



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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6:30 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 849 0572 9900

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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)

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

A. [ID 2023-095](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: NERIAH GRIFFIN (Student), JODY-ANN MCEWAN (Teacher), (Mrs. Stacy Angier, Principal and/or Mrs. Renate Ramirez, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: OFYAH BAZIL (Student), ISABEL GROULX (Teacher), (Mrs. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and Dr. Latonya Cooper, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: SOFIA MATEUS (Student), LUISA WINKLER (Teacher), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Assistant Principal Mrs. Shahna Clark)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: JOVANNI WADE (Student), MANAL N. IBRAHIM (Teacher), (Mr. Matthew Whaley, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: TIFFANY MARTINEZ (Student), LORI BAILEY

(Teacher), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: JESUS AMAYA LOPEZ (Student), ALINA DRAGOIU (Teacher), (Mrs. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: SKYLAR ALEXANDER (Student), MARIA GUERRERO (Teacher), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

B. [ID 2023-096](#) JEFFREY S. DYER - FIRE CAPTAIN - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 25 YEARS

JACK R. BARBRE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - 20 YEARS

JOSHUA K. BAER - POLICE OFFICE - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

ODANIS RODRIGUEZ - BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

KRISTOPHER SHIRM - FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC - FIRE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

MOHAMMAD R. MOHAMMADI - CHIEF MECHANICAL INSPECTOR - BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

MYRNA A. MORALES - PERMIT SPECIALIST II - BUILDING DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

PROCLAMATION(S)

E. [ID 2023-099](#) ARBOR DAY - APRIL 28, 2023 (presented to Michael A. Jones - Director of Parks and Recreation)

This Item was heard before 1) C. ID 2023-097.

PARKS AND RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, BENJAMIN V. TRAPANI, spoke on this Item and reminded the residents about this Saturday's Tree Giveaway.

Discussion ensued on the Tree Giveaway.

D. [ID 2023-098](#) PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL, 2023 (presented to Maria Miranda, Vice President - Paralyzed Veterans of America Florida Chapter)

This Item was heard after 1) E. ID 2023-099 but before 1) C. ID 2023-097.

C. [ID 2023-097](#) MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - APRIL, 2023 (presented to the Muslim Students Association for Middle & High Schools)

This Item was heard after 1) D. ID 2023-098.

A representative from the Muslim community spoke on this Item.

VICE MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO referenced Broward County Commissioner, Mark D. Bogen and Chief of Police Galaska and discussed the implementation of baseball in middle schools.

2) PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO requested that Public Comments be deferred to the next City Commission meeting that followed.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

MAYOR CAGGIANO requested that Commission Comments be deferred to the next City Commission meeting that followed.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: _____

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