

December 18, 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, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Deputy Chief Adams, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Verna, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. Freed, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaneay.

Mr. Blumberg read a statement and **Proclamation honoring Thomas Hiltner** upon his retirement as City Clerk and Tax Collector and acknowledged his professionalism and knowledge of city government. All department heads and commissioners joined in praising Mr. Hiltner.

#### **Department Reports**

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; rejecting City Hall bids & rebidding project with some changes

Mr. Verna: Two items on tonight's Agenda explained: renewal of Code Red System and Agreement with Atlantic Electric for use of its poles

Ms. McLaughlin: Bond sale was successful; JIF budget remains flat for 2015

Mr. Deaneay: Updated Dunes Project – success in court as judge stopped any dune construction @ this time & ordered no contracts be awarded

Mr. Abbott: Bayshore Drive West problem solved without court intervention

Mr. Galantino: Preparing for 2015; all time high number of demolitions; better control of cleanliness at job sites (*may impose conditions requiring bonding*)

Mr. Rubin: Made recommendation to change zoning board staff committee membership (*change composition*) and duties (*expand*) – boom in construction since Hurricane Sandy & these changes should speed up the process

Ms. Freed: Transitioning the office for year end and changes in personnel

Ms. Taube: Newsletter will be sent out tomorrow; thank you received from JFS for recent food drive; kudos for holiday lighting at Jerome Avenue complex

Mr. Blumberg: Working on improving Pay to Play and advertising for new auditing firm

**Public Participation:** John Sewell – continue to raise the bar in regards to ethics. Steve Woerner commented on eminent domain. Sharon Simon commented on Dunes update & eminent domain and asked who the new City Clerk will be (*Mr. Becker: Ms. Freed through January and then advertise for replacement*). On motion by Ms. Taube 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.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk