



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

*Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano*

*Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano*

*Commissioners:*

*Antonio V. Arserio, 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, July 5, 2023

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2023-210](#) PRESENTATION OF THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE WINNERS: PRIVATE BUSINESS: BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE, NON-PROFIT: AMERICAN LEGION POST 157, MARGATE FAMILY: THE JONES FAMILY
- PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR, MICHAEL A. JONES, thanked everyone who participated in the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks event and highlighted its success.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- B. [ID 2023-206](#) TILITHA HAWKINS, UTILITY SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 15 YEARS
- DENISE M. ZABARSKY, OFFICE SPECIALIST III - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS
- LESLIE HOFF, OFFICE SPECIALIST III - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

### 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO explained the protocol for speaking under Public Comments.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, highlighted two Items that would be discussed at the next City Commission meeting and referenced the installation of artificial turf and the second Item of the Transit Oriented Corridor (TOC) amendment where he read a statement on the same. He reiterated his request to reintroduce Zoom for members of the public to provide comment.

JULIE JONES thanked Chief of Police Galaska and the Police Department for keeping the public safe. She thanked Parks and Recreation and everyone else involved in the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, thanked the City for the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks. She requested the return of Margate's Chamber of Commerce instead of paying a fee to Pompano.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO responded to Ms. Winkle's comments pertaining to the Chamber of Commerce and expressed his wishes to have their own organization for Margate.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained that each year, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) budgeted for the Chamber of Commerce but the City had not provided funding to their organization's annual dues as they were not receiving the benefit that they had anticipated.

Discussion ensued on the Chamber of Commerce.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO discussed his experience of attending the Chamber of Commerce meetings and that he welcomed suggestions on any non-profit alternative for the City.

MAYOR CAGGIANO responded to Vice Mayor Ruzzano's comments on the Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion ensued on the Chamber of Commerce.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, thanked the CRA for a wonderful Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks event.

### **3) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

VICE MAYOR RUZZANO referenced Southeast Park and advised that it was being funded with the bond money that was approved six years ago. He explained that as it was voted upon in the ballot, the funds could not be used elsewhere. He said that the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks event was incredible and thanked everyone who participated.

MAYOR CAGGIANO said that the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks was a beautiful event.

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE apologized for not participating in this year's Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks event. She advised the public to stay hydrated, especially those who worked outside.

### **4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**


There was no City Manager's Report.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
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Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 8/28/2023

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