



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
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 819 7389 7662

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2026-038](#) PRESENTATION OF CITY SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

FIRE CHIEF, ROBERTO LORENZO, informed that the American Red Cross, representative, Mr. Ortega, would be providing a PowerPoint presentation.

AMERICAN RED CROSS, COMMUNITY DISASTER PROGRAM SPECIALIST, STEVEN ORTEGA, discussed the Home Fire Campaign initiative which pertained to making their community safer and more resilient in the face of a disaster such as a home fire. He explained that the program was designed to prevent deaths and injuries caused by home fires which accounts for more than 60,000 disasters which they respond to every year in the Red Cross. He explained that one of their objectives was to be invited into their communities and to be able provide the public with free smoke alarm installations as well as fire information on how to prevent any type of disaster from occurring in the home. He advised that they also provide bed shakers for the hard of hearing. He continued to discuss the importance of this program and the process of installing these devices by volunteers which included door to door installations and an educator.

FIRE CHIEF, ROBERTO LORENZO, continued to speak positively on this program and thanked the City's Fire Marshal, David Scholl.

B. [ID 2026-047](#) 2025-2026 D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION) WINNERS

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY - OFFICER PAUL LINDEMAN

- WINNER - PAULA VERA

ATLANTIC WEST - OFFICER RALPH SCAPERROTTA

- WINNERS - ISABELLA SANYER AND EMIL JEAN PIERRE

MARGATE ELEMENTARY - OFFICER TONY CARECCIA

- WINNERS - JOAO VITOR JEANNIE AND MANNING PAGLEY

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO), ANTONIO CARECCIA, spoke on this Item.

SRO, PAUL LINDEMAN, spoke on this Item.

SRO, RALPH SCAPERROTTA, spoke on this Item.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

- C. [ID 2026-015](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: CAYLEE BAILEY (STUDENT), JASMINE PORTER (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal)

ASCEND ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL: DEVINA BOSWELL (STUDENT), RACHEL HANSARD (TEACHER), (Dr. Kathrine Pierandozzi, Principal and/or Ms. Neisha Billy, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: AMANDA ROSAS HUTCHINGS (STUDENT), SHERLINE JOSEPH (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Katy Twist, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: EVELYN RICHARDS (STUDENT), JODI HOBBS (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: TIANNA JENKINS (STUDENT), VERNETT SIMS (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: VINCENT LAM (STUDENT), DANIEL SINGER (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Ms. Richelle R. Fearon-Shaw, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: TAMIRA WRIGHT (STUDENT), ANDREA CLARKE (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Meleisa Forbes, Upperschool School Director)

PROCLAMATION(S)

The Proclamations were heard before Employee Recognition for Years of Service.

- E. [ID 2026-013](#) COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - MARCH, 2026 (presented to

Kasia Orzechowska, Fight Colorectal Cancer Ambassador)

A REPRESENTATIVE spoke on this Item.

F. [ID 2026-016](#) WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH - MARCH, 2026 (presented to Arlene R. Schwartz, Margate City Commissioner)

G. [ID 2026-035](#) IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - MARCH, 2026 (presented to Hugh Matthew Higgins, Florida Ancient Order of Hibernians Representative to the Irish Consulate in Miami)

A REPRESENTATIVE spoke on this Item.

H. [ID 2026-041](#) NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH - MARCH, 2026 (presented to Pradeep Vanguri, President, Athletic Trainers’ Association of Florida)

A REPRESENTATIVE spoke on this Item.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

D. [ID 2026-036](#) KELLY A. KANDIBOVICH, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 30 YEARS

KEVIN T. CONNELLI, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

EDUARDO MORALES, STORMWATER FOREMAN - PUBLIC WORKS - 20 YEARS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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