



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
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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

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2022-179](#) PRESENTATION TO CITY OF MARGATE'S 2022 DROP SAVERS CONTEST WINNERS

NATALIA BROWN - MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DIVISION 1 CITY WINNER

CHARLOTTE SKUZA - MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DIVISION 2 CITY WINNER

AJAY PAWAR - RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

JESSICA HO - MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DIVISION 3 CITY WINNER

CHELSEA RANDOLPH - MARGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL - DIVISION 4 CITY WINNER

AIDEN WILLIAMS - PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL -

DIVISION 4 SCHOOL WINNER

EMMA RAMIREZ - MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DIVISION 5 CITY WINNER

- B. [ID 2022-224](#) BROWARD COUNTY PBA OFFICER OF THE YEAR FROM MARGATE POLICE DEPARTMENT - OFFICER T'KEYAH TINDALL

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO announced that there was an ice cream truck outside City Hall which was a new Police Community initiative.

- C. [ID 2022-205](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: KATTEREEN MENDEZ HERNANDEZ (Student); LAURA HENNEBERY (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: JOSEPH BULLA (Student); AMY OPPY (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: TAVARIS GRAHAM (Student); FERNANDA VALDIVIA (Teacher), (Mr. Metin Gunes, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Mrs. Shahna Schultz)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: CATHELYN PALACIOS-CARRION (Student); MARJORIE RODRIGUEZ (Teacher), (Mr. Matthew Whaley, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: DEBORAH METAYER (Student); MICHAEL DI GREGORIO (Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: KARL MICHEL (Student); STACEY JOHNSON (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: JOSHUA EDWARDS (Student); MARCELLA CARRENA (Teacher), (Dr. Jan Codling, Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: EDUARDO MALDONADO (Student); DOREEN BRYCE (Teacher), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: LUKENDRA GRANT (Student); GOLDA FAIRWEATHER (Teacher), (Mr. Derrick Hugue, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Ms. Rossana Padron)

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

PROCLAMATION(S)

- D. [ID 2022-169](#) MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH - MAY, 2022 (presented to Donna Linn, NAMI Broward Advocacy Group - Chair)
- E. [ID 2022-173](#) NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 15-21, 2022 (presented to Giovanni Batista, Public Works Director)
- F. [ID 2022-182](#) NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 11-17, 2022 (presented to Crime Prevention Officer Philip Home)
- G. [ID 2022-185](#) MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK- MAY 1-7, 2022 (presented to Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk)

MAYOR ARSERIO asked for CONSENSUS from the City Commission to move Item 7)A up after Item 5) Consent Agenda.

CONSENSUS was given.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

JULI VAN DER MEULEN, 2913 NW 68 LN., read a statement alleging that there was a lack of care at NorthWest Medical Center (NWMC) in Margate.

JULIE JONES thanked the Chief of Police and everyone who was involved in the ice cream truck.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, commented on Republic Services garbage pick-up and also the damage caused by vandalism at the newly renovated Vinson Park restroom and water feature.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, agreed with Margate resident, Ms. Van Der Meulen pertaining to NWMC. She discussed ongoing issues with her sidewalk.

FREDERICK T. BOURDIN, 6323 HARBOR BEND, was impressed to see Margate Police Officer Tindall receive the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Award and expressed that it was a very proud moment for their City.

NINA CULVER shared a public notice from the City's website pertaining to final Police Negotiations.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE, repeated her request for residents to speak via Zoom.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE congratulated Margate Police Officer Tindall and highlighted the tremendous success at the grand reopening at Vinson Park as well as the Tree Giveaway. She thanked Republic Services (RS), Inc., Municipal Sales Manager,

Stanley and General Manager Turgot for attending the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Disposal Event. She also thanked Office Specialist III Zabarsky and Police Officer Horne for Take Back Your Drugs and Car Seat Installation at Walgreens where she discussed the same. She highlighted that it was Teacher Appreciation Week, Public Service Recreation Week and on May 6th, it is National Nurses Day and thanked those employees. She referenced a resident's appreciation towards Assistant Director for Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) Daniel and thanked him for going above and beyond. She said that the Police Department's ice-cream patrol was great. She also said it was a positive outreach addition and believed that it was going to be very well received in the community. She referenced Memorial Day and July 4th and discussed initiatives to thank veterans. She asked the City Commission if Margate could design a yard sign that the "City of Margate salutes or honors or supports their veterans; thank you for your service" with a shadow of the American flag in the background and suggested that the money could be withdrawn from the resident project fund. She said Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission allowing the City Manager to obtain pricing for Yard Signs that salutes/supports/honors Veterans to be placed in yards.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ thanked those who were nice enough to cook for her and asked about her well-being. She questioned if there were any surveillance cameras in Vinson Park.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS confirmed that there were cameras installed before the sink incident but they were not hardwired.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ suggested that all the City's parks should have surveillance cameras.

