



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, July 7, 2021

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
Webinar ID: 864 5304 3988

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86453043988>

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

City Attorney Smith attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-287](#) PRESENTATION OF MARGATE FIRE DEPARTMENT ALS TEAM - 1ST PLACE WINNERS AT FIRST THERE FIRST CARE ALS COMPETITION

FIRE CHIEF ROBERTO LORENZO introduced the Advance Life Support (ALS) team and discussed the recent First There First Care (FTFC) conference and competition.

FIRE CAPTAIN VITO J. LABRIOLA discussed the FTFC competition and said that they won that competition for three consecutive years and appreciated the continued support.

PROCLAMATION(S)

- B. [ID 2021-284](#) APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE "RUBIN STACY" RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE - JULY, 2021

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO read a statement from Parkland's City Commissioner Ken Cutler.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET read a statement on the behavior of Chair Zucchini at the Planning & Zoning meeting on June 1, 2021.

RICH ALIANIELLO, 7631 NW 23RD STREET said that the flags on Margate Boulevard looked fantastic and July 4th was great. He suggested that Coconut Creek and Margate negotiate the Fire Rescue-Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contract.

6) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

B. [ID 2021-286](#) PUBLIC HEARING TIME OF 7:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION - RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA; REIMPOSING FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST ASSESSED PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MARGATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021; APPROVING THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT; APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-046

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Ruzzano, that this Item, should be discussed.

An amendment was made by Commissioner Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, to leave it at \$300.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO discussed the changes to the Fire Assessment Fee (FAF) and estimated that between 2018 and 2021, \$2,000,000 was accumulated per year. He said that if they were to merge with the Broward Sheriff Office (BSO), he suggested that the \$2,000,000 could be used to cover the shortage of the \$3,500,000. He said that the City had very healthy coffers and that they could dip into them if needed. He said that due to the pandemic, this was not the time to raise the FAF and that they were not in receipt of the full budget.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE explained why she believed the FAF raise was unnecessary. She also requested an update on Aztec RV Resort as she believed it could bring in extra revenue. She referenced the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) reimbursement for using the City's general services and questioned what was it for.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS advised that the CRA reimbursed the City's employers to provide services to administer procurement and accounting, and other duties.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE referenced the Building Department, Public Works and Utilities generating their own revenue and questioned if they could reimburse the General Fund similar to the CRA.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that all those funds had a cost allocation that went back into the General Fund. He said that the shortfall was immediate and it would continue over time.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE recommended that they utilize the revenue from the reserves and indicated that City Manager Curtis would have a year to consider how to reconcile where to find the required funding.

Discussion ensued on the Coconut Creek/Margate negotiations, Coral Springs dispatch, finding ways to reduce costs and a lack of planning for the City.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO said that the City was in a tough situation. He discussed the proposed FAF increase, referenced the budget and was in favor of selling the Fire administration building.

KEN MORRIS, REPRESENTING A PROPERTY AT 5100 W. COPANS ROAD, stated his objection on behalf of their landlord client.

Discussion ensued.

MONTE T. PAROLA, 5926 CORAL LAKE DRIVE, referenced shutting down the gyms.

MR. ALIANIELLO highlighted the future return of the FAF increase.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO responded to Mr. Alianiello's comments.

VALERIE PERRY, 6812 DOGWOOD LANE, reiterated that the money was available now and that they did not go with Coral Springs.

MS. SANCHEZ referenced the \$1,000,000 which was given to the City for the firehouse and indicated that they could also receive the revenue from other departments as it was not the time to do an increase.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said that the \$1,000,000 received from the State was used to buy the Fire administration building.

ILONA K. MACHADO, 5800 MARGATE BLVD. agreed that they should not take more money out of their taxes. She also highlighted that Margate Gardens issued a recent assessment fee to their residents.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO advised that he had discussed with the City Manager to include an insert on all future FAF letters about any increases.

WILLIAM K. JOHNSON, 133 NW 78TH AVENUE, said that he was a first time buyer and quite proud to be a member of this community. He was deeply saddened and disheartened by the Notice received pertaining to the FAF and believed it was completely inappropriate to bring this up during a pandemic.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO highlighted property values increasing in Margate. He also asked about Aztec RV Resort.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS provided an update on Aztec RV Resort.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH reported that there was ongoing litigation involving Aztec RV Resort owing over \$600,000 and that the City was going after the money.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO discussed further on the FAF increase.

TATIANA R. DE CASTRO, 6218 SW 7 STREET, explained that due to the pandemic, she did not believe it was an appropriate time to raise the FAF.

AHMED MOHAMED, 5977 NW 27TH STREET, expressed that it was not the right time due to the pandemic and people losing their jobs.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE agreed that it was definitely not a time to increase any kind of financial thing for the residents.

MARCIA J. BALLENTINE, 7200 NW 4TH PLACE, #102 referenced the increase in the FAF and asked for a break at this time.

JOSEPH L. TOUSSAINT, 6260 SW 4TH ST referenced the FAF.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ explained Item 6A to Mr. Toussaint.

ESTHER V. DAVIS, 1035 COUNTRY CLUB, was against any increase to the FAF.

RICHARD J. GOWE, 7610 NW 1ST STREET, thanked the City Commissioners and City staff for the great job that they were doing. He agreed with the City Commission for not increasing the FAF rate at this time. He questioned why they were in a multi-year special assessment.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ responded to Mr. Gowe's question.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS responded to Mr. Gowe's question.

Discussion ensued.

R. DEBORAH THORPE, 6641 NW 23 ST, echoed the same comments from everyone and was not in alignment with the value of the FAF.

JOYCE C. WILLIAMS-BRYAN, 7005 NW 17 ST, said that it was a good discussion and said that the FAF letter was not really clear. She advised that they needed to think about creative solutions as it was not just a one-time assessment. She thanked Commissioners Ruzzano and Simone for their extensive research on this Item.

SUEAYNE RENNIE, 5240 SW 11 ST, queried if the FAF increase would be continuous as they had the same assessment a couple of years ago.

Discussion ensued.

JOHN RECTOR, 6700 ROYAL PALM BOULEVARD, appreciated the idea that moving forward, they would be looking into other ways for thinking outside the box.

NIRO B. ROCKER, 1836 NW 68TH AVE, said that he was in favor of the FAF increase

as it was for the safety of the community.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS provided a brief explanation where the FAF increase originated from.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP, DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SANDI WALKER, explained that by looking at the historical demand of the City's Fire Department, they were able to determine how rates were developed by apportioning the costs to those properties using the fire services.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ provided her personal comments on the FAF increase.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO made comments pertaining to the FAF increase and made reference to the cost of hurricanes in Florida.

Discussion ensued.

The amendment carried by the following vote:

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

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

MONTE T. PAROLA, 5926 CORAL LAKE DR., discussed the closure of the gyms during the pandemic.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO responded to Mr. Parola's comments.

Discussion ensued.

6) PUBLIC HEARING(S) (CONTINUED)

B) [ID 2021-286](#) PUBLIC HEARING TIME OF 7:00 P.M.

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Discussion ensued about the motion that they previously voted upon

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, to leave the Fire Assessment Fee at \$300. This motion as amended carried as follows:

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

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO requested if they could distribute a letter to residents explaining that the FAF was not approved by the City Commission.

Discussion ensued.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO said that the City's July 4th Parade, Calypso Cove and Firework events were fantastic. He asked if the City Commission wanted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to do a review.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ asked City Clerk Kavanagh to conduct a poll with the City Commission.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH conducted a poll with the City Commissioners.

Discussion ensued on what was being investigated.

The City Commission voted 4 – 1 (Commissioner Simone, No) in favor of an investigation by FDLE.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE requested to pull item 5B from the Consent Agenda. She expressed her condolences to the families, survivors and friends of the Champlain Towers condominium collapse in Surfside. She said that it was wonderful to have their July 4th Parade and celebrations again and thanked the residents who joined them. She also thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for making it a great day for their residents. She addressed an article in Saturday's Sun Sentinel pertaining to the City donating to charities without fully vetting them and recommended making State licensing a requirement on Margate's application in order to be considered for the donation.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO referenced solicitation and contributions of the annual renewal registration form and agreed with Commissioner Simone that the same should be added on to the City's application. He continued to discuss the process for the City's donations.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ spoke on the City's donation process.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO discussed the Sun Sentinel article and agreed that there should be some policies in place.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO confirmed that today, the District Court of Appeals of the State of Florida threw out the City's side's case pertaining to the City of Margate/Margate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) vs. New Urban Communities. He said that this case would now go back to the Circuit Court against the CRA. He announced that State Bill 60 (SB60) went into effect prohibiting local Code Compliance Inspectors from investigating violators, local Codes or Ordinances based upon an anonymous complaints.

Discussion ensued on SB60.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH explained SB60.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that Mr. Alianiello made a good point about making one last effort to contact Coconut Creek.

Discussion ensued on Coconut Creek Fire Rescue-Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said it was a great July 4th Parade and Fireworks event.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO's thoughts were with the Haitian community in the unfortunate assassination of their President and for the victims of the Champlain Towers condominium in Surfside. He said that he did have a conversation with the City Manager pertaining to the safety of multi-story buildings in Margate.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that for the past few weeks, he had been having conversations with the Building Official to obtain an understanding of the City's 40 year old inspection and anticipated changes to State law and building codes.

Discussion ensued on possible reforms with the Homeowners Association (HoA) and Condo Associations.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO referenced the 40 year inspection but indicated that the School Board was exempt from that process. He suggested that they should lobby with the League of Cities due to some of the conditions in the City's schools.

Discussion ensued on the health and safety of the schools and whether they should contact Governor DeSantis about schools being exempt from the 40 year inspection.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO thanked staff, Parks and Recreation Department and the Police and Fire Departments on another successful July 4th Parade extravaganza.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ thanked Parks and Recreation Department and JM Lexus. She appreciated staff who attended work during the pandemic for the last 18 months.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS referenced the Special Events and Donations Request application and heard CONSENSUS to add the criteria of including the Department of Agricultural Licensing. He asked whether there was CONSENSUS to review prior year donations and look and see if we already have it.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH explained that Florida Statute 92.525 provided a verification of documents which was perjury by false written declaration. She advised that attestation could be written on all of the forms to make sure that the applicant was being held responsible for the information that was provided as well. She also recommended having

the form notarized.

Discussion ensued including inserting new language on the form, using Florida Statute 92.525, requesting organizations' financials attached to the application, the Sun Sentinel article, a software program for charities and licensing.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS received general CONSENSUS from the City Commission as to what information was required to be included with the Special Events and Donations Request form. He also confirmed that they were not going to look back and see what organizations did not have it and that they were not going to request that they pay it back. He said they would move forward with this criteria.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE requested that she would like to see what organizations they have given money to that did not qualify under the State law and said that she would like to look back to when the applicant started the application.

Discussion ensued on time and resources for staff to review the application forms and verification.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE confirmed that she would conduct her own research.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS thanked staff for putting together the July 4th event.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH echoed everyone's thoughts and prayers on Surfside and referenced the first responders who were involved.

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 2021-270](#) RESOLUTION - AMENDING THE CITY OF MARGATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CDBG-CV3 CARES ACT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-047

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2021-272](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE AMENDED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT INSPECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNIT RENEWAL FEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-048

APPROVED

- D. [ID 2021-285](#) RESOLUTION - ADOPTING THE BROWARD COUNTY STATE HOUSING

INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PROGRAM, 2020 AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE STRATEGIES REPORT.

RESOLUTION 21-049

APPROVED

- E. [ID 2021-289](#) RESOLUTION - AWARDING BID NO. 2021-006 - SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES TO THE BUTLER GROUP OF SOUTH FLORIDA, LLC d/b/a NEXTAFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17.89 PER HOUR FOR CROSSING GUARDS AND \$17.89 PER HOUR FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-050

APPROVED

- F. [ID 2021-281](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WORKER'S COMPENSATION WASHOUT SETTLEMENT WITH WILLIAM STRANGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PLUS ATTORNEY'S FEES OF \$7,500 WITHOUT ADMISSION OF COMPENSABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL PAST AND FUTURE MEDICAL AND INDEMNITY BENEFITS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-051

APPROVED

- G. [ID 2021-290](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING WORKER'S COMPENSATION WASHOUT SETTLEMENT WITH ANDREW ARMENIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,000 WITHOUT ADMISSION OF COMPENSABILITY; PROVIDING FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR RESOLUTION OF ALL PAST AND FUTURE MEDICAL AND INDEMNITY BENEFITS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-052

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Commissioner Simone, 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 2021-271](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE ADDITION OF CODE COMPLIANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION WITHIN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021; PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-053

Item 5B was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

COMMISSIONER SIMONE sought clarification on the item.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that it was a new position that they were creating and existing Code Officers could apply if they met the criteria.

Discussion ensued including the salary, whether to recruit an internal or external candidate, extensive changes to Code, chain of command, training responsibilities for existing and new members of staff, SB60 and organizing a Code Workshop.

GAIL A. DE ANGELIS, 5040 SW 11TH PLACE, explained her issues with the Code Department and indicated that they did not know the Code. She also spoke of parking issues on her street.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE questioned if Code Enforcement were involved with car accidents.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that Community Service aides were involved in car accidents.

The motion carried as follows:

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

6) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. [ID 2021-269](#) PUBLIC HEARING - ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021 PROGRAM YEAR.

CITY ATTORNEY SMITH believed that this Item was not a Resolution but a motion and read the content for the Public Hearing.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that part of receiving their annual allocation for these funds was that they had to hold a Public Hearing to receive public input on the strategies that they fund each year. He advised that they had a recommendation to continue with the strategies that they currently use which were a Down Payment Assistance and home repair.

VICE MAYOR ARSERIO asked questions to Ms. Lopez pertaining to the Down Payment Assistance and provided his comments to the home repair program. He proposed lowering the home repair down to \$10,000.

BROWARD COUNTY'S HOUSING FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, YVETTE LOPEZ, informed that Broward County required an appraisal for the Down Payment Assistance. She advised that Broward County did not go into homes

anymore and that their program was strictly mitigation and anything emergency related. She continued to discuss the different programs available at Broward County.

Discussion ensued for the Down Payment Assistance program, home repair and the purchase assistance and wind mitigation reports.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO made recommendations to the programs.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS asked whether they could allocate the entire funds for this year towards the Down Payment Assistance and they could reevaluate it for next year to come back for home repair depending on the needs of the community.

BROWARD COUNTY'S HOUSING FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LOPEZ explained that the reason why the \$100,000 was put aside was that they wanted to be able to assist two clients and to finish off the City's nine year waiting list. She also explained that they recommended the rest of the funds be put into purchase assistance. She said that before the next fiscal year, they could put all of that into purchase assistance as they would have no more clients in the rehab waiting list.

