



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

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

*City Manager Cale Curtis*  
*Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman*  
*City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson*

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Wednesday, February 23, 2022

9:00 AM

Leonard Weisinger Community Center  
6199 NW 10th Street Margate, Florida 33063

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano arrived at 9:16am.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**A. [ID 2022-087](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING**

MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO introduced this meeting and said that he planned to hold monthly Workshops and suggested to the City Commission to submit three to five items that they would like to discuss at a future meeting. He expressed moving up Item 1, C. for the second topic for discussion.

CONSENSUS was given to move Item 1) C. up after 1) A.

MAYOR ARSERIO outlined the time he would like to spend on each Agenda Item.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained that the City received an allocation of approximately \$10,800,000 from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was divided into two payments. He said that they had present, Dave Jahosky from Government Services Group and explained that they used their financial group on a number of City issues. He indicated that the ARPA guidance on how to spend the funds was a little complex. He advised that in the Agenda back-up, the City staff put together a

list of 50 – 60 items (from 160) by category which they thought would be appropriate for timely uses of those funds and requested if the City Commission could provide him with a lists of priorities. He explained that thereafter, the submitted lists would be vetted and returned to the City Commission with the appropriate estimates and programs to implement them.

MAYOR ARSERIO explained to the City Commission how they could submit their list of priorities to the City Manager by the end of the week.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE indicated that she would have preferred more data and an estimated cost on each item.

Discussion ensued on submitting the list and the request for more data and the cost factor.

VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO arrived at 9:16am.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAWRENCE VIGNOLA discussed the protocols for submitting a list of 15 priorities per City Commissioner and staff could collate that information and provide more information on costing.

Discussion ensued on researching and cost for submitting a list, City staff opinions, an alternative to narrow down a list from 160 items, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) funding versus capital improvement projects and infrastructure.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP (GSG) MANAGING DIRECTOR, DAVE G. JAHOSKY, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation via Zoom on the allocation and distribution of the ARPA funds and explained what the eligible uses were. He also explained what the difference and similarities between the funding from the ARPA and that of The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. He referenced timelines and advised that the City would have to make an irrevocable decision by April 30th whether they would either claim the \$10,000,000 revenue loss or the actual revenue loss calculations. He was unsure when the City would receive the second tranche of the funding. He advised that the City would have to obligate all of the funds through a formal board action by December 2024 and would have until December 2026 to expend all the funds. He said that he was happy to take any questions or offer any insight.

MAYOR ARSERIO thanked GSG Manager Director for his PowerPoint presentation and that he would contact him thereafter to go over the next steps.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO believed that the ARPA funding should go towards those who were affected by COVID-19 such as first-responders.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO disagreed with Commissioner Ruzzano and believed that the funding should go towards infrastructure projects.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ expressed her preference would be to prioritize the list if there was an estimate for each item.

Discussion ensued including what items should be added to the list and whether the funding should go towards those affected by COVID-19 or infrastructure projects, providing more data on the 60 items, drones, improvements to Calypso Cove, a Strategic Planning meeting and updating a new accounting or enterprise resource planning (ERP) system.

MAYOR ARSERIO suggested that they table this Item for the next Workshop. He requested if the City Commission could complete the list of ideas by the end of the week. He recommended that the City Commission could provide additional items at their one-to-one Agenda reviews so that the revised list could be re-evaluated and discussed at a future Workshop.

C. [ID 2022-085](#)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - FIRE DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE

Item 1) C. was moved ahead of Item 1. B.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS spoke briefly on this item.

FIRE CHIEF ROBERTO LORENZO provided a Fire Department PowerPoint presentation update. He showcased their fire stations and said that they were hoping to move into Fire Station 58 in 2022. He advised that on September 26th, 2021, Coconut Creek separated their contract services with Margate and left their community with three fire stations. He continued with his presentation where all aspects and data was discussed including highlighting the Fire Department's accomplishments, staffing, the newly reformed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Automatic and Mutual aid agreements.

A question and answer session ensued including Automatic and Mutual Aid.

MAYOR ARSERIO discussed the City going from five stations to three, adding a new station and merging with Broward County Sheriff Office (BSO) and his concerns on the lapse in coverage.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed coverage and BSO.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO explained why he believed that the City needed one more meeting with BSO and also voiced his concerns on the same and the possibility of joining a four-city merger.

Discussion ensued on Automatic and Mutual Aid, lapse in coverage, adding a new station and the consideration of going to BSO.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO said that the City should be concerned about replacing Station 18 and indicated that any excess money for safety should fund this.

Discussion ensued on the location of Station 18 and having a Fire and Police Administration in one location.

FIRE CAPTAIN AND REPRESENTATIVE, PATRICK R. LAPRADE outlined his concerns on the Fire Department as they moved forward.

A question and answer session ensued between the City Commission and Fire Captain and representative, Laprade including whether BSO was separate from 3080 and independence versus collaborating with BSO or another city.

MAYOR ARSERIO asked if there was CONSENSUS to hold a Workshop on BSO.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given to hold a future Workshop with BSO.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

**B. [ID 2022-086](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC SAFETY BOND**

MAYOR ARSERIO referenced a Public Safety Bond and explained that they received a unanimous CONSENSUS to move forward with this Item which he was excited about.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the Public Safety Bond. He advised that the City Commission could also consider tying in some infrastructure items to the Public Safety Bond. He explained that as this was an extensive process, he suggested that they should try and be comprehensive and inclusive as it was not something that was done often. He referenced timelines and informed that they would be looking at the November 2024 timeframe for a Bond referendum as there was insufficient time to put it together for this November. He indicated that they would hold future Workshops to gain further information through project management and preliminary designs. He discussed future infrastructure items, gaining ideas from the ARPA list, finalizing projects and directing staff. He advised that early June would be when they needed to adopt that Resolution for the November 2022 election. He continued to explain the process thereafter when the Resolution was submitted to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE). He informed that once they accept the election results in November 2024, the Bond Council would start preparing and they would expect to secure the financing in January/February and that they could start moving forward with those projects. He repeated his suggestion to have preliminary designs during the early stages.

Discussion ensued including on preliminary designs, how they could make improvements, feedback from residents on funding another bond and completing a survey, commencement date and using other resources available to help offset some of the bond.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that he had a couple of thoughts of tying ARPA into this Item and referenced providing the City Commission with a list of ARPA items. He proposed and also hoped to get CONSENSUS from the City Commission to allocate their \$10,000,000 ARPA funds to public safety. He indicated that their reporting would be completed which would remove them from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). He suggested that they could use the ARPA funds to conduct a survey or use for a project design.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE questioned what would become of infrastructure.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that with the treasury's latest guidance, they have given small cities allocations of approximately \$10,000,000 for the use of a standard deduction of this allowance. He advised that if the sum was reported to be used for public safety, it could be utilized for anything. He asked how the City Commission would want to use those funds.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE queried how they would ask residents to subsidize for another bond when some were struggling during the pandemic and also referenced inflation. She also indicated that there were many pipes in neighborhoods that were in desperate need for repair and needed relining.

MAYOR ARSERIO explained that one of the positives of a bond was that they were putting the power into the residents' hands and that they would be the ones to decide.

Discussion ensued on.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS suggested adopting the City of Pompano Beach model and said that he would share that information after this Workshop.

Discussion ensued on whether the City should send out a resident survey to gain their input or do community workshops, education resources for residents and relining pipes when needed.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO advised that they needed a real scope of what they were doing and expressed that he did not have a problem doing a new fire house and was only in agreement for installing new cameras in the dais as part of the Commission Chambers renovations. He continued to outline what areas and items he believed needed to be addressed and said that he did not mind conducting a survey. He referenced the park bond and advised that they needed everybody on board with the proposals as otherwise, it would be a hard sell. He asked if they could look into acquiring a 911 property with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for use as a new firehouse.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS reverted back to his PowerPoint presentation and referenced budget needs as they had already discussed initial outlays of money in terms of project management, preliminary designs, citizen surveys, bond consultants and educational outreach.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced the citizen survey being important and economical and said she wanted single family homeowners to respond and reflect the results as a true sample of the City.

Discussion ensued.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MICHAEL JONES referenced the Park Bond and said that they spent over a year creating the Parks Master Plan which included six sessions of public input, statistical valid and online surveys. He forewarned that they should keep the timeline in mind when planning.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS indicated that the next steps was to spend some time with the Finance, Police and Fire departments together with his colleagues in City of Pompano Beach to peruse their model from start to finish. He planned to revert back to the City Commission in a month or two and get the process rolling and put some recommendations on initial hires or consultants and conduct surveys, etc. He said that it sounded like there was broad CONSENSUS to move forward.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO questioned the City Manager if he was aware of any state or local fiscal recovery funds from the Federal Government and referenced grants for water and sewer. He was concerned that he did not want the City to spend all this money if there was another source of funding.

