, the pavilion and access to the food trucks at Oriole Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES provided an update on Centennial Park and referenced a splash pad.

Discussion ensued on improving the visibility of Centennial Park, retaining it as a neighborhood park, the width of the walking path and scheduling the pickle ball fields.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES discussed that he received direction to evaluate and replace the Lazy River Project at Calypso Cove. He explained that after evaluation, staff recommended a number of projects that included the removal of the current basketball courts and replacing them with a new splash golf, addition of a nine-hole putt-putt golf and the removal and replacement of the existing water playground that was 15 years old with a new pool.

Discussion ensued on the maintenance of the Calypso Cove pool.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES continued to discuss the proposed projects for Calypso Cove including the nine hole splash golf.

A video was shown of Calypso Cove and discussion ensued including replacing the

basketball courts.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES continued with his presentation, referenced the existing water playground and recommended getting a new feature.

Discussion ensued.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES continued to discuss recommendations to the potential playground renovations at Calypso Cove. He wrapped up his presentation by discussing how they operated and how Calypso Cove performed financially for the City. He explained that the City did not recover all of its operating costs and he evaluated the budgets of neighboring cities in Broward County that had aquatics divisions and/or water parks. He advised that the costs recovery for the City was 50 percent and on a five-year average, they ranked second on a list of similar municipalities. He indicated that they found creative ways to find new revenue with lower overhead costs.

Discussion ensued with a question and answer session between the Parks and Recreation Director Jones and the City Commission on the City projects including holding alcohol licenses in parks and liability issues that may arise.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH asked for CONSENSUS to look into Calypso Cove for any potential liability that could be attributed to holding a liquor license and referenced finding any case law.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ asked if anyone was opposed to that.

Discussion ensued on case law pertaining to having a liquor license, leasing Calypso Cove, the size of the pool and parking.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS discussed ways on how they could move forward with the proposed City projects, referenced the price of a flow rider and asked for direction from the City Commission pertaining to renovating the existing water playground, the splash golf and the sand playground and with the possibility of expanding the project with a higher budget amount.

Discussion ensued on Calypso Cove projects.

ELLIE HARRIS said that she had a brand new perspective for Calypso Cove and suggested putting everything into an enclosed area that she believed could increase revenue.

Discussion ensued on the water playground, sponsorship opportunities and providing direction to the City Manager Curtis and Parks and Recreational Director Jones.

The City Commission asked staff to come back with more ideas for the Calypso Cove project.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

C. [ID 2020-454](#) GREGORY GIACOMINO, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

JOSEPH A. COFER, DRIVER/ENGINEER - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

JACQUES CHERILUS, SERVICE WORKER II - PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

CRAIG DAVIS, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS

KATARZYNA NOWAK, ACCOUNTANT - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - 5
YEARS

BRYAN DOUGLAS ANTLE II, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE
DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

TRENT D. BRADY, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 5
YEARS

STEPHEN REID DAVIS, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT -
5 YEARS

FRANCISCO V. HERRERA, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE
DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

BRANDON SCOTT LANG, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 5 YEARS

SCOTT ALAN PITTS, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 5
YEARS

AMADO J. CARDENAS, SERVICE WORKER - PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

NICKOLAUS LEE, UTILITY TECH - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 5 YEARS

DIXIE-ANN GANGOO, RECEPTIONIST - SENIOR CENTER - 5 YEARS

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

ELSA J. SANCHEZ wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She recognized and praised Police Officers DeNardo and Jimenez about an incident in their community. She also said that she would be having a Zoom meeting with two Margate Police Officers next week. She requested updates on the Firehouse in Royal Palm and life insurance for City staff and the Commission.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that they were in the final stages of their permitting and that they were looking at doing a ceremonial groundbreaking in the near future. He also advised that City staff were awaiting information from the insurance provider for a solution as per the City Commissioner's direction that would be incorporated into the budget process for the next fiscal year.

Discussion ensued on the life insurance.

TRACY VAN WINKLE referenced the greenway trail along the C-14 and requested markings for location purposes due to a problem with 911 Dispatch finding the exact area where somebody sought assistance.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO said that he would mention that request when he attended tomorrow's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting.

Discussion ensued.

ELLIE HARRIS spoke about the Executive Golf Course.

