

December 5, 2013
Margate City, New Jersey

The Board of Commissioners held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 5:50 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, & Ms. Taube were present; Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deane were present. The minutes from November 21, 2013 were approved as read on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Public Participation: John Sewell spoke about consolidation of school services with Ventnor (*Mr. Becker explained that in the past the city was ready to enter into agreements but Ventnor always backed out*). Art Cautilli commented on the dunes vs. bulkheads for storm protection. Mr. Kugel, 9510 Monmouth Avenue spoke in favor of dunes after hearing Dr. Stewart Farrell's facts on the subject. Steve Woerner hopes that Margate will not decide to legally fight the proposed dune project. Sharon Simon asked that the city get something in writing from the state about its dunes plan for Margate & stressed the importance of being prepared & having alternative suggestions when city officials meet with DEP commissioner. Ms. Simon also asked for information concerning staffing in the Building Dept. which she had asked for at an earlier meeting (*Mr. Galantino preparing a report*). Dan Gottlieb asked several questions about the dunes project, questioned if there has been any discussion between local & state officials on the matter since the referendum (*Ms. Taube & Mr. Blumberg – none & Mr. Becker explained that he has spoken with DEP officials and they have requested a meeting to discuss the dunes*), and further questioned how the state plans on imposing dunes on the city in light of its opposition as set forth in the recent referendum (*Eminent Domain, Title 12, and Disaster Control Act empower the governor to override the referendum as well as sources in the NJ Constitution*). Finally, Mr. Gottlieb stated that his group plans to go public in asking that the city pay for any legal action deemed necessary to represent the will of the people. Glen Klotz expressed his frustration with the entire process regarding the dunes & the lack of anything in writing from the state (*Mr. Abbott: the published schedule of work on dunes shows Margate as a participant & the governor's executive order concerning local interference are both written documents. Mr. Hiltner explained that Ventnor City got dunes because it did not sign off on a contract therefore, showing that the state can just come in and erect dunes.*) On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

Public Participation on Agenda Items: John Sewell asked for more information on Resolution #238 (*Mr. Abbott provided same*) & commented on Resolution #240. With nothing further this portion was closed on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes.

Agenda Items:

Ordinance #23 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 175 "Land Use Section 175-29 Zoning Map" was adopted on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes.

Ordinance #24 Amend Chapter 132 "Fees" was adopted on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes. Both ordinances will be advertised in accordance with law.

Ordinance #25 Amend Salary Ordinance was introduced on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Ordinance #26 Amend Chapter 269-24 "Water & Sewer Charges" was introduced on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes. Ordinances #25 & #26 will be advertised according to law with the second reading and public hearing scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on December 19th.

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

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

#235 Authorize Auction for Ice Cream Vending License (*Blumberg*)

#236 Rescind Resolution #184-2012 & Authorize Transfer of Funds to Current Fund (*Becker*)

#237 Request Approval of Items of Revenue & Appropriation – Recycling Tonnage Grant (*Blumberg*)

#238 Authorize CFO to Cancel Grant Appropriation Reserves Against Grants Receivable Surplus & Such Other Accounts as Appropriate (*Blumberg*)

#239 Authorize Entering into an Interlocal Services Agreement with ACUA, Ventnor City, and Atlantic County regarding the Ventnor Gardens Storm Water Station (*Blumberg*)

#240 Renew City Administrator Contract for One-year (*Becker*)

#241 Authorize Transfers in 2013 Budget (*Blumberg*)

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

Mayor Becker

Ms. Taube

Mr. Blumberg

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk