

July 17, 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: Mr. Walberg, Chiefs Tabasso and Wolfson, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deane. (1) **Chief Wolfson** introduced Perry Coker, formerly of the ACPD, and now a newly sworn in officer for Margate. Congratulations and good luck from all present.

(2) Department Reports

Mr. Walberg: No current projects on-going due to summer season only punch list completions; *Union Avenue Building Upgrades* pre-con meeting re-scheduled to July 21st; new redesign plans for Washington Avenue sent to FEMA for review & final approval (*city personnel to review same*) – project will then go to bid; bridle path in front of Margate Community Church closed until end of month due to steeple repairs; marks left at Ventnor and Rumson Avenues will wear away (*residual from paving*)

Mr. Ricciotti: New beach tractor and surf rake now in use; installing water & sewer lines for all the newly constructed homes; ongoing landscaping at city property locations

Chief Tabasso: Fire Dept. night at the Library was very successful; several medical calls and 3 small fires recently

Ms. McLaughlin: Closing for BAN sale on July 21st with winning bid from Jeffries LLC

Chief Wolfson: Bike Auction scheduled for Saturday

Mr. Deane: Award of \$100,000 Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase generator for City Hall, 9001 Winchester location

Mr. Abbott: City engineer working with contractor at Rumson Avenue & the beach re: new bulkhead – due to safety concerns over equipment on the beach the project will be completed after the season & the beach cleaned and equipment moved now – Mr. Galantino expressed his dismay over this project

Mr. Hiltner: Due date for 3rd quarter taxes extended to August 18th; slight decrease in overall tax rate

Mr. Blumberg thanked Mr. Yoskin and Mr. Goldshore for their timely reports on possible action City may take vs. dunes construction - this to be discussed in executive session tonight.

Ms. Taube: Excellent Stormwater workshop today – session will be placed on our website

Mr. Becker announced ABC News poll showing Margate City beaches #2 in the country & with the impending lay-offs in AC casinos, it will be necessary to start thinking about the potential impact on the entire county & implications of same.

Public Participation: John Sewell: legal opinions spoken of above should be public prior to the executive session. Ms. Taube, Ms. Simon, and Mr. Woerner all agreed on this point. Dan Gottlieb: dunes, if built, may change the ranking of Margate beaches. Sharon Simon: Can Green Team do something about the cement barricades at WaWa (*Mr. Taube to present issue to them*). Steve Woerner: suggestions from Concerned Citizens to enhance Margate: more tennis courts, miniature golf course, more utilization of PAC (*theater and orchestra programs*). 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.

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

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