Discussion ensued including canal bank re-nourishment, a mobile response unit, Broward County distributing money to cities for projects that were ready to go and funding for water and wastewater projects.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

**D. [ID 2022-088](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - PARKS BOND UPDATE**

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Parks Bond update which included two projects. He highlighted some of the parks financials allocated and assigned. He discussed the Southeast Park's renovations and highlighted its success and popularity.

Discussion ensued on artificial turfing.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES continued to highlight the success of various events held at Southeast Park. He discussed the LED Sports Lighting projects that had completed and its cost savings. He explained that the Vinson Fields project was moving very fast and that he hoped there would be a ribbon cutting in April.

Discussion ensued on natural grass at Vinson Fields.

MAYOR ARSERIO expressed his concerns at the conditions of the restrooms at the parks and asked whether they would be refurbished, money permitting.

Discussion ensued on whether Public Works could renovate or repair some of the parks restrooms.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES advised that they were currently soliciting official bids for Centennial Park and said that the project was shovel ready.

Discussions ensued pertaining to the sidewalk, fencing, playground, marketing, pricing and Request for Information (RFI) at Centennial Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES informed that they were fully designed at Oriole Park and that they reapplied for a federally funded \$1,000,000 grant.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO referenced the restart of baseball for middle schools and indicated that Ramblewood Middle was looking for a field and asked if they wanted to use Oriole Park, he suggested that it might be a good time to partner with Broward County School Board (BCSB) pertaining to the reciprocal use of Andrews Field.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES spoke of a reciprocal use agreement with the middle school. He said that their reciprocal agreement which dated back to the 1990s was rarely used but lately, they had not used the BCSB facilities other than Andrews Field.

Discussion ensued on fencing, leasing or using Andrews Field.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES continued with his PowerPoint presentation and provided an update on Calypso Cove which was allocated \$2,500,000 and recommended holding off on this project with any decisions until they were in receipt of the bids for Centennial Park. He said that once the bids were received, he wanted to give the City Commission as many options as possible.

Discussion ensued including what they had in reserve for the parks and the installation of

close circuit television (CCTV), broadband, grants, renting/leasing and liability pertaining to Calypso Cove.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that they did a good job with the Bond Parks and that he wished to move on with the projected Centennial Park.

Discussion ensued on natural grass, the demand for hiring in parks during the summer months and parking problems at Southeast Park.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO informed of a possible interested party for Calypso Cove.

Discussion ensued on renting/leasing and liability of Calypso Cove.

MAYOR ARSERIO asked Commissioner Ruzzano to give the contact's name to City Manager Curtis. He said that he spent more time in the City's parks since the birth of his daughter and had conversed with some of the users who reside in other neighborhoods. He expressed that the City had done a good job with the parks and that he received positive feedback and spoke of the importance of promoting other parks in Margate.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ advised that Firefighters Park was built with a \$500,000 grant.

Discussion ensued on Firefighters Park.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO spoke about positive feedback received in the City.

Discussion ensued.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JONES thanked attendees for their comments and support. He said that parks were essential for the quality of life and that they were almost at the end of the road for these projects.

**E. [ID 2022-089](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - CITY CHARTER: CHARTER OFFICERS AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO suggested that Mayor Arserio should work out something prior with the City Manager for the recruitment of a new Chief of Police. He questioned if Mayor Arserio could share the information with the City Commission prior to a meeting.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES outlined what the protocols would be and advised that ultimately, a public discussion would need to be held at a public meeting.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ advised that as a former City Mayor, the only negotiation she was able to conduct was with the City Attorney and the others were presented to the City Commission and that they had no input on what the contract said. She indicated that the City should wait on the outcome of an investigation and questioned if it was near completion.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO spoke of his concerns if the information was presented to the City Commission at a meeting without prior notice being provided.

Discussion ensued on the protocols on contracts and agreements and pending investigation.

CONSENSUS was given for Mayor Arserio and City Manager Curtis to start drafting up an



employment agreement with the Interim Chief of Police Galaska and consult with the Interim City Attorney and present terms in City Commission's one-to-ones.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ had concerns about complaints floating around and did not want to be accused of jumping the gun.

Discussion ensued on replacing the Chief of Police and the current investigations.

MAYOR ARSERIO stated that as they had received the next steps on the recruitment of the next Chief of Police, they should now move onto the discussion of the next City Clerk's position. He asked Assistant City Clerk Johnson if she was interested in taking this job.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK JENNIFER M. JOHNSON confirmed her interest in the job.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced Chartered Officer and questioned who was responsible for choosing the Assistant City Clerk.

Discussion ensued.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS informed that the City Clerk would make a recommendation for the replacement of the Assistant City Clerk which he would sign off on.

MAYOR ARSERIO referenced perception and said that both the Interim Chief of Police and Assistant City Clerk did outstanding jobs and it was unique that they were Margate residents. He was willing to skip the step of advertising externally and would negotiate a contract with Assistant City Clerk Johnson too. He requested input from the rest of the City Commission to this discussion.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO concurred with Mayor Arserio's sentiments on offering Assistant City Clerk Johnson the position.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that he was fine with that.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ asked if it was something that they could decide at the Workshop. She said fine.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said she was okay.

MAYOR ARSERIO advised that he had also received instructions on the recruitment of the City Clerk's position and moved onto the discussion of the Mayor elect.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO confirmed that he was against the Mayor elect discussion and left the Workshop at 2:10pm.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO indicated that out of the 31 cities in Broward County, only a few selected the Mayor similar to Margate and believed that the residents should make this decision. He suggested that it should go on the 2022 Election as a Referendum and if passed, with an effective date of 2028 with three, two year terms and making one seat as the Mayor's position with the same criteria but still making it a five City Commissioners.



COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ asked about the term lengths of the position and referenced Coral Springs' Vice Mayor.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER VIGNOLA explained the term length process at the City of Coral Springs.

MAYOR ARSERIO said that he agreed with Commissioner Ruzzano's concept but had two deviations. He explained that the Mayor was the figurehead who set the agenda and should serve for a total of 12 years which was equal to the rest of the City Commission. He said that he did not want to go for a strong Mayor and referenced the City of Fort Lauderdale.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO was not a believer in term limits but said that was determined by the residents.

Discussion ensued including setting the Agenda, retaining the position as a ceremonial leader and board appointments.

MAYOR ARSERIO questioned if anyone objected to this Item apart from Vice Mayor Caggiano.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ spoke on the misunderstanding of the position of Mayor amongst the residents.

Discussion ensued.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES discussed the ballot language and confirmed that the title question was 15 words and the questions was a maximum of 75 words. He also advised that they would have to explain that they were reducing the number of City Commission seats and that they were going to have one elected Mayor and four City Commissioners as opposed to five City Commissioners. He advised that the terms did not necessarily have to be on the ballot language but it needed to be stipulated in the Charter amendment that would be drafted and that the language could not be added to a Resolution. He said that ultimately, the City Commission was the body that interpreted its own Charter but it was helpful if the ballot and Charter language contained as much information as possible and that the Charter amendment would contain more information.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR ARSERIO confirmed that he had received two "yeses" and one "no".

COMMISSIONER SIMONE believed that it was unnecessary as the Mayor could currently serve two terms as it had already been done in the past. She questioned the cost effectiveness by putting this on the ballot when it had already been achieved in its current format.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ said that she was unsure and spoke of her concerns of whether it would be a good idea for somebody else and sought further information.

Discussion ensued.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH advised that the deadline to put this on for the election was the first day of qualifying.

MAYOR ARSERIO asked for CONSENSUS to receive further information on the position of elected Mayors and to put this item on a future Workshop prior to June.

CONSENSUS was given.

MAYOR ARSERIO said that he would discuss the boards and agreed that they should have qualifications for these positions. He said that they could change the application.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH advised that in the past, they could change the application administratively but it would need to be brought in front of the City Commission to gain their input. He advised that if the vote for the City boards was held on March 16th, the applications would need to be received in the City Clerk's office by March 2nd and all current Board members would have to re-apply.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced past votes being made on a "gentleman's agreement". She also discussed board members posting their opinions on social media sites and referenced public perception.

Discussion ensued on the board process and slate versus one-on-one.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES advised that if the City Commission did not agree on the procedures which could also include making a motion to vote on a process, then the Mayor would be the presiding officer who would have the right to say that this would be the action that they would like the City Commission to take.

Discussion ensued on the voting process and setting new standards and policies in place as a board member, slate versus individual, removing board members for inappropriate behavior and the use of social media.

MAYOR ARSERIO asked for the CONSENSUS of slate or individual when selecting a board member.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE questioned if the March date for selecting board members was set in stone and also queried if they could postpone this by approximately two months until the City Commission ironed this out.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES advised that the current board members could continue to serve until their successors were appointed.

CITY CLERK KAVANAGH informed that only if the Board members were willing and able to do so.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE also questioned if they had a social media policy in place and whether it was being followed.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that it was being followed and that the comment had to be on topic. He believed that the City should not be monitoring and enforcing private individuals' first amendment rights to post on social media.

Discussion ensued on social media comments and interpretation.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER VIGNOLA explained that many cities have Code of Conduct for board members and read a section from Cape Coral's procedure. He indicated that if the City adopted something similar to Cape Coral when board members

were appointed, it would allow the City to be able to address this if they did not adhere to the same and if necessary, the City Commission could remove that member. He believed that procedure was much more clear cut and if the City Commission agreed to this, the staff could go ahead and continue to research this further from other cities.

Discussion ensued on whether the City should adopt a code of conduct, seeking further information and the City Commission receiving personal social media comments and attacks.

MAYOR ARSERIO asked for the CONSENSUS to extend the board members' terms for a month or two until they reevaluate the process.

Discussion ensued on combining advisory board, board members making law, special consideration for experienced and qualified board applicants, only accepting complete applications, improving the application form and implementing a board member's Code of Conduct.

MAYOR ARSERIO repeated his request for the CONSENSUS of slate or individual when selecting a board member.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said individual.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ highlighted her concerns but said individual.

Discussion ensued on personal attacks by fellow City Commissioners on their appointee, a "gentleman's agreement" and the difference between an individual vote and slate.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said it was a tough decision but said individual.

CONSENSUS was given for the City Commission to cast individual votes when selecting members for the advisory boards.

MAYOR ARSERIO questioned if any of the City Commission had any outstanding comments or any future items to discuss as they had covered all the items on the Agenda.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO said that Margate required you to replace a sidewalk when repairing or installing a concrete driveway. He said that he had to remove a four inch sidewalk and replace it with six inches when the rest of the driveway was six inches but that the City Code required the contractor/homeowner to remove the sidewalk.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS suggested that Coral Springs, Coconut Creek and Parkland had similar requirements. He advised that the Building Department had recently taken over the driveway inspections and indicated that although the Building official may not agree with that policy, he would suggest that it be reinforced. He explained that the City's Code says that sidewalks should be of four inches thickness except where vehicular traffic would be and that the comment that goes out from the respective department would be the same. He informed that if the sidewalk was of good condition, both he and the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) Director had worked with owners that if it was not an issue when driving over it, then no change would have to be made but if they install a circular driveway, then that section of the sidewalk of what they would be driving over would need to be at six inches.

Discussion ensued on sidewalks.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO returned to the Workshop at 3:09pm.

MAYOR ARSERIO informed that he would like to see sidewalks and walkways on a future Workshop and that he did not want to spend too much time discussing items that were not published on this Agenda. He asked the City Commission to send in their priority items.

Discussion ensued on sidewalks and whether steel could be added and applying for permits.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ referenced the former City Attorney indicating that staff were working on Code and indicated that she was yet to see any evidence of that. She also suggested a Workshop on Strategic Planning.

MAYOR ARSERIO suggested that one of the Workshop topics should be on a Code re-write discussion and key items such as driveways and sidewalks. He believed that the City and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) could get a lot done if they were able to identify big key issues and their items should be submitted to either the City Clerk or City Manager.

Discussion ensued including a fence on Rock Island Road/Southgate Blvd.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS thanked the City Commission for a good productive meeting.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO referenced the Building Department being opened and usable from Monday – Friday and said that it required some full time staff to do inspections and alleged that there was no one available on Fridays to review permits.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that operational departments located at 901 NW 66th Avenue were open on Fridays.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR ARSERIO suggested a Department Discussion and Possible Action Item on the Building Department on various matters and also referenced streamlining certain permits. He said that he received CONSENSUS for a future Workshop.

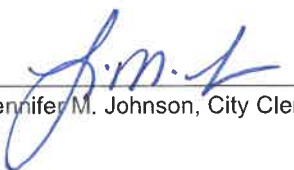
Discussion ensued on the Building Department, Code Compliance, being business friendly and notification system for permits.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 5/5/2022

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.

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