Discussion ensued on installing surveillance at Margate's parks.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ discussed her conversation with Margate resident, John Hall, and requested the City Manager if they could come up with an equitable solution pertaining to the traffic from Renaissance Charter School which was a nine year problem. She discussed the City's sidewalks and the public calling in on Zoom. She referenced a letter drafted by DEES Director Keyser and suggested that it should go to every condominium association so that they realize whoever they contracted, it had nothing to do with the City. She wished everybody a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO expressed condolences and prayers to former DEES employee, Pat Uber, who lost her Father today. He discussed the NWMC and indicated that the problem needed to be addressed. He agreed with the installation of surveillance cameras at Margate's parks and referenced Ring installations. He received inquiries about having concealed weapon classes and indicated if they could utilize the funding that would have been assigned to Margate College to do this. He discussed Ms. Fellows' sidewalk and suggested that a schedule could be provided of when this could be repaired.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that they were focusing their efforts on some of the City's worst sidewalks that he would be happy to go over that schedule with the City Commission and the one that pertained to Ms. Fellows. He explained the City's procedure in prioritizing the repair of sidewalks.

Discussion ensued on the City's sidewalks and Florida Department of Transport's (FDOT) response to the lights on 441.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO asked whether the clapping was edited from channel 78 pertaining to tonight's City Commission meeting. He said Happy Mother's Day.

VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He highlighted this Saturday's Sounds at Sundown event. He discussed the importance of installing surveillance cameras.

MAYOR ARSERIO discussed commercial properties pick-up times. He wished everybody a Happy Mother's Day. He complimented the work completed on the City's landscaping and referenced sabal palms.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

CITY MANAGER CURTIS shared positive feedback regarding Vinson Park and informed that the artificial turf fields were a huge hit. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES wished everybody a Happy Star Wars and Mother's Day respectively.

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 2022-199](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: FEBRUARY 23, 2022 CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP AND MARCH 16, 2022 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

APPROVED

- B. [ID 2022-203](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING THE 2022 AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MARGATE PROVIDING FOR DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY ADDITIONAL THREE-CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL ORDINANCE AND THE 2022 AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND MARGATE PROVIDING FOR DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BROWARD COUNTY ADDITIONAL FIFTH CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX ON MOTOR FUEL FOR TRANSIT; PROVIDING FOR UPDATED POPULATION FIGURES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

APPROVED

- C. [ID 2022-222](#) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE WAIVER OF BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF (3) LABORATORY FUME HOODS, INCLUDING MATERIALS

AND INSTALLATION, FROM THE SCOTT LABORATORY SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES) WATER AND WASTEWATER LABORATORY, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$288,071.00; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

APPROVED

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

7) RESOLUTION(S) - QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

Item 7) A.was moved up after Consent Agenda.

- A.** [ID 2022-202](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, APPROVING WITH CONDITIONS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE FOR A PHARMACY WITH DRIVE THROUGH LANE WITHIN THE B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT FOR PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC., LOCATED AT 7230 WEST ATLANTIC BOULEVARD, SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES read the Quasi-Judicial statement and asked the City Commission to reveal any disclosures.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said no (disclosures).

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ said that she had spoken to no one.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO confirmed that he had spoken to City staff and that he tried to contact the applicant but never received a return call.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO said no (disclosures).

MAYOR ARSERIO confirmed that he had spoken to staff as well as with the applicant.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES read the title of the Resolution and directed the City Commission that their decision at the conclusion of the hearing must be based on competence of substantial evidence related to the City's Code and not generalized support or opposition that was not fact based.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to open the hearing.

CITY CLERK JENNIFER M. JOHNSON swore in the witnesses.

MAYOR ARSERIO said if there were any members of the public who wished to be heard, he would advise them of a time before the close of the hearing to speak.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SENIOR PLANNER ANDREW PINNEY gave a PowerPoint presentation. He explained the application process where he would provide a description of the subject property, go over the process and criteria of the application and end with a recommendation.

A question and answer session ensued between the City Commission and Development Services Senior Planner Pinney.

GUNSTER, SHAREHOLDER, HEIDI DAVIS, 450 EAST LAS OLAS BOULEVARD, FORT LAUDERDALE gave a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the applicant, Publix. She informed that the special exceptions were for 12 months. She explained they were not able to receive their permits in excess of approximately 12 month and were hoping that if the special exceptions were approved, they would request an extension of the same for an additional 12 months.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES thought that the City could include that as part of their approval and consideration which would be documented in the record that they were providing for an additional 12 months.

A question and answer session ensued between the City Commission and the applicant's lawyer, Ms. Davis.

KBP CONSULTING, INC., KARL B. PETERSON, 8400 N UNIVERSITY DR, explained that the distance between the entrance on Rock Island Road and the north east corner of the Publix building was approximately 130 feet which was six or seven vehicles that could queue up in that area. He did not anticipate there being much queuing in that particular area.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR ARSERIO confirmed that there were no affected parties and then explained the protocols for the general public to speak in support of this Item.

MR. BOURDIN indicated that this project was a dynamic new piece that added to the modernization of Margate. He suggested removing a few of the parking spots to prevent congestion.

ELSA J. SANCHEZ, 6930 NW 15TH STREET, liked the idea of the Publix drive-thru.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B, discussed drive-thrus and stacking and referenced a Planning and Zoning meeting approximately five years ago.

MS. FELLOWS said that this was going to be a really good addition to that branch of Publix but had concerns about the stacking of cars.

MAYOR ARSERIO invited the general public to speak against this Item but no comments were received.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES advised the City Commission as to the standard for

decision making.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ questioned whether it would be appropriate to add as a condition, the removal of the four parking spaces.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES confirmed that this would be appropriate.

GUNSTER, SHAREHOLDER, DAVIS, advised that the applicant had no problem with the removal of the parking spaces.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwartz, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to approve the Resolution as presented subject to the following conditions: include a 24 month time extension and the elimination of five parking spaces by the through lane next to the drive-thru.

Discussion ensued.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR ARSERIO congratulated the applicants and said that he looked forward to the renovations of that Publix.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2022-207](#) APPROVE AND ACCEPT STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT AGREEMENT No. LPA0186, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00 FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES (DEES) UTILITIES SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) SYSTEM UPGRADES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to approve this Resolution. This carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [ID 2022-209](#) RESOLUTION - APPROVING SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR NON-BARGAINING APPOINTED POSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MAJOR; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Vice Mayor Caggiano, to approve this Resolution.

MR. BOURDIN spoke about always supporting anything that was a benefit to the Police Department.

This motion carried by the following vote:

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

9) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to move Item 9) A. after Item 6) B.

- A. [ID 2022-201](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REVISION TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, APPENDIX B, AMENDING ELEMENT I. FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; AMENDING ELEMENT II. TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT; AMENDING ELEMENT IV. RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT; AMENDING ELEMENT VII. CONSERVATION ELEMENT; CREATING ELEMENT X. PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONAL RECERTIFICATION OF ELEMENT I. FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT BY THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL; CLARIFYING POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3177(6)(i) BY ADOPTING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; PROVIDING FOR RECERTIFICATION OF ELEMENT I. FUTURE LAND USE OF THE MARGATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ explained that this Item incorporated the work that was done by the Mellgren Planning Group, Inc.

MR. ZUCCHINI asked for a better explanation of what this Item entailed.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES explained this Item.

This carried by the following vote:

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

8) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

This Item was heard after 9) A.

