

February 19, 2015  
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 4:20 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: Chief Wolfson, Chief Tabasso, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

**Items for Discussion:**

Lagoon Dredging: Mr. Walberg reported as to there being a meeting taking place with the residence of the lagoon. There had been money for the project with the DEP but I was lost. Now the DEOT is responsible and pro dredging. Two canals are owned by the State and they are responsible for the dredging.

Mr. Blumberg inquires as to the responsibility toward the city. Mr. Blumberg volunteered rotating attendance and he will be able to be present at the second meeting.

Bench Program: Mr. Deaney inquired as to the desire of the commissions to reinstate the Bench Program which had been suspended due to inactivity. The recordation was met with support. Mr. Ricciotti will research the bench locations.

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Walberg: March 11, 2015 bids are due, and contract is to be awarded one week later. Street work is at a standstill due to temperature. Amherst Avenue will be going to bid as well as having State aide.

Mr. Ricciotti: 100 homes required water shut offs. Three water mains broke due to the temperature. Streets were cleared of snow from the Tuesday storm.

Chief Tobassio: Response to broken water pipes is keeping the fire department busy. There have been call to the high-rises due to frozen pipes and sprinklers.

Ms. McLaughlin: Water and Sewer bills will be mailed in March and will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>. At the Annual Jiff Safety meeting the City received \$22,050 awarded due to Dan Adams accomplishments.

Chief Wolfson: Calls to the Police Department are high due to the weather. Thanked Mr. Ricciotti for his departments work.

Mr. Deaney: The introduction of the budget is today with its first reading. Reports on the operating budget. April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the adoption of the budget. Third quarter surplus is used to offset the budget.

Mr. Abbott: Nothing to report.

Mr. Rubin: Flyers for the Annual City Wide Yard Sale will need to be added to the Water Bill mailing. Recommends May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, which was agreed upon by all. The Planning office is busy with three house raising and twelve Planning Board cases.

Ms. Larkin: Everything is good.

Mr. Verna: The report on Technology in the Meeting Room at 1 S. Washington will be given March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Workshop Meeting AARP is having a good response after the first week. Commends Franz for his work.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Lisa McLaughlin, Rich Deaney and all Departments for their Work on the budget. Everyone should be proud. Ordinance #40 referring to the Temporary Purchasing Agent – we are blessed to have Fred as Temporary Purchasing Agent.

Commissioner Taube: Thanks Lisa and Rich and Everyone at the table for four years in a row of flat taxes which will help with the County rate increase.

Mayor Becker: Thanks Frank, Tony and Dave for their work. Thanks everyone for the budget. Be Proud of working together.

**Public Participation:** Jack Kenny, 302 N Pembroke Ave.; 122 N Washington Ave. has a sewer problem which is a blockage beyond the curb. The street has collapsed two times before. The problem still exists.

Mr. Ricciotti informs as to the problem being on the property side having sand in it. The street side is clear. The public works will clean the line.

John Sewell, 22 West Drive; The City could reduce and eliminate and not squander the taxpayer's money. Ban Pay to Play and nepotism. There is an Ordinance on the book.

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Ave; Inquires as to recommendations to keep pipes from freezing. Inquires as to information being added to water bill mailing about Pedestrian Crossings. Savings from having a City Manager. Comments on Citizenship and look beyond personal interest.

Sharon Simon, 424 N Thurlow: Thank you everyone especially Lisa for not having a tax increase. Margate is great because of long term dedicated employees. Dredging letters should be sent to everyone.

Steve Worner, 103 N Sumner; Anne Pancoast fought for a business Administrator.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Ms. Taube, second by Mr. Becker 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Deborah Smith, Acting City Clerk