



# 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 Janette M. Smith**  
**City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh**

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Wednesday, September 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81721381447>

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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 Caggiano attended via Zoom

Commissioner Simone attended via Zoom

Commissioner Arserio attended via Zoom

Vice Mayor Schwartz attended via Zoom

Mayor Ruzzano attended in person

City Manager Cale Curtis attended in person

City Attorney Janette M. Smith attended in person

City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh attended in person

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**A. [ID 2020-319](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET**

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH read a statement pertaining to the City's virtual public meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO opened the Public Hearing.

CITY ATTORNEY JANETTE M. SMITH explained the nature of this hearing.

Discussion ensued.

CITY CLERK JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH explained the protocol for submitting a public discussion.

VICE MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ complimented the Finance Department.

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO closed the Public Hearing.

**2) RESOLUTION(S)**

- A. [ID 2020-320](#) APPROVING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.7383 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION (WHICH INCLUDES .6212 FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE); THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.1171 IS 5.48% HIGHER THAN THE ROLL-BACK RATE OF 6.7471.

RESOLUTION 20-070

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

COMMISSIONER ANTONIO V. ARSERIO requested City Manager Curtis to provide clarity on the language used for the City's Resolution.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS explained that the Resolution and Agenda back-up was almost verbatim per State statutes in recording the percent change over or under the rollback rate.

**The motion carried as follows:**

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

**3) ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING**

- A. [ID 2020-321](#) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND INTERNAL SERVICE FUND; PROVIDING FOR A MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2020-4

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caggiano, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartz, that this Ordinance, Second Reading, should be approved. This carried by the following vote:**

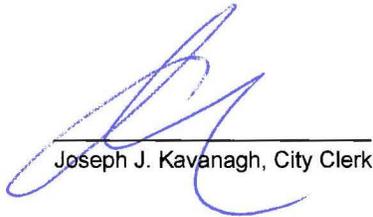
**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Simone, Commissioner Arserio, Vice Mayor Schwartz and Mayor Ruzzano

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

  
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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

Date: 11/19/2021

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone desiring a verbatim transcript shall have the responsibility, at his/her own expense, to arrange for the transcript.

[Appendix A – Zoning – Section 3.3] Any representation made before any City Board, any Administrative Board, or the City Commission in the application for a variance, special exception, conditional use or request for any other permit shall be deemed a condition of the granting of the permit. Should any representation be false or should said representation not be continued as represented, same shall be deemed a violation of the permit and a violation of this section.

Any person with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services for this meeting may call the City Clerk's office at (954) 972-6454 with their request at least two business days prior to the meeting date.

One or more members of the City of Margate advisory boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting.

The City of Margate is holding a virtual public hearing on September 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. This statement explains the City of Margate's findings related to the need to hold the virtual public meeting, and the ability of the public to access the virtual public meeting.

The City of Margate's findings and procedure for the virtual public meeting are as follows:

- Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52, in which the Governor declared a public health emergency and a state of emergency, there is a recommendation to limit public gatherings.
- On March 20, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending the quorum requirements for public meetings held by a local government body, and the requirement that a local government body must meet at a specific public place.
- On August 7, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-193, extending Executive Order 20-69 regarding local government public meetings until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020.
- Consistent with the authority contained in the Governor's Executive Orders, and in order to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Margate's clients and employees, the City of Margate finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Margate to hold this virtual public meeting.
- Therefore, the City of Margate will be holding this virtual meeting through the use of electronic communications. Members of the public are invited to join this virtual meeting by going to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and entering Webinar ID: 817 2138 1447 or by calling in via telephone by dialing one of the following phone numbers: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099 - Webinar ID: 817 2138 1447
- A copy of the Agenda for this Virtual Meeting is posted on [www.MargateFL.com](http://www.MargateFL.com) and on the main bulletin board outside City Hall located at 5790 Margate Blvd, Margate, FL 33063.
- Any comments related to any item on the agenda can be submitted to the City of Margate via the following e-mail address: [JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM](mailto:JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CITY COMMISSION BUDGET HEARING VIRTUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M.

THROUGH THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

Go to [www.margatefl.com](http://www.margatefl.com)

Go to "Agendas & Minutes" > Find the respective meeting date and click "Agenda Summary" to view the agenda items and see the Zoom meeting website address

THROUGH COMCAST CHANNEL 78:

If you are a Comcast/Xfinity customer, please go to Channel 78 to view the meeting.

PRIOR to the start of the meeting, email Public Comments to [JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM](mailto:JJKAVANAGH@MARGATEFL.COM) (all public comments that are three (3) minutes or less will be read into the record.)

ALTERNATE OPTION FOR VIEWING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING:

THROUGH ZOOM TECHNOLOGY:

Instructions for Attendees\Participants:

Topic: "Virtual Meeting - Margate City Commission Budget Hearing"

Enter the following link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81721381447>

Telephone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099

Webinar ID: 817 2138 1447

To virtually raise hand and be acknowledged to speak:

1. Users who call in can dial \*9 to raise their hand
2. If going through mobile (phone\tablet) app, to raise hand select "Participants", then see option to raise hand.
3. On the computer users should click "Participants" then see option to raise hand
4. Once you have been selected to speak, you will be prompted to unmute your device or stay muted.