



# City of Margate

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## Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

*Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano*

*Vice Mayor Tommy Ruzzano*

*Commissioners:*

*Antonio V. Arserio, Arlene R. Schwartz, Joanne Simone*

*City Manager Cale Curtis*

*Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman*

*City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson*

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Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

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

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A.** [ID 2022-468](#) SWEARING-IN FOR MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO AND VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO.

SOPHIA CAGGIANO swore in her Father, Mayor Caggiano.

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO read a statement which included Margate's accomplishments.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO introduced and thanked his family members, Thomas Ruzzano, his son, swore him in. He thanked everyone and the union members for their support and those attending this meeting. He said that "Margate was the best."

#### STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

- B.** [ID 2022-463](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: GABRIELLE ANDERSON (Student), OSLYN RODRIGUEZ (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: ROSE JEANTY (Student), ANNETTE DITTMEIER (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: MOLLY HAMELLE (Student), FABRICIA SANTOS MAROCLO (Teacher), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Mrs. Shahna Clark)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: CHRISTOPHER SIMPSON (Student), LINDSEY RODRIGUEZ (Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: DONNY VO (Student), JONIE J. BYNES (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: VICTORIA THOMAS (Student), NICOLA DOUSE (Teacher), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: AMIRAH SINAI SMALL (Student), ASHANTI MILLER (Teacher), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY, SECOND GRADE TEACHER, GLORIA McFARLANE accepted the award on behalf of the late, Ms. Nicola Douse.

### **ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

- C. [ID 2022-464](#) BASKETBALL: JOSHUA LOWE, 12 YEARS OLD  
(Margate Middle School- Basketball Team)

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

- D. [ID 2022-467](#) CARLEEN STEADMAN, CLERK TO SPECIAL MAGISTRATE - CITY CLERK - 30 YEARS

THERESA JONES, CLERK COORDINATOR - CITY CLERK - 20 YEARS

TERRY LIEBERMAN, PROJECT DIRECTOR - SENIOR CENTER - 20 YEARS

BRIAN CHEVRES, POLICE SERGEANT - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

DAVID R. SCHOLL, FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

## **2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

MAYOR CAGGIANO asked the public if they wanted to postpone their Public Discussion until the next City Commission meeting that followed.

JONATHAN A. KRALJIC, 7357 FLORES WAY, congratulated both Mayor Caggiano and Vice Mayor Ruzzano on their selection by their peers. He read a statement where he provided some new initiatives and said that the City's residents should be heard.

RICHARD ZUCCHINI, 380 LAKEWOOD CIRCLE E, #B, sought the comments on issues

that he raised at the last meeting and referenced Palm Lakes Golf Course.

**3) COMMISSION COMMENTS**

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE sent her condolences to the family, the school and children for the Teacher, Ms. Douse, that passed away.

MAYOR CAGGIANO echoed his sympathy towards Ms. Douse.

**4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS held his report until the next City Commission meeting that followed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

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Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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