

August 15, 2013
Margate City, New Jersey

The Board of Commissioners held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Deaney & Mr. Abbott were also present. The minutes from August 1, 2013 were approved on motion by Mr. Blumberg and a vote of three ayes.

Public Comment:

All comments were on Margate's position on the proposed Absecon Island Shore Protection Project as well as the proposed Resolution #162.

Annette Schultz – how can residents be expected to vote on the matter when even the commissioners have admitted to not having all the information

Carol Armon, 4 Dolphin Drive – the matter will cause divisiveness in the community, asked the commissioners what their current concerns and unanswered questions are (Becker: costs, Blumberg: not enough information on the entire project & would rather hold special election than be pressured into a decision)

Mr. Davidson, N. Essex Avenue – can the city “un-do” the referendum (Becker: explained purpose of referendum)

Dan Gottlieb, N. Nassau Avenue – the matter will be divisive within the community and a referendum shouldn't be held without all the information

Sharon Simon, N. Thurlow Avenue & John Sewell, West Drive –summer residents have no way to be heard, will the DEP share in the costs of easements (Mr. Abbott will ask tonight), city shouldn't enter into a contract without all the information (Abbott: many other municipalities have already signed even with the ambiguities)

Vaughan Reale, N. Mansfield Avenue – chastised commissioners for not having read existing ordinance on this matter & feels they are abdicating their responsibility

Steve Woerner, N. Sumner Avenue – expressed favor of the proposed referendum

On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

Comment on Agenda Items:

Ed Berger, Amherst Avenue – city needs more answers especially regarding costs

John Sewell – get easements first which may eliminate the need for a referendum

Joe Zatooney, N. Union Avenue – sand dunes won't hold up in a “real storm”

Mr. Becker stated at this time that Resolution #162 will be vote on after the 6:30 Special Meeting & there will be further public comment at that meeting.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

Agenda Items

Ordinances

Ordinance#16 An Ordinance Establishing an Energy & Natural Gas Aggregation Program – Ms. Taube moved for adoption but had no second. This Ordinance was tabled on motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of two ayes and one nay (Taube).

Ordinances #17, 18, and 19 were adopted on motion with a vote of three ayes and will be published in accordance with law.

Ordinance #17 An Ordinance Amending “Ordinance #01 of 2013” In Accordance With FEMA Maps (Blumberg)

Ordinance #18 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 221 “Recycling” (Becker)

Ordinance #19 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 257-15 “Vehicles & Traffic” – allowing for handicapped parking spaces at 8 N. Exeter, 6 N. Hanover, and 26 N. Gladstone Avenues – (Taube)

Ordinance #20 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 257-35 “Vehicles & Traffic” – addition of “Jefferson Avenue east side trucks only from 6am to 4pm Monday through Friday to Prohibited Parking Loading Zone” was introduced on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes. The public hearing and second reading is scheduled for September 5, 2013 @ 5:00 pm in the Municipal Building. This ordinance will be advertised in accordance with law.

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Resolutions may all be found in full in the following pages. All were adopted on motion with a vote of three ayes.

- #158 Authorize Payment of Claims and Payroll (Becker)
 - #159 Authorize Tax Lien Redemption for Certificate #11-8 (Blumberg)
 - #160 Rescind Resolution #157 of 2013 “*Authorize Change Order #2 to S&M Construction*” (Taube)
 - #161 Authorize Change Order #2 For Beach Stair Repairs in an increase of \$2,000 to S&M Construction (Blumberg)
 - #162 Approve Non-Binding Referendum Question for Placement on the Ballot in the November General Election – Tabled until after the 6:30 pm Special Meeting on motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of three ayes
- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest:

_____ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk