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Margate City Hall goes to 4 day 10 hour week

Margate, FL, July 23, 2008 – As a cost savings measure, effective September 29, 2008, City of Margate administrative offices shall convert to a 4 day 10 hour work schedule. The normal hours of operations for City Hall and all Departmental administrative offices shall be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; closed Fridays and designated holidays.

The essential services of Police, Fire/Rescue, Water and Wastewater treatment shall continue to operate on a 24 hour, 7 day per week basis; however, the administrative offices for those departments shall be on the 4 day 10 hour, closed on Fridays schedule. The Northwest Focal Point Senior Center will operate on its normal schedule.

The City Hall schedule of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday will be beneficial to the residents, as well as the City employees. “We have watched for a number of years, residents lined up outside City Hall’s doors waiting to pay for water bills and conduct city business...some complaining they had to take some time off work or be late to work, so opening earlier and staying later will help in that regard,” Mayor Pam Donovan said. “With the economic times in such sad shape giving our employees one day without having to use gas to get back and forth to work is a plus and it allows for not having to take time off work for doctors appointments and such because they can do that on Friday and have an enjoyable weekend, so they are refreshed when they come back to work to serve the community.”

The City will save on fuel, utilities, uniform costs, and employee lost time due to scheduling of appointments throughout the week. The employees will benefit by reducing their weekly work budget by 20%. Research of this issue indicates the change will be for the better and in fact, may become the norm for all local and state governments.

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