

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

JULY 16, 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 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Amodeo and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Ms. Larkin, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Rubin, Chief Wolfson, Chief Tabasso, Mr. Verna, and Ms. McLaughlin. Mr. Abbott was also present.

Swearing in of Police Officer: Ricky Francesco was sworn in as Officer of Margate Police Department by Commissioner Amodeo.

Department Reports:

Mr. Ricciotti: The 4th of July was the busiest ever for trash. Water usage was down. Beachstock had a great turnout. Commissioner inquires as to having extra portapotties next year.

Chief Tabasso: Busy, firework shot went well. There will be a rap up meeting in a couple weeks.

Nanette Galloway wrote a nice article in the Downbeach Current on the purchase of the new firetruck.

Ms. McLaughlin: presents the six month finance report which states the budget is good. The sale of the Bond Anticipated Notes went well. Closing is n Monday (July 20).

Chief Wolfson: Busy, all the Departments are working together.

Mr. Abbott: Resolution 146-2015 does exceed the threshold.

Mr. Amodeo: Reports on the building Department due to Mr. Galantino's absents. 438 N. Vendome Ave. has been demolished and the bank will pay for the expenses. Second reading on the Dumpsters on the street will be adopted today and it will move the responsibility to the Chief of Police.

Mr. Rubin: Working with Rich Deane and Jim Rutala on the second phase of the Post Sandy Planning Grant. The RFP's are almost ready. It will include four studies; Revised Master Plan, Updated Zoning, Sustainability Study and a CBD study.

Ms. Larkin: Business is good. Ordered more ticket books. Be careful where you park.

Mr. Amodeo: Be cousous where you park. The police are well trained and doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thank you to the MBA for the wonderful job they did with Beachstock. Thank you to everyone else involved, it is a lot of work. Thank you to Frank Ricciotti and Public works team for the early completion of the playground at Union Ave. and congratulation to Commissioner Amodeo, Fire Chief, the Beach Patrol Chief and the Beach Patrol for their first win of the season.

Mayor Becker: Margate continues to get great press.one of the major television station is in Margate filming today until 10:00 pm. A compliment to Margate's water, not only for quality and taste but also price.

Public Participation:

John Sewell; 22 West Drive: The residents should not be the only ones aware but shoobies also. The goose which lays the golden egg will not want to patronize if they get hit too hard too often. No beach block parking. Ticket cost should not exceed the cost of the original violation when a plea is copped. The Margate Schools should be combined with Ventnor's schools.

Art Cautilli, 114 N Lancaster Ave., would like to see beach block parking.

Leonard Grossman, 112 S Lancaster Ave. would like to see beach block parking discussed when beach block residences are around.

Steve Worner, 103 N. Sumner Ave: would like to see the Beach Patrol hours extended on weekends until 7:00 pm.

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Ave, states that he has been urging the Commission to change beach block parking since 2000.

Steven Jasiecki, 112 N Lancaster Ave. does not approve of five bed room houses because they are party houses and parking is a problem.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Mr. Amodeo public portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Mr. Amodeo the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Deborah J. Smith, Acting City Clerk

