



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, February 3, 2021

6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85769574978>

Webinar ID: 857 6957 4978

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 in person

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person

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

1) PRESENTATION(S)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

- A. [ID 2021-023](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: LORIE-ANN FENELUS (Student); SHIVONNE JOHNSON (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)
- ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: DOMINIC JOHNSON (Student); ANNETTE DITTMEIER (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)
- LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: DOMINIC BUESO (Student); CORINNE MILLER (Teacher), (Mr. Matthew Whaley, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)
- MARGATE ELEMENTARY: BAILEY MEYER (Student); SUSAN BALES (Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)
- MARGATE MIDDLE: SUNNY CROWELL (Student); SEAN GROSVENOR (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal)
- PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: NAVIN WILLIAMS (Student); TERRI MENSAH (Teacher), (Dr. Jan Codling, Principal)
- RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: MANUEL GUALTERO (Student); TAMMY STASZAK (Teacher), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

PROCLAMATION(S)

- B. [ID 2021-022](#) AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY, 2021 (presented to Ms. Makiba J. Foster, Regional Manager - Libraries Division, African-American Research Library & Cultural Center)
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER, REGIONAL MANAGER, MAKIBA J. FOSTER wished everyone a Happy Black History Month and thanked the City Commission for this honor. She highlighted that the library was a good institution for providing and learning about cultural heritage of black history.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH explained the protocol for submitting a public discussion. He read an email from Tracy Van Winkle of 1020 SW 61st Avenue, pertaining to recycling in Margate.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO responded to Ms. Van Winkle's comments pertaining to recycling.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS said that he responded to Ms. Van Winkle's email today and that she would be fully aware of how recycling was processed in Margate. He referenced a meeting in June 2020 where the City revised the procedure due to no value on the actual recycled goods and the effects from contamination.

Discussion ensued on recycling.

TRACY VAN WINKLE spoke further on recycling.

MARK S. HOROWITZ, 7705 NW 5TH CT, APT 105, opposed the proposed development on the Executive Golf Course.

Discussion ensued on the Executive Golf Course.

FELLOWSHIP LIVING FACILITIES, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, KYLE POLLOCK, 411 BANKS ROAD highlighted the road traffic accidents between Atlantic Boulevard and Banks Road.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ said that City Manager Curtis would speak to Police Chief Jon Shaw pertaining to the inactive radar on the westbound side east of Banks Road.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO referenced Margate Cares on the City's website and encouraged residents to complete the same if there was a family member with a medical history before a Police Officer arrived at their property. He reminded people to continue to wear masks.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO hoped everyone was doing well and asked people not to forget about the Superbowl and Valentine's Day.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO thanked the Fields family for their recent donation of nursery shrubs and trees for Margate and referenced District 96 - Florida State Representative Hunschofsky and sponsorships for the City. He also thanked resident Bruce Van Der Meulen for helping at a nursery, said it was good team building and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department. He said that 710 plants and 656 shrubs were donated to multiple parks in the City.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ explained that she substituted for Commissioner Ruzzano on a Broward League of Cities meeting and said that the Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Jared E. Moskowitz, attended. She provided an update on COVID-19 vaccinations and advised that there was a lack of supply. She also advised that the Margate Police Department was hosting a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School vigil to send a tribute to the 17 lives that were lost. She spoke about Valentine's Day.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that they were transitioning their emergency alert system from Code Red to Everbridge Alert System and all the existing subscribers would be automatically transferred over.

Discussion ensued.

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.

No items under Consent Agenda.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-040](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

RESOLUTION 21-009

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS believed that this Item was being amended to accommodate Budget hearings in September.

This motion carried as follows:

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

7) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2021-051](#) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE - AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS BY USE OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA TECHNOLOGY AND FOR ATTENDANCE BY USE OF SUCH TECHNOLOGY BY ELECTED, APPOINTED OFFICIALS, OR STAFF DURING PERIODS WHEN THE CITY MANAGER DETERMINES AND DECLARES A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE CITY COMMISSION DETERMINES IT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CITY OFFICIALS, CITY STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC, FOR A 60 DAY PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.19- EMERGENCY ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2021-1

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

carried as follows:

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

MAYOR SCHWARTZ reminded the public that there was a Code Compliance Workshop tomorrow.

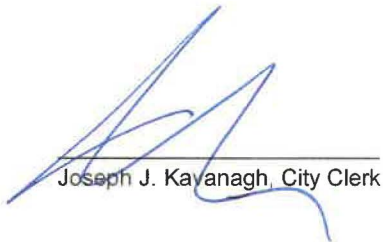
Discussion ensued on Code issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 3/23/2021

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.

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.

Consistent with the authority contained in the Emergency Ordinance, 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 their best interests 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: 857 6957 4978 or can call in via telephone by calling one of the following phone numbers: US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099.

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4. Once you have been selected to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your device or stay muted.