

June 19, 2014
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Rubin, Ms. Larkin, Ms. Freed, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Deaney, Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson & Ms.

McLaughlin.

Monica Coffey from the Sustainable NJ committee thanked everyone for formalizing the “green” purchasing policy for the City.

Department Reports

Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney explained Resolutions #134 & 135 on tonight’s agenda regarding the hiring of 2 attorneys for opinions on the Absecon Island Shore Protection Project (DUNES)

Mr. Abbott: Dredging permit pending for Blue Water Marina – Mr. Walberg will map out several routes for large trucks to enter and exit city with little negative impact; Coastal Coalition meeting today re: dredging issues and would like Atlantic County to participate

Mr. Hiltner: Reject bids for Tractor Purchase tonight –possible state contract purchase

Mr. Galantino: Monitoring construction sites for cleanliness, etc.

Chief Wolfson: Seasonal Employee Handbook completed & approval on tonight’s agenda; radio project 90% completed; wedding at 9600 Atlantic Avenue condos & request made to use Union Avenue School parking lot and then shuttle guests to site (*approved*)

Chief Tabasso: Prepared for Beachstock next week; calls on the rise with influx of people

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; problems with utilities on beach blocks resulting from Hurricane Sandy

Mr. Ricciotti: Prepared for Beachstock; working @ Bloom Pavilion but more exterior work will be needed after the summer; dumpster for rigid plastic now available; purchased Parkway flowers

Ms. McLaughlin: JIF update; Chapter 159 on tonight’s agenda; monthly financial update

Mr. Rubin: Ordinance amendment (*will be added to agenda*) regarding size of real estate and developers signs – for tonight’s meeting; new interpretation as zoning officer regarding calculation of front set-backs – introduce at Planning Board and then send to commissioners
Ed Berger provided update on new city website and its continual evolution; hoping to be 95% complete for July 4th.

Ms. Taube: Storm Water Management workshop on 7/17; Green Team met with Cross-County Connection & will work to encourage students to walk to school

Mr. Blumberg: Thanked Andy Bednarek for his service to city as Tax Assessor and wished his replacement Jim Manghan well. Mr. Becker also spoke highly of Mr. Bednarek.

Public Participation: John Sewell favors Margate students attending Ocean City High School instead of ACHS since costs per pupil are lower; suggested elementary classes be consolidated with Ventnor; asked if new tax assessor will be getting benefits (yes). Stanley Pierson asked for policing of sidewalk sales (*MBA to work with Mr. Galantino*). Dan Gottlieb questioned each commissioner on signing DUNES agreement: Mr. Becker - State can take land without an agreement with city; Ms. Taube - question moot; Mr. Blumberg stated his opposition to the project & will not sign & wants a letter stating city does not want the State in town doing this project. Mr. Binswanger opposed to signing any agreement without all the facts in writing. Sharon Simon opposed to steps going directly to the street on new homes (*Mr. Rubin to review for Master Plan*) & wants a firmer stance by commissioners on the DUNES project. On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

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