- A. [ID 2022-220](#) ORDINANCE - SUBMITTING TO REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARGATE AT ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE," AND IN PARTICULAR AMENDING SECTIONS 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.06, 3.07, 3.10, 3.11, 3.17, 4.02, 4.05, AND 4.15 OF THE CITY OF MARGATE CHARTER; FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "ELECTIONS," AND IN PARTICULAR SECTIONS 6.01, 6.05, AND 6.06 OF THE CITY OF MARGATE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, 2028, OF A MAYOR AND FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS WHO SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN ELECTED MAYOR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER, 2028, TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR, TERM LIMITS FOR THE MAYOR, REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM FIVE (5) TO FOUR (4); FURTHER AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 1-2, 2-2, 2-4, 2-5, 2-8, 2-15, 2-70.3, 2-70.6, 2-70.14, 2-86, 13-8, AND 33-69.52 TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE AMENDED CITY CHARTER, PROVIDING FOR A NOTICE OF AN ADVERTISEMENT OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTION CODE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE, WHEN ADOPTED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, ON THE NOVEMBER, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AS PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE PLACE AND PLACES WHERE SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY'S CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MAYOR ARSERIO pointed out that there were difference of opinions between the City Commission but he understood that they all wanted what was best for the City. He suggested that they establish whether there was an appetite for this Item and if so, then they could try and work out the terms thereafter.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO explained why he introduced this Item and spoke in favor of the same.

VICE MAYOR CAGGIANO read a statement against this Item.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ read a statement about this Item.

Discussion ensued including a "gentleman's agreement" for rotating the City's Mayor's position, the year that this Item would come into effect on the ballot, length of term limits, pay, seats and terms of office.

MR. ZUCCHINI said that they should let the public decide. He also believed that the Mayor's position should show leadership and vision and that it should be a four year term limit.

MS. FELLOWS suggested that the residents vote on the Mayor's position on a two year, two term maximum.

MS. SANCHEZ sought further information on the Mayor's role and agreed on a two year, three term position.

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO responded to Ms. Sanchez's comments.

Discussion ensued on the Charter and terms.

MS. VAN WINKLE suggested that a three, two year term, would be sufficient and believed this should be effected from 2024. She also asked whether the Mayor would receive retirement.

MR. BOURDIN said that he would put this on the Presidential ballot, i.e., 2024 for 2028 to be enacted. He also agreed with Commissioner's Schwartz's opinion on rotation.

MS. CULVER explained that it was a long process to get anything completed and would prefer to see a four year, with a minimum of two terms for a Mayor elect.

MS. BERACHA explained that previously, she was in favor of putting this Item on the ballot and upon listening at the City Commission Workshop and meetings, she now agreed with Vice Mayor Caggiano's comments and did not believe that it should be placed on the ballot.

MAYOR ARSERIO indicated that it seemed that the City Commission agreed for CONSENSUS to decide in 2022 to take effect in 2028 with three, two year terms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ruzzano, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, the First Reading of this Ordinance which will provide for a Referendum on the Charter Amendment to make an elected Mayor seat on the November 2022 election, to become effective in November 2028 for three, two year terms.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE said that upon listening to the discussion, she believed that this Item should be effective in 2024.

Discussion ensued.

MS. FELLOWS believed that if a Commissioner was going to run for Mayor, they should

give up their seat.

MAYOR ARSERIO responded to Ms. Fellows' comments.

MR. ZUCCHINI explained that this Item should be effective in 2024 and not 2028.

COMMISSIONER SCHWARTZ responded to Mr. Zucchini's comments.

MS. SANCHEZ discussed her concerns on Page 5, Section 6.1, of the Ordinance, pertaining to the annual salary of the Mayor.

MR. BOURDIN questioned Commissioner Ruzzano as to why he chose 2028 as he did not understand the length of six years.

MS. BERACHA stated that signs won elections in Margate.

MS. VAN WINKLE could not understand why the City Commission did not want this Item on the ballot for 2024 as it was a Presidential election where there would be more voters.

MAYOR ARSERIO responded to Ms. Van Winkle's comments.

Discussion ensued.

A motion to amend was made by Commissioner Ruzzano, to provide for the 2022 election to consider the Charter Amendment for the office of Mayor to be elected in the November 2024 election with three, two year terms and seat four would be changed to Mayor.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ruzzano withdrew his amendment.

The original motion carried as follows:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Schwartz, Commissioner Ruzzano and Mayor Arserio

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Caggiano

10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. [ID 2022-188](#) ~~SPECIAL EVENTS FUNDING/DONATION REQUEST PROGRAM – GOODMAN FAMILY SERVICES OF BROWARD COUNTY~~**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards


Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 6/6/2022

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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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