



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

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us
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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

1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. [ID 2024-271](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET

CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS, explained the protocol for the City Commission Budget Hearing.

There was no Public Discussion for this Item.

2) RESOLUTION(S)

A. [ID 2024-275](#) APPROVING THE 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 ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 6.5360.

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

COMMISSIONER, ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, explained that the City was not raising taxes and said that the overall millage rate decreased.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, re-read the Resolution pertaining to the millage rate.

3) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING

- A. [ID 2024-276](#) 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, Second Reading, should be approved.

MAYOR, TOMMY RUZZANO, thanked everyone for their work on the Budget and said that it demonstrated good leadership.

VICE MAYOR, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, concurred with Mayor Ruzzano's comments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

VICE MAYOR SCHWARTZ explained that she would not be attending the City Commission Meeting that followed as she would be visiting Coconut Creek High School for a meeting pertaining to keeping Liberty Elementary School open.

COMMISSIONER ARSERIO advised that he too would be joining Vice Mayor Schwartz and would not attend the next City Commission Meeting.

MAYOR RUZZANO discussed the potential closure of Liberty Elementary School.


Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards


Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 10/17/2024

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