



# 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  
Interim City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman  
City Clerk Joseph J. Kavanagh*

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Monday, September 13, 2021

5:01 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

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### ROLL CALL

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schwartz attended in person.

Vice Mayor Arserio attended via Zoom.

Commissioner Caggiano attended in person.

Commissioner Simone attended in person.

Commissioner Ruzzano attended in person.

City Manager Curtis attended in person.

Interim City Attorney Tolces attended in person.

City Clerk Kavanagh attended in person.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE - INVOCATION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 1) PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. [ID 2021-336](#) PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

The Public Hearing was opened and closed.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE KELLY SCHWARTZ explained that the City had a

Workshop in July 2021 where they went through details of the budget and since they covered all of those areas, the purpose of her PowerPoint presentation was to highlight Margate with their successes and accomplishments. She advised that the PowerPoint presentation would include the fiscal year 2021 review which would also cover Fiscal Year 22 highlights and that she would also discuss any of the budget changes from the July Workshop draft as well as the North West Focal Point Senior Center (NWFPSC) funding. She informed that thereafter, a public hearing would be open with any specific questions or concerns that may arise.

VICE MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO said that as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) frequently used the Chambers to conduct their business, he questioned if it was permitted for Margate to ask for funding for the use of the same.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY DAVID N. TOLCES indicated that he was unaware of any specific request made but advised that under this Statute, the City could not use CRA funds to pay for administrative items associated with administrative buildings that were operated by the City.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SCHWARTZ continued with her PowerPoint presentation and closed the same by outlining the City's next steps.

CITY MANAGER CALE CURTIS thanked the Finance staff and department directors for the work they put into the annual budget process.

DULCIE V. ROSE, 2900 NW 69 AVENUE, said that next year's projected budget had greatly increased.

Discussion ensued on Ms. Rose's comments.

Resident named PIERRE referenced taxes and the pandemic and asked if the City had any programs that could assist homeowners.

Discussion ensued on his comments.

## 2) RESOLUTION(S)

- A. [ID 2021-370](#) APPROVING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.7145 MILLS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION (WHICH INCLUDES .5974 FOR VOTED DEBT SERVICE); THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.1171 IS 5.67% HIGHER THAN THE ROLL-BACK RATE OF 6.7355.

RESOLUTION 21-066

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

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

- B. [ID 2021-371](#) ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2021/2022 FISCAL YEAR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO OPERATE ON SAID TENTATIVE BUDGET AS AMENDED PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE UNTIL ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

## RESOLUTION 21-067

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

Discussion ensued on a variety of issues pertaining to the budget which included the current group health insurance plan, a new gym facility, creating an expense account for general donations, the two percent pay increase and Step program, requesting guidelines on donations, funding received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the C51 project.

**The motion carried as follows:**

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Commissioner Ruzzano and Vice Mayor Arserio

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Simone and Mayor Schwartz

### 3) ORDINANCE(S) - FIRST READING

- A.** [ID 2021-372](#) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; 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.

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

**Yes:** 3 - Commissioner Caggiano, Vice Mayor Arserio and Mayor Schwartz

**No:** 2 - Commissioner Simone and Commissioner Ruzzano

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards

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Joseph J. Kavanagh, City Clerk

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

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