



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 815 1553 6307

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION BY PASTOR MARCOS NOGUEIRA

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- B. [ID 2024-170](#)** RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MARGATE YOUTH BASEBALL 8U TEAM, PEORIA CHIEFS

Item 1) B. was read before 1) A.

- A. [ID 2024-160](#)** RECOGNIZING THE 2024 CONCEPT SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR (CONSEF) WINNERS FROM BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS

A few winners spoke on this Item.

### 2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO explained the protocol for submitting comments to Public Discussion.

DOUGLAS R. KEMP, 795 NW 73RD AVENUE, thanked the City for receiving their grant approval for beautification at Paradise Gardens IV. He indicated that "The Story of Margate, Florida" was a good book and hoped that more people in the community would read it. He questioned who was responsible for the canals and referenced an eroding bank by a resident's property.

MAYOR RUZZANO said that they would look into it.

CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS, informed that Public Works Director, Batista, would inspect the canal bank and provide Mr. Kemp with his contact details.

MARGATE RESIDENT OF THE CAROLINA CLUB said that there was a rumor that somebody wanted to build 500 apartments and referenced 13th Floor and voiced his concerns and the lack of maintenance at that location.

MAYOR RUZZANO responded to the Margate resident's comments.

CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, advised that until an application comes before the City Commission, they could not discuss it.

RESIDENT OF THE CAROLINA CLUB requested the City to provide the list that was given to 13th floor.

JULI VAN DER MEULEN, 2913 NW 68 LN., said that she was compelled to address the recent developments concerning the Carolina Golf Course and read a statement on the same.

M. J. DUFF, 7305 NW 8TH COURT, voiced his concerns on the development of the Executive Golf Course.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, read a statement asking for consideration of directing the cameras to the members of the public when they make comment. He also discussed April's Water Conservation Month.

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO responded to Mr. Kraljic's comments.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE, said that she attended the Broward County Commission Meeting. She discussed her concerns on possible developments on the Executive Golf Course.

DONNA L. FELLOWS, 6108 NW 9TH COURT, thanked Mayor Ruzzano for sponsoring Logan for the Broward County state competition pertaining to bowling. She thanked Commissioner Arserio for sponsoring a couple of the bowlers and she continued to discuss the bowling tournament.

### 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE highlighted that Florida was in hurricane season and reminded people to have all their supplies and relevant equipment. She informed that from June 1st – 15th and August 24th – September 26th, it was the 2024 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday and she discussed the same. She warned car drivers not to park on the sidewalk. She advised people to stay well and hydrated.

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO encouraged people to take advantage of the tax holiday during the hurricane season. He recommended having sandbag events in advance of something occurring. He congratulated all of the bowlers that were sponsored by the City.

COMMISSIONER SIMONE explained that there was a right and wrong way to use a sandbag and asked that the residents could be educated in the right way of stacking them and suggested putting this information on the City's website.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ said that she had always watered her lawn on Thursdays and Sundays. She explained that through their annual Drop Savers Water

poster contest, the City did acknowledge the importance of saving water. She wished everybody a Happy Father's Day. She explained that she watched the Carolina section being developed as it did not exist when she moved to Margate. She said that although the public may be reading things on social media, the City Commission had nothing pertaining to the golf course.

MAYOR RUZZANO questioned if something was submitted pertaining to the golf course.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that although there had been meetings, there was nothing formally submitted that the City had to take action.

Discussion ensued on the Golf Course.

CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES advised that there had been nothing formally submitted that was before them so it was premature for the City Commission to make any conclusions or decisions related to any development that may be proposed.

Discussion ensued.

MAYOR RUZZANO congratulated M. J. on his board appointment, Mr. Kraljic on his wedding anniversary, Police Major Druzvik and the children graduating. He said that yesterday's graduation ceremony at the Margate Sports Complex (MSC) was incredible and highlighted the 4th of July Parade. He told Finance that they did a nice job with the financing and discussed property values in Margate increasing over the last 12 months. He said that City Manager Curtis had great leadership.

CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES referenced Form 6 and said that as of this date, they had not received an Order from the Judge with respect to the request for the preliminary injunction but they would continue to keep them advised.

CITY CLERK, JENNIFER M. JOHNSON, wished Commissioner Simone, a Happy Birthday.

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS wished Commissioner Simone a Happy Birthday. He referenced Calypso Cove and said that they still remained on track for having the pool opened and were looking at mid-July before it got completed. He explained that they were consolidating two of the contractors working at Calypso Cove in the form of change orders. He advised that the Aquatics program had not been affected as the lap pool was still open.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO stated that they could not rush perfection. He hoped that they would do a big celebration once it was completed as he believed that it would look really nice.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS advised that he and his colleagues, together with the master of ceremony, Fire Chief Lorenzo, held a kind of a scenario based meeting this morning in preparation if a hurricane affected Margate and what the different departments would be required to do.

Discussion ensued on the hurricane preparedness

MAYOR RUZZANO questioned whether they had a contractor in place for hurricane clean-ups.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that the City had three debris management contractors and one debris monitoring contractor and advised that many of the big companies end up subbing the work out to individual trucks who would chase where the most money was. He explained that the Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) easement would not be possible to store equipment for the hurricane. He wished all the children a happy and safe summer.

Discussion ensued.

## 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.

- A. [ID 2024-175](#) MOTION - APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES: MAY 1, 2024 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING AND MAY 9, 2024 SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**APPROVED**

- B. [ID 2024-180](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CITY OF MARGATE RESOLUTION NO. 23-075, PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023; REPLACING PURCHASING CONTRACT UNDER CLAY COUNTY RFP 18/19-2, WITH SOURCEWELL PURCHASING CONTRACT 041123-MSL, FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTS FOR ANDREW'S FIELDS AT MARGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**APPROVED**

- C. [ID 2024-181](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, AWARDED BID 2024-011 - NORTHWEST FOCAL POINT SENIOR CENTER (NWFPS) IMPACT DOORS TO LEGNA CONTRACTING, LLC; WAIVING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$139,784.70 INCLUSIVE OF CONTINGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**APPROVED**

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

## 6) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2024-176](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA; ESTABLISHING THE ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT RATE FOR FIRE RESCUE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

CITY MANAGER CURTIS explained that the City was setting the rate for \$300 for Residential and that there were some slight adjustments to the non-Residential rates; the Commercial and Industrial. He confirmed that the notice did not have to go out this year.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO said that the Fire Assessment (FA) fees only covered 80%, that the City was subsidizing 20% and costs would continue to increase. He advised that when the City tried to raise the FA by \$25 - \$50, the residents got upset but said that the City would have to increase the rates and that he would like to see small incremental changes of approximately \$5 per year.

MAYOR RUZZANO compared the presentation to that of some years ago where the City could go up to charging residents a fee close \$400.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS confirmed that the number did change which may have decreased from the previous study.

MAYOR RUZZANO confirmed that the City could charge up to \$400 per home for the FA and concurred with Commissioner Arserio's recommendation.

**This carried as follows:**

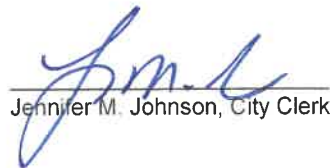
**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Schwartz and Mayor Ruzzano

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 7/8/2024

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