



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio
Commissioners:
Anthony N. Caggiano, Tommy Ruzzano, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 895 0963 5332

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone and Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz
- Absent:** 1 - Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A. [ID 2025-016](#) COMMUNITY SPIRIT INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION FOR ETHAN SANCHEZ, 12 YEARS OLD
- B. [ID 2025-017](#) BUSINESS RECOGNITION FOR U-HAUL MARGATE MANAGER MARANDA PERKINS
- U-HAUL MARGATE MANAGER, MARANDA PERKINS, spoke on this Item.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Item 1) D. ID2024-406 was heard before Item 1) C. ID2025-001

- D. [ID 2024-406](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: KATTEREEN MENDEZ HERNANDEZ (STUDENT), TABITHA DELIARD (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal and/or Ms. Romona McCloud, Middle School Assistant Principal)
- ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: SARAI MCANNUFF (STUDENT), ADRIENNE HILLS (TEACHER), (Ms. Shereen Reynolds, Principal and/or Ms. Yahira Tamayo, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: NICOLETTE KINARD (STUDENT), SULAYA WILLIAMS (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Sulaya Williams, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: MAILANI GIBBS (STUDENT), KATHERINE ROBERSON (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: RILEY WARD (STUDENT), SUSAN BALES (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: MALIK PEART (STUDENT), MARIE VILUS (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Ms. Krystal Coke, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: LEIGHA WATSON (STUDENT), BRITTANY MCFARLANE (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Jalaja Cooke, Elementary School Director)

RISE ACADEMY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: JUAN CRIOLLO (STUDENT), LUIS PARRA (TEACHER), (Dr. Adriana Guerra, Principal)

COMMISSIONER JOANNE SIMONE advised that the Rise Academy School of Science and Technology was named by the US News & World Report as being ranked amongst one of the best schools in the United States.

C. [ID 2025-001](#) 2024 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

1ST PLACE- STOP # 13: RANDAL VIGGIANI AT 375 KATHY LANE (\$100 GIFT CARD)

2ND PLACE- STOP # 11: ERIC & ELENA EACKER AT 7665 NW 22ND STREET. (\$50 GIFT CARD)

3RD PLACE- STOP # 14: BRANDON RICHARDS AT 761 SW 54TH AVE (\$25 GIFT CARD)

Item 1) C. ID2025-001 was heard after Item 1) D.

MAYOR, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, advised that the third and second place winners were unable to attend the City Commission meeting.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

E. [ID 2024-408](#) BASKETBALL: TACARUS BOYD, 13 YEARS OLD (Margate Middle School Basketball Team)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

F. [ID 2024-407](#) TERRENCE DOWNES, METER TECHNICIAN - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - 25 YEARS

ANNE CLARKE, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

MICHAEL G. DRUZHBIK, POLICE MAJOR - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 20 YEARS

DECIA A. SMITH-BURKE, BUDGET MANAGER - FINANCE - 10 YEARS

ADAM P. SPEZIALE, POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 10 YEARS

MATTHEW E. JARSEN JR., POLICE OFFICER - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 5 YEARS

WALTER D. HEAD, SERVICE WORKER - PARKS & RECREATION - 5 YEARS

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

JULIE JONES complimented Police Major Druzbiak. She presented Commissioner Ruzzano with a belated birthday gift.

MARGATE RESIDENT, MR. KRALJIC, read a statement complaining about the City Commission meeting schedule and offered suggested changes to Public Discussion during the Consent Agenda.

MARGATE RESIDENT, TRACY VAN WINKLE, questioned whether the City had an employee, State and City oath for new employees, whether Margate Sick Leave hours converted to Personal Leave and if staff were offered Sick Leave incentive benefits.

MARGATE RESIDENT, ELSA J. SANCHEZ, said that she would hold her comments until the next City Commission meeting.

MARGATE RESIDENT, DONNA L. FELLOWS, sent New Year's greetings to everyone and explained that the City's permit fees were too high.

MARGATE RESIDENT, RICHARD ZUCCHINI, agreed with Mr. Kraljic's comments pertaining to the Consent Agenda, referenced speeding and traffic and recommended investigating the use of rumble strips.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY RUZZANO questioned City Attorney Tolces on the previous rules pertaining to public speaking on Consent Agenda Items.

CITY ATTORNEY, DAVID N. TOLCES, advised that there was nothing to prevent somebody from speaking about an Item on the Consent Agenda which was specifically stated under Public Discussion.

Discussion ensued.

PARKLAND RESIDENT, MARGI J. BREZINA-PATTIN, thanked the City for hosting the homeless Christmas event at the Charles & Carol Katz Community Center and also thanked Mayor Schwartz who covered the expenses. She provided a brief update on the

effects of the Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping bill in Margate and thanked the Police Department.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

There was no City Commission Comments.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

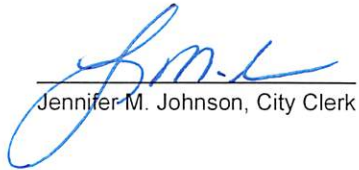
There was no City Manager's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 2/6/2025

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