

**MINUTES
CAPITAL/WORKSHOP MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 3:05 p.m.

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:

Johanna Casey, City Clerk, reads the statement of compliance and the procedure for a telecommunication meeting, followed with the flag salute and roll call: Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Rich Deaney, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Chief Dan Adams, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Arthur Ponzio of Arthur Ponzio & Associates, Inc.: Presents plans and gives an update on the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project.

Jon Barnhart of Arthur Ponzio & Associates, Inc.: Gives details as to the proposed traffic flow, pedestrian access, bike lane and construction materials.

Commissioner Amodeo: Wants it on the record that Schropshire Engineering Traffic did a traffic study of the area. The plans were developed with safety recommendations from them.

Mayor Becker: Inquires about lighting along the promenade.

Jon Barnhart: Speaks on the lighting plans.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to whether the bike lane can be two ways.

Jon Barnhart: Recommendation is to remain one way.

Commissioner Amodeo: For enforcement purposes it should be kept one way.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on bikers needing to be educated on directional use.

Commissioner Blumberg: Requesting the plans be reviewed to see if there is any way to make the bike lane two way to prevent people from riding in the street.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on state regulations on bike paths versus a bike lane.

Arthur Ponzio: Parts of the plan would have to be given up to make the bike lane two ways.

Commissioner Blumberg: Education and enforce of the one way will be needed. Has already requested Rich Deaney to look into getting a grant to hire Class II officers for bicycle patrol in this area.

Mayor Becker: It is about safety and education.

Ed Dennis: Suggest installing wrong way signs.

Rich Deaney: Needs cost estimates for this project before going to bid and develop a time frame.

John Barnhart: Speaks on a base bid with alternate options.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on base bids.

Scott Abbott: Inquires as to how far a one way street would go on Amherst Avenue.

Art Ponzio: Traffic will change to two ways at Washington Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Traffic counts were done to determine the feasibility.

Frank Ricciotti: Speaks on the trash receptacles along the Bayfront on Amherst Avenue. Requests having input into the trash receptacles along the promenade.

Jon Barnhart: Speaks on the proposed trash receptacles.

Scott Abbott: Gives a recommendation on how to handle people putting too much personal trash in public trash cans.

Ed Dennis: Gives an update on the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project. The Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection project has been reworked and plans sent to the NJ Department of Transportation. Atlantic County is also reviewing the new plans. Maps and data bases are completed for the GIS mapping Services.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on an upcoming Ordinance which would require private contractors to supply the information to keep GIS information updated.

Ed Dennis: Explains why contractors would have to supply digital data. The bid opening for the Firehouse No.1 Flood Protection Project will be September 24. The NJ Department of the Environment has till October 5, 2020 to make a decision on the Beach and Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal. A traffic study is being reviewed to see the impact of making Atlantic Avenue one way in each direction. Speaks on the timing of the traffic lights along Atlantic Avenue. The public will be allowed to comment on the proposed change to Atlantic Avenue.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if the traffic study was covered by a grant. Speaks on the flow of traffic and traffic lights along Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: The traffic study was not covered by a grant. Details of the report are important with determining whether or not to make it one lane each way on Atlantic.

Rich Deaney: Request Ed Dennis make a schedule of steps needed to make a decision.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to when the Atlantic Avenue traffic study was done.

Ed Dennis: It was done during the busiest weeks of the summer.

Rich Deaney: The proposed change to Atlantic Avenue would make a center lane available to make left turns.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the positive impact of making a change on Atlantic Avenue. Thanks Commissioner Amodeo and Chief Hankinson for improving street corners to make it safer for drivers to see.

Ed Dennis: Reducing the speed limits on Atlantic Avenue has been shown to reduce crashes. The Adams Avenue Pump Station traffic count is ready to be included in the grant application being done by Jim Rutala. Awarding the contract to Mathis Construction for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue is on tonight's regular meeting agenda. The 2019-2020 Curb and Gutter Program will go out to bid on September 10, 2020. The Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment is part of the compliance with asset management plan. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project will be advertised for bids on October 1, 2020. Nothing to add to the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. The protrusion of bolts are still on the list to be done from the beach refill project. All maintenance inspections are caught up. Closing out the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project. There is still a punch list not done by the contractor on the 2017 Atlantic Avenue Project. Improved access for residents is being worked on for the Reconstruction of Bayshore Drive West. Construction of the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead is substantially complete. Work on the Redevelopment of Well #10 will be starting around October 1, 2020. The next phase of the Atlantic Avenue Project is to start September 14, 2020. A preconstruction meeting was held for the 2019 CDBG Beach Access at Argyle Avenue Project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Requests Ed Dennis speak to Frank in public works about concerns he has about sewer lines recently laid.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Ed Dennis look at the work done on the curb in front of 9801 Ventnor Avenue.

Fred Verna: Suggests the police station parking lot be resurfaced.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk