



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, June 16, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
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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

All City Commissioners attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

City Attorney Smith attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A.** [ID 2021-236](#) HOME OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2021
(Matt Gates, 3120 Cape Circle)
- B.** [ID 2021-252](#) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY FLORIDA SENATOR PERRY E. THURSTON, JR.,
SENATE DISTRICT 33

FLORIDA SENATOR PERRY E. THURSTON, JR. gave an overview of an historic legislative session, which comprised of passing a \$101,000,000,000 budget and a sum of \$500,000 awarded to Margate's Utilities Department. He discussed House Bill 1 (2021) (HB1) and Senate Bill 90 (2021) (SB90).

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO said it was a pleasure to see Senator Thurston at the Hispanic Vote and wished him all the very best. He thanked him for helping to secure the appropriations of \$500,000 and looked forward to seeing him during Committee week.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO thanked Senator Thurston and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO echoed Vice Mayor Arserio and Commissioner Ruzzano's sentiments and thanked Senator Thurston for being one of the people who helped push along the \$500,000 project for the City.

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ wished Senator Thurston good luck and questioned when the next State legislative session was actually going to begin.

FLORIDA SENATOR THURSTON, JR. explained that the State legislative session would commence in January 2022 and that the Committee week would begin as early as September.

Discussion ensued.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- C. [ID 2021-145](#) DEBORAH ROBIN DVORA, OFFICE SPECIALIST - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS
- STEPHEN CATALANO, DRIVER/ENGINEER - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS
- GREGORY JOHN DRABIK, DRIVER/ENGINEER - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS
- MANUEL E. SANCHEZ, FIRE CAPTAIN - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS
- THOMAS VAUGHN, CHIEF PLUMBING - BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 15 YEARS
- BHEEM MANIE, CANAL MAINTENANCE - PUBLIC WORKS - 15 YEARS
- DEBORAH A. SCHWEITZER, RECREATION ATTENDANT - PARKS AND RECREATION - 15 YEARS
- WILLY B. LEWIS, TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES - 15 YEARS
- BASKANAND BISRAM, UTILITY MECHANIC - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES - 15 YEARS
- DONNA M. NATALIZIO, AQUATICS COORDINATOR - PARKS AND RECREATION - 10 YEARS
- PAUL ROBINSON, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - 5 YEARS

KEVIN T. KELLEHER, FIRE INSPECTOR - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

GEORGE CHAHMIRIAN, TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT -
INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY - 5 YEARS

PROCLAMATION(S)

- D. [ID 2021-261](#) AMATEUR RADIO MONTH - JUNE, 2021 (presented to Erik Olmer, Treasurer - Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association)

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

JULIE JONES, 7871 NW 1ST STREET, referenced Margate's statement "together we make it great" and thanked the City Staff. She spoke positively about the "Our Margate" magazine.

GAIL A. DE ANGELIS, 5040 SW 11TH PLACE, thanked all those involved with the Coffee with a Cop event. She asked City employees to answer their telephone and recommended that they should provide details of their work schedule.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO hoped that they had a good turn out and beautiful weather for their July 4th Parade and Fireworks.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE requested to pull Consent Agenda 5B. She congratulated the Fire Department's Advance Life Support (ALS) team on another first place position for First There, First Care & Gathering of Eagles Conference at the Seminole Hard Rock Café. She spoke about the milestone opening of 1,100th store of Five Below Zero at The Lakewood Mall. She thanked Assistant City Manager Vignola and Communications and Marketing Manager Fallon for taking her suggestion of publishing a Spanish version of Our Margate publication and hoped that if it was successful, they could apply the same to other non-English languages for all their residents. She referenced the last City Commission meeting and clarified a statement made by City Manager Curtis pertaining to Royal Palm Boulevard and 441 on extending the two left hand turns.

Discussion ensued on the turn lanes on Royal Palm Boulevard and 441.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO echoed Commissioner Simone's comments on the Fire Department. He requested support for the return of a monthly publication.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS highlighted the expense of running a monthly magazine.

Discussion ensued on producing and distributing a monthly publication and content.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to continue with the quarterly Our Margate magazine and to look at other ways to supplement the information.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed the Building Department's online e-permitting process and suggested ideas for those residents that may not be computer literate or

have access to the same.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS agreed that through the transition from paper to digital, they would have staff members available to help applicants that may not have access to a computer.

Discussion ensued including scanning plans to submit with the digital e-permitting process.

