



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

*Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz*

*Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio*

*Commissioners:*

*Anthony N. Caggiano, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone*

*City Manager Cale Curtis*

*City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman*

*City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson*

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Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone and Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. [ID 2024-403](#) JOAN PHILIPPSON, MARGATE RESIDENT

### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2024-392](#) SWEARING-IN FOR MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

B. [ID 2024-394](#) RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MARGATE YOUTH SOFTBALL 8U TEAM, MARGATE COYOTES

A representative and team members spoke on this Item.

### STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

C. [ID 2024-348](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: JACOB NOLASCO (STUDENT), SHIVONNE PINDER (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal and/or Ms. Romona McCloud, Middle School Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: AURIA JOSEPH (STUDENT), IMMACULA JOSEPH (TEACHER), (Ms. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Ms. Yahira Tamayo, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: Z'MARI BRANFORD (STUDENT), MICHAEL LIPSKY (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Fabricia Santos Maraclo, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: ROMINA LOERO (STUDENT), TAMEKA GRANT (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: CHRISTIAN SORIANO-BRIDGES (STUDENT), MICHAEL PETERSON (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: LA'MIYAH BOTTEX (STUDENT), RACQUEL JOHNSON (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Ms. Krystal Coke, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: THALIEA POWELL (STUDENT), SHAMARIAH RENEAU (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Meleisa Forbes, Upper School Director)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: NOAH MAGALHAES (STUDENT), KRISTIN SCALES (TEACHER), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: DELIA CLEMENT (STUDENT), JENNIFER BEST (TEACHER), (Mr. Derrick Hugue, Principal and/or Ms. Rossana Padron, Assistant Principal)

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

- D. [ID 2024-346](#) IVAN O. MARTIN, TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 10 YEARS

## **2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

MAYOR, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, explained the protocol for submitting Public Discussion.

TRACY VAN WINKLE suggested that all children should be recognized for all that they did and referenced Students and Teachers of the Month.

DONNA FELLOWS thanked the City Commission and hoped that they would attend the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday helping homeless children in their school system. She hoped that Margate's Winter Festival was going to be bigger and better this year.

JONATHAN KRALJIC read a list of initiatives for Mayor Schwartz to consider for her to accomplish during her term.

ELSA SANCHEZ read a statement pertaining to Commissioner Simone being overlooked.

THE LEGACY CLOSET, MARGI BRE, (of PARKLAND) thanked the City for helping them coordinate the forthcoming homeless event for breakfast with Santa and continued to discuss the same.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, explained that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) had a very big job and recommended that it should be expanded to include experienced qualified personnel. He also suggested that the CRA should also have officer elections and that it needed to be discussed.

COMMISSIONER, ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, questioned if the CRA discussion could be placed on the next City Commission's Agenda.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ confirmed that they could.

COMMISSIONER, TOMMY RUZZANO, said that the CRA only had just under two years and questioned if there was something that the Chair was doing that Mr. Zucchini did not approve.

Discussion ensued.

CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, advised that the maximum number of CRA board members permitted are seven and that the proposed Item would need to be on a 2025 Agenda if agreed upon together with the considerations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

MAYOR SCHWARTZ polled the City Commission if they wanted to add the CRA board item to the next Agenda.

Commissioner Ruzzano - Had no problem with it;  
Commissioner Caggiano - Had no problem with it;  
Commissioner Simone - Had no problem with it; and  
Mayor Schwartz - Had no problem with it.

Poll results: 4 - 0.

LAUREN BERACHA discussed Commissioner Simone being bypassed again.

### **3) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

COMMISSIONER RUZZANO congratulated Arlene Schwartz on her Mayorship.

COMMISSIONER CAGGIANO congratulated Mayor Schwartz.

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

CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS, referenced the strategic plan and explained that the City sought the residents' input for a survey they created.

CITY ATTORNEY TOLCES congratulated Mayor Schwartz.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
Jennifer M. Johnson, City ClerkDate: 1/23/2025

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