



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

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

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
Webinar ID: 868 4058 8590

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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

MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. [ID 2024-305](#) LEILANI NIKA ATILUS, KINDERGARTEN, PHYL'S ACADEMY

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2024-327](#) MARGATE 50 YEAR RESIDENCY AWARD - KERI PORTER

KERI PORTER spoke on this Item.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

MARGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, SABINE B. PHILLIPS, highlighted the great things happening at her school and referenced the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program.

- B. [ID 2024-326](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: ESTHER RODRIGUEZ (STUDENT), FLERIDA CANO (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal and/or Ms. Martha Palhano, Elementary Principal Assistant)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: DAVID BROWN (STUDENT), JOHN DUDLEY (TEACHER), (Ms. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Ms. Yahira Tamayo, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: ILEANA ACHILLE (STUDENT),

EDNA SLOAN (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Sulaya Williams, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: LONDON CHANNER (STUDENT), ANDREW HESLER (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: EMMITT GARBARINO (STUDENT), NATALIE CONFORTI (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: OFYAH BAZIL (STUDENT), DELISA RUFUS (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Ms. Krystal Coke, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: BRIELLE MORRIS (STUDENT), ERICA WALKER (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Jalaja Cooke, Elementary Director)

WEST BROWARD ACADEMY: JOYCE CAICEDO ARROYO (STUDENT), KIMMY ANDERSON (TEACHER), (Mr. Derrick Hugue, Principal and/or Ms. Rossana Padron, Assistant Principal)

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO highlighted the City's sports programs.

- C. [ID 2024-317](#) BASEBALL: KAYDEN DECUBA, 12 YEARS OLD (City of Margate Baseball, The Trash Pandas)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

- D. [ID 2024-281](#) KEVIN STRANSKY, POLICE MAJOR - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS
- ALFONSO GUERRA, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS
- ANTHONY J. DEMARIZE, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS
- ISAMAR A. VIVEROS MONTILLA, CLERK COORDINATOR - CITY CLERK - 5 YEARS
- MICHELET STERLING, MAINTENANCE WORKER - PARKS & RECREATION - 5 YEARS

PROCLAMATION(S)

- F. [ID 2024-279](#) FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK - OCTOBER 21-27, 2024

Item 1) F. ID. 2024-279 was heard before 1) E. ID 2024-278.

CLERK COORDINATOR, ISAMAR A. VIVEROS, discussed the Student Government Day.

- E. [ID 2024-278](#)** ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - OCTOBER, 2024 (presented to Michael Palma, Police Chief, Margate Police Department)

Item 1) E. ID 2024-278 was heard after Item 1) F. ID 2024-279.

CHIEF OF POLICE, MICHAEL PALMA, spoke on this Item.

- G. [ID 2024-304](#)** FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 12, 2024 (presented to Roberto Lorenzo, Fire Chief)

FIRE CHIEF, ROBERTO LORENZO, spoke on this Item.

FIRE CODE OFFICIAL/FIRE MARSHAL, DAVID R. SCHOLL, spoke on smoke alarms.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MAYOR RUZZANO explained the protocol for submitting comments to Public Discussion.

DONNA L. FELLOWS thanked Vice Mayor Schwartz and Commissioners Simone and Caggiano for their attendance at the Hurricane Relief drop off station. She highlighted that Heroes Hub and Legacy Closet (LC) have collaborated for donations to go to hurricane victims and she also discussed the devastation that had been caused.

VICE MAYOR, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, thanked the manager of the local U-Haul Moving & Storage of Margate who donated the use of their trucks.

JULIE JONES wanted people to pray for Mayor Ruzzano's Father-in-Law. She also discussed her concerns about hurricane relief funds.

PAULA ROBERTS questioned whether the City had received information from the Environmental Protection Agency pertaining to losing a federal court case regarding fluoride. She also read an update and provided a brochure on the same.

MARGI PATTIN, thanked Vice Mayor Schwartz and Commissioners Simone and Caggiano for taking part in their hurricane relief efforts. She highlighted that Legacy Closet were collecting donations at the former Big Lots in Coconut Creek until month end.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

CONSENSUS was given by the City Commission to withhold from submitting Commission Comments until the next City Commission meeting that followed.

MAYOR RUZZANO forewarned that the next City Commission meeting that followed could get tense.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards


Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 11/7/2024

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