



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, May 6, 2026

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
Webinar ID: 842 4935 4314

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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

LARRY WALLACH said that he was looking to open up a store in Margate and referenced sloth.

1) PRESENTATION(S)

A. [ID 2026-122](#) PRESENTATION TO CITY OF MARGATE'S 2026 DROP SAVERS CONTEST WINNERS

AMEER JOHNSON - RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DIVISION 1 CITY WINNER AND FSAWWA DIVISION 1 3RD PLACE WINNER

ISAAC DE MIRANDA - ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - DIVISION 1 SCHOOL WINNER

YOSSEF ROSENBERG - LUBAVITCH HEBREW ACADEMY - DIVISION 1 SCHOOL WINNER

REBECCA WEBSTER - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 1 SCHOOL WINNER

CHARLIE GARBARINO - MARGATE ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 1 SCHOOL WINNER

IASMIM PEREIRA - ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - DIVISION 2 CITY WINNER AND FSAWWA DIVISION 2 2ND PLACE WINNER

SAMORAH BROWN - ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY -- DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

LEAH NESS - LUBAVITCH HEBREW ACADEMY - DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

NIYLAH FRIAS - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

ANJULI SAMLAL - MARGATE ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

RIYA PAWAR - RISE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DIVISION 2 SCHOOL WINNER

ALESSA VILLARREAL - ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - DIVISION 3 CITY WINNER

AMANDA REYES - RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DIVISION 3 SCHOOL WINNER

DASHLEY SALGADO - MARGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DIVISION 3 SCHOOL WINNER

JEANA VERDIEU - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 3 SCHOOL WINNER

MINA LAPIDUS - LUBAVITCH HEBREW ACADEMY - DIVISION 3 SCHOOL WINNER

CHAVA STOLIK - LUBAVITCH HEBREW ACADEMY - DIVISION 4 CITY WINNER

ABIGAIL DORESTIN - RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - DIVISION 4 SCHOOL WINNER

MARTHNEY ESTIVERNE - ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - DIVISION 4 SCHOOL WINNER

ANDREW STILLEN - LIBERTY ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 5 CITY WINNER

JAYDEN NELSON - MARGATE ELEMENTARY - DIVISION 5 SCHOOL

WINNER

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

B. [ID 2026-118](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: DANIEL SORI (STUDENT), ANA RODRIGUES (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal and/or Mrs. Ramona McCloud, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: CHLOE DORGERON (STUDENT), A'DE'JZA THOMPSON (TEACHER), (Ms. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Ms. Corrine Mendez, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: GRACE ALCINDOR (STUDENT), MURAT SOLMAZ (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Katy Twist, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: LIAM RICHARDS (STUDENT), JADINE WADE (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: ALLEN EXANTUS (STUDENT), MARIBEL BLANCO (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: ROMUALDSKEY MICHEL (STUDENT), QUINTEN LAMBERT (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Mr. Thomas Morgan, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: SHANNAE BENNETT (STUDENT), NATACHA RODRIGUEZ (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Meleisa Forbes, Upper School Director)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: MAKAYLA MAYSONET (STUDENT), ERLANDE CAMBRONNE (TEACHER), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: GABRIELLE PETIT-BEAU (STUDENT), JESSICA PAPI-SILVA (TEACHER), (Mr. Derrick Hugue, Principal and/or Ms. Rossana Padron, Assistant Principal)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

C. [ID 2026-106](#) DOUGLAS CLINE, UTILITY MECHANIC II - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 30 YEARS

SPENCER L. SHAMBRAY, PURCHASING MANAGER - FINANCE DEPARTMENT - 30 YEARS

MICHAEL A. BUSH, DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION MANAGER -

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 20 YEARS

VICKRAM RAMOUTAR, CANAL MAINTENANCE - PUBLIC WORKS - 15 YEARS

PATRICK R. GARMON, DIRECTOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 5 YEARS

EMILY KAY, POLICE PAYROLL COORDINATOR - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

SHKEITHIA J. PALMER, COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE II - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

Following a brief recess, the meeting reconvened.

PROCLAMATION(S)

F. [ID 2026-116](#) NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK - MAY 17 - MAY 23, 2026 (presented to Gio Batista, Director of Public Works)

Item 1) F. ID 2026-116 was heard before ITEM 1) D. ID 2026-114.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GIOVANNI BATISTA, spoke on this Item.

D. [ID 2026-114](#) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK - MAY 17 - MAY 23, 2026 (presented to Roberto Lorenzo, Fire Chief)

Item 1) F. ID 2026-114 was heard after ITEM 1) F. ID 2026-116.

FIRE DIVISION CHIEF, MATTHEW WHITESHIELD, spoke on this Item.

E. [ID 2026-115](#) NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 11 - MAY 16, 2026 (presented to Major Kevin Stransky)

A MARGATE EMPLOYEE spoke on this Item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 6/4/2026

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