

November 20, 2014

Margate City, New Jersey

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, and Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Deaney were also present. The minutes from 11/6/14 were approved as read on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Public Comment: John Sewell requested an ordinance opposing nepotism. Sam Lashman, N. Hanover Avenue spoke on a rumor that Fire Department to be regionalized. Sharon Simon suggested the following for better attendance at the commission meetings: change meeting times to accommodate more people, commissioners should answer questions during the meetings, & not be defensive when a speaker disagrees with commission. Art Cautilli spoke on dunes and the effectiveness of bulkheads. Glen Klotz spoke on dunes and possible trade-offs with participation in the program. This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: John Sewell commented on Resolutions #232 (*money already funded for the purchase but used for another truck*), and #234 (*mediation effective & less costly*). Sharon Simon commented on Ordinance #33 proposed fines (*Mr. Blumberg: fines will be discretionary*). This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Agenda Items:

Ordinance #33 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 196 “Nuisances” (Prohibits release of certain types of balloons in an effort to protect the environment, wildlife, and the well-being of persons and property) was introduced on motion by Ms. Taube with three ayes. The public hearing and second reading is scheduled for 12/4 @ 5:00 pm and will be advertised in accordance with law.

RESOLUTIONS were adopted unanimously on motion with a vote of three ayes with the exception of #229 *Authorize Payment to Colmar Home Center* which was adopted on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of two ayes and Mr. Becker recusing himself. All Resolutions may be found in full in the following pages.

#226 Authorize Payment of Claims and Payroll (*Becker*)

#227 Authorize Transfers in 2014 Budget (*Taube*)

#228 Authorize Application for the Flood Hazard Risk Reduction and Resiliency Grant Program - \$50 million allocated for the most affected counties by Hurricane Sandy (*Blumberg*)

#229 See above

#230 Award Professional Services Contract to Rutala Associates for Grant Services for the NJ Economic Development Authority Streetscape Improvements Program in the Amount of \$15,000 – Northside of Ventnor Avenue from Douglas to Exeter Avenues, from Benson to Decatur Avenues, and from Adams to Jefferson Avenues (*Taube*)

#231 Award Professional Services Contract to Remington Vernick and Walberg Engineers for Design & Project Construction Management in the Amount of \$38,600 – Act as consultant on the Streetscape Project (*Taube*)

#232 Approve Specs for Purchase of 1 Large Heavy Duty Dump Truck for PW Dept. (*Taube*)

#233 Approve Specs for Purchase of 1 – 11 cubic yard Trash Collection Truck for PW Dept. (*Taube*)

#234 Authorize Executive Session to Discuss Absecon Island Shore Protection Plan/Dunes per NJSA 10:4-12(b)(7) – (*Blumberg*)

Added After Work Meeting:

#235 Urge Governor Christie to Hold a Town Hall Meeting in Atlantic City (*Taube*)

#236 Support Opposition to Changing State Constitution to Allow Gambling Outside of Atlantic City (*Becker*)

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes to enter into executive session per Resolution #244 with a vote of three ayes. The meeting was reconvened on a vote of three ayes and with a roll call – Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The minutes from the executive session will be prepared in accordance with law and released when allowed.

With no further business this meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk