



# 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, August 23, 2023

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 894 8521 1830

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano and Commissioner Joanne Simone

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz

Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz arrived at 6:45 PM

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2023-229](#) PRESENTATION - REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY AND SENATOR TINA POLSKY - STATE FUNDING CHECK PRESENTATION FOR MARGATE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION, CANAL EMBANKMENT RESTORATION, AND DREDGING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600,000.

SENATOR TINA SCOTT POLSKY spoke on this Item.

DISTRICT 96 – FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY spoke on this Item and thanked the City Commission and staff.

Discussion ensued.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- B. [ID 2023-233](#) ROBERTO LORENZO, FIRE CHIEF - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS
- ERIC STEVER, DRIVER/ENGINEER - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS
- PAUL J. SHERMAN, DRIVER/ENGINEER - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS
- OVANDO RICHARD, SERVICE WORKER II - PUBLIC WORKS - 20 YEARS
- CALE D. CURTIS, CITY MANAGER - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - 5 YEARS
- ALONZO HALL IV, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

## 2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, explained the protocol for speaking under Public Comments and the Consent Agenda.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY read a statement pertaining to the last time a City Commission meeting took place. He also highlighted that the City Commission met with a Developer pertaining to the Carolina Club project.

LAUREN BERACHA, 6950 NW 14TH PLACE, repeated her previous request for residents to speak via Zoom at the City Commission meetings.

JULIE JONES agreed with Ms. Beracha's comments pertaining to Zoom.

HALDANE L. COOPER, 6965 NW 29 COURT & OWNER OF VALENCIA CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT, stated his restaurant was left off the sign for businesses in the Margate Shopping Center.

TRACY VAN WINKLE, 1020 SW 61ST AVENUE, expressed that she felt bad for businesses that wanted to come to Margate.

## 3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO requested that Mr. Cooper should address his comments at the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting tomorrow. He said that he had no problems with the Zoom calls for the public.

MARIE H. GRIFFIN, 2902 NW 62ND AVENUE, discussed rent increases in her community and issues arising from her homeowners association.

CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES responded to Ms. Griffin's questions.

COMMISSIONER ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ highlighted that people enjoyed the Annual National Night Out Against Crime. She indicated that she would look at both sides pertaining to the Zoom calls and advised that she had responded to Mr. Kraljic and addressed his comments.

## 4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's report.

CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES advised that pursuant to Florida Law, he requested a Shade Session with the City Commission so that they could have the opportunity to discuss the case of Brown vs. City of Margate.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 9/21/2023

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