DIRECTOR OF BUILDING RICHARD R. NIXON apologized to Commissioner Ruzzano pertaining to his experience at the Building Department. He said that a meeting had been scheduled with Information Technology (IT) Director Garmon about setting up a computer in the Building Department's lobby for the public to use with the aid of a staff member to assist in submitting an application. He was very proud of the e-permitting system which his staff implemented. He said he received positive feedback and that it had improved efficiency.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed the possibility of the Fire Department merging with the Broward County Sheriff Office (BSO) and was looking for additional revenue and questioned whether the City still required the buildings for Fire and Administration and the Community Police. He received many calls about the canals and said that he still wanted to go on a boat ride to inspect the same. He informed that Calypso Cove was losing approximately \$500,000 and suggested that they should consider giving it to someone else to manage.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO congratulated the ALS team on another victory and said that they appreciated everything they did. He thanked Public Works Director Collins and President of The Greens at Carolina Homeowners' Association, Inc. that represented 13 communities for all the work that they did. He spoke about the installation of LED lighting in the Margate neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE referenced lighting and questioned when they would finish the rest of Margate.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, MARK COLLINS confirmed that next Monday, he would be meeting with a representative from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) and indicated that they would have those all corrected thereafter.

Discussion ensued including partially old lighting on Rock Island Road.

FIRE CHIEF ROBERTO LORENZO discussed the two-day competition at the First There, First Care & Gathering of Eagles Conference at the Seminole Hard Rock Café.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ discussed Sydney King's recent Flag Day event. She highlighted the City's July 4th Parade and Fireworks event and suggested that there should be an alternative way of distributing candy to the children.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that the respective Mayors of Tamarac and North Lauderdale, together with Mayor Schwartz and Public Works Director Collins, joined him in participating in a round table discussion with State Representative Anika T. Omphroy regarding issues concerning the C-14 canal. He introduced the new Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Multi-Media Specialist, Erick Cuesta and Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES), Assistant Director, Randy Daniel. He

said they were working on the canal ride for the City Commission.

Discussion ensued.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO thanked Mayor Schwartz for meeting with State Representative Omphroy and was curious to see a report on the same. He said that he was in the process of setting up a Skype call with South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Director and Office of Communications & Public Engagement, Sean Cooley.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH wished a Happy Father's Day and a Happy July 4th. She advised that they hired a temporary Secretary for the City Attorney's office.

5) CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5B was pulled from the 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 2021-262](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: MAY 5, 2021, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING; MAY 19, 2021, REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2021-201](#) RESOLUTION - ACCEPTING UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 750 S STATE RD 7 TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES

RESOLUTION 21-043

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH advised that Item 5C had a scrivener's error on the address which should be corrected from 750 to 780.

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2021-260](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF ONE (1) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IN LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2021 SUMMER SCHOOL TERM, JUNE 21, 2021, THROUGH JULY 29, 2021.

RESOLUTION 21-044

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

- B. [ID 2021-273](#) MOTION - WAIVING OF RENTAL AND LABOR FEES FOR THE USE OF THE MARGATE SPORTS COMPLEX, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,842. FEE WAIVER REQUESTED BY 8U MARGATE LEGACY TRAVEL BASEBALL.

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

COMMISSIONER SIMONE advised that at a previous City Commission meeting, she said that she was not going to continue to support these waivers without a policy in place. She explained that as there was uncertainty about the direction of the Fire Department and the 911 communications, an increase in garbage rates, a possible increase in the Fire Assessment fee and other unknowns, she believed that they needed to stop the freebies. She explained that she was looking for initiatives to save dollars and bring in revenue so that the burden of raising fees was not put on the backs of their residents. She was not in favor of this Item and said the City should tighten their belts.

Discussion ensued on this Item.

FRANCESCO PISANI, 5375 NW 57 TER., CORAL SPRINGS, advised that he had been teaching and coaching baseball in Broward County for over 20 years. He explained that for the last five years, he had been donating his time with the City by coaching two teams and acting as a board member on the baseball program. He highlighted the increased fees in travel, baseball and tournaments.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE questioned why the kids in Margate could not do fundraisers for baseball.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO responded to Ms. Van Winkle's question.

Discussion ensued on fundraisers and water fountains at parks.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

No: 1 - Commissioner Simone

MAYOR SCHWARTZ asked Mr. Pisani to submit anything to City Clerk Kavanagh.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO hoped that it was an introduction for other teams and cities to come to Margate.

Discussion ensued.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. ID 2021-259 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING WAIVING OF BIDDING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF AN 800MHZ REPEATER AND ANTENNA SYSTEM FROM SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C. FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE AT 5400 NW 15TH STREET, MARGATE, FL; PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND MOTOROLA PARTS NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.

RESOLUTION 21-045

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Mayor Schwartz, 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 8/19/2021

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