



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes City Commission Budget Hearing

*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*

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Monday, September 9, 2024

5:01 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us  
Webinar ID: 842 2179 3184

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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

Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio attended by Zoom.

City Attorney Robert Meyers was in attendance.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. [ID 2024-284](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained the Protocol for this Budget Hearing.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO invited the public to put forward any questions about the Agenda.

There was no public discussion.

#### 2) RESOLUTION(S)

A. [ID 2024-272](#) APPROVING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.5667 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION (WHICH INCLUDES

0.4496 FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE); THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.1171 IS 8.89% HIGHER THAN THE ROLL-BACK RATE OF 6.5360.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, that this Resolution, should be approved.**

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO simplified the language of the Resolution by explaining that overall, the City was decreasing taxes.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- B. [ID 2024-273](#)** ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO OPERATE ON SAID TENTATIVE BUDGET AS AMENDED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE UNTIL ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, that this Resolution, should be approved.**

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO thanked staff for doing a good job.

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### 3) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A. [ID 2024-274](#)** ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND AN INTERNAL SERVICE FUND; PROVIDING FOR A MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schwartz, seconded by Commissioner Caggiano, that this Ordinance, First Reading, should be approved.**

MAYOR RUZZANO appreciated the presentation and informed the public that they had

completed Workshops on the budget.

**The motion carried by the following vote.**

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

COMMISSIONER ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO said that the Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) Director, Keyser, did a great job at the Margate Alliance of Condominium and Homeowners' Associations, Inc. meeting pertaining to the bond.

CITY MANAGER CURTIS thanked the department heads, support staff and the Finance Department's staff who were involved in the budget process.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ referenced a previous Budget meeting running until 4:00am and said that the staff should pat themselves on the back.

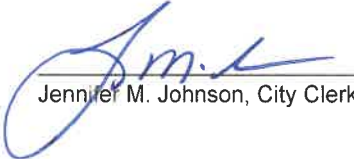
Discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 10/17/2024

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