



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Budget Hearing

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. [ID 2025-212](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

There was no public discussion.

2) RESOLUTION(S)

A. [ID 2025-213](#) APPROVING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.5378 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION (WHICH INCLUDES 0.4207 FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE); THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.1171 IS 7.47% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 6.6221.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simone, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, that this Resolution, should be discussed.

VICE MAYOR, ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, repeated that it was the eighth consecutive year that the City had not raised taxes and the overall millage rate decreased slightly due to debt services.

The motion carried as follows:

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

3) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A.** [ID 2025-214](#) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; 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 Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Arserio, that this Resolution, should be approved. This carried as follows:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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