Discussion ensued including the program costs for the two clients, ratios and co-mingling funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, to accept the strategies that are recommended of \$100,000 towards home repair at \$40,000 each and the remainder of it going to Down Payment Assistance at no more than \$50,000 each. This carried by the following vote:

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

7) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-280](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING A VOTING DELEGATE AND AN ALTERNATE FOR THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES' 95TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA FROM AUGUST 12-14, 2021; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 21-054

A motion to nominate Mayor Schwartz is the Voting Delegate and Commissioner Caggiano as the Alternate Delegate, carried by the following vote:

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

8) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2021-257](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17- FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFICATION OF ELEVATION OF

MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

- B. [ID 2021-291](#)** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 39 WATER AND SEWERS - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, ARTICLE VIII - CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL/BACKFLOW PREVENTION, SECTION 39-108 AND ADDING NEW SECTION 39-111; PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTION OF THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR FEES TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO asked if it was for the backflows installed.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that this Item was the annual certifications of the backflow preventers.

Discussion ensued including contracting with a company that could work with the City subject to the amount of quantity.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES) DIRECTOR CURT KEYSER explained that the City would hire and pay the vendor and charge the customer/user a set fee. He said that they made big strides in the last 15 months to get closer to 100% compliance and protection of the public water supply but currently, they were approximately 70% to 80% compliance. He continued to discuss out of compliance backflows and fire lines and getting them into compliance. He said that he was in favor of this Item and that it was very economical for the user.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried as follow:

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

9) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. [ID 2021-288](#)** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - CALYPSO COVE PASSES

COMMISSIONER SIMONE highlighted the number of complimentary passes provided by the City and discussed the revenue that had been lost. She also discussed the decline in attendance at Calypso Cove since 2017 and referenced checks and balances for how the passes were redeemed or distributed to other organizations. She believed that they should stop giving out all these passes as it was not increasing attendance at Calypso Cove or revenue.

Discussion ensued including the loss of revenue and a tracking system for the complimentary passes.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that part of this discussion was to see if there was CONSENSUS by the City Commission for Margate to continue with some of those pass giveaways to the schools.

Discussion ensued.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL A. JONES confirmed that for admissions, they were only able to track redeemable passes through their current recreational software which was able to link the same to a transaction for the receipt. He explained that it would prove too costly if producing the passes for specific information such as linking it to a particular school but if they broke it down by category such as Student/Teacher of the Month as one category, they could link it that way. He advised that they could separate it into the youth sports leagues and with the lesser amount of categories, it would be more economical in terms of producing the coupons but once it was redeemed, they would know from what category it came in at and it could be linked with the amount of guests they brought with their respective passes. He said that there was the possibility of producing a unique barcode on complimentary passes with anti-counterfeit hologram or embossing the cards with an expiration date.

Discussion ensued including tracking mechanisms, two tiers of coupons, buy one get one (BOGO) offer, creating an annual pass and the voucher program.

MS. VAN WINKLE explained that she was previously not aware of the passes. She believed that the BOGO passes could work.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS questioned if there was CONSENSUS to continue with the free passes for the Youth Sports registrations of soccer, baseball and basketball.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to keep the sports passes for soccer, baseball and basketball through fiscal year 2021 to registrations through to September on the understanding that they have the computer system in place to separate what was going on for minors only with an expiration date printed on the pass.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that as their commitment was already fulfilled for this year, he sought CONSENSUS from the City Commission whether they wanted to grant passes to graduating classes of the Margate schools for next year.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission for the graduating classes to grant the

Margate schools for their commitment for one more year and reevaluate it for next year as long as they kept track of how the passes were utilized.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS said that he would work with Parks & Recreation Director Jones to get some ratios together on revenue and passes to see how it changed. He asked the City Commission for CONSENSUS if both he and the Parks & Recreation Director Jones could use their discretion to choose the day of the week for the BOGO deal.

Discussion ensued on whether to advertise a Calypso Cove BOGO in the Margate magazine for a certain day.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission for City Manager Curtis and Parks and Recreational Director to choose the day of the BOGO.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: _____

9/2/2021

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.

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- Any comments related to any item on the agenda can be submitted to the City of Margate via the following e-mail address: JJKAVANAGH@margatefl.com.

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