Discussion ensued.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO discussed the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and requested the public to wear masks.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE congratulated and appreciated the respective employees for their respective years of service.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO thanked Parks and Recreation for the commencement of the Blueway Trail Project in the canals. He also spoke about the blockage at the canal located behind Margate Middle School caused by debris. He discussed feedback pertaining to the Executive Golf Course.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO echoed Commissioner Ruzzano's comments pertaining to the Executive Golf Course. He recognized Police Officers Hernandez and Wolosh's response to a burglary and referenced the first responders and medical professionals. He said that there was an MPO meeting tomorrow and said there was an Agenda Item pertaining to making a connection between the turnpike and Coconut Creek and referenced a pedestrian bridge and greenway trail.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ referenced the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and said that she planned to discuss this with Broward County Mayor Geller at a forthcoming meeting. She said that today marked Holocaust Remembrance Day and reminded the public to continue to wear masks.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that the community surveys would be mailed out in the near future and that this would be an opportunity for the residents to provide staff and the City Commission with valuable feedback. He advised that the City had sent letters to a number of State Officials and appropriate departments informing them that they had sites available that were strategically located and that they had administrative support for a vaccination pod. He understood that Broward County was trying to recruit retired nurses and first responders who had the license and practice ability to administer the COVID-19 inoculations. He explained that they would assist Broward County by initiating social media postings where retired medical staff could make contact and volunteer their services.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed City of Margate being on Channel 7's "Help Me Howard" and thanked City Manager Curtis and Assistant City Manager Vignola for taking care of that problem.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH referenced the presentation by CGA which she said was one of the City's top three priorities that was outlined in their Strategic Plan and that they would be moving forward with this plan. She explained that due to COVID-19, there had been delays but she hoped they would be bringing other Chapters such as 1, 9 and 30 from the Strategic Plan to 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 2021-033](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARGATE AND THE MARGATE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY AND PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WINFIELD BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS.

RESOLUTION 21-005

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2020-086](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING RULES OF PROCEDURE AT MARGATE CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2020-21.

RESOLUTION 21-006

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

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO sought clarification on both this and the next Item that the rules for the meetings were in line with Zoom meetings.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ confirmed that they were identical and that nothing had changed apart from a deleted sentence under meeting titles.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [ID 2020-133](#)** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING RULES OF CONDUCT AT MARGATE CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2020-21.

RESOLUTION 21-007

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, should be approved. This carried by the following vote:

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

- C. [ID 2020-305](#)** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,097 FOR RFQ NO. 2017-017 EAST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AWARDED UNDER RESOLUTION 18-021 TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SCOPE ITEMS, INCLUDING UPGRADING THE EXISTING SECONDARY CLARIFIER, ADDING ODOR CONTROL, RELOCATING THE DUMPING STATION TO THE WEST PLANT, AND COMMISSIONING A NOISE STUDY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-008

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Arserio, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Resolution, should be approved.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO spoke of his experience touring this facility and said that this was much needed.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2021-030](#)** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 33 - POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE IX- MISCELLANEOUS,

ADDING SECTION 33-109, ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD REGISTRATION PROGRAM"; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO explained that he advocated for this Item and if it was done and executed properly, it could have been effective but he had doubts if this was ready in its current format.

Discussion ensued.

TRACY VAN WINKLE explained that a family member rented property in Coral Springs and said that they paid \$50 per year to rent their property to that City.

Discussion ensued.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI discussed the objectives and his proposed solutions to this Item.

JULIE JONES talked about registering her water bill account for Margate.

Discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Arserio withdrew his second.

MOTION died for a lack of a second.

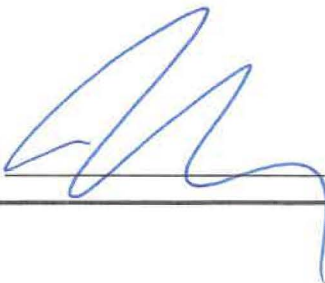
The City Commission asked staff to research more options for this program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Date: _____

3/30/2021

Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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[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.

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Per the unanimous approval of Emergency Ordinance 2020-8 on December 9, 2020, the City Commission authorized the City Manager to provide for the City Commission, members of the various Boards, Committees, Magistrate, staff, and the public to be able to attend meetings electronically during a declared public health emergency, pursuant to the City's Charter, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Section 4 D of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, and the City's home rule authority, including that set forth in Article VIII, Section 2(b), Florida Constitution, and Section 166.021, Florida Statutes.

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