

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

**OCTOBER 1, 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: Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Verna, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin and Chief Tabasso. Mr. Deaney and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

1. Master Plan – Margate Getting to Resilience – Jenna Gatto presented a power point presentation on the need for resiliency
2. Shared Service Agreement with Margate City Library – Richard Deaney informed the Mayor and Commissioners of the advances which are being made to share space on the second floor of the Municipal Building with the Margate City Library.

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Deaney: Reports on the receipt of an appraisal of the beach front property. The city is still in the negotiation stages. The State has to prove that eminent domain is for the good of the public.

Mr. Galantino: the construction sites have all been notified to button up tight. Move or cover dumpsters, take down scaffolding and secure all items from the wind.

Mr. Rubin: In support of Resolution 174-2015 for Sandy Phase II. Zoning is busy and all is good.

Ms. Casey: Noting to report.

Mr. Abbott: reports on the trip to Trenton for the Back Bay dredging. The National Fish and Wildlife Grant will be able to be used for dredging. Master plan will dovetail in to the flood damage.

Mr. Deaney: Gives recommendation on Ordinance #13-2015 second reading is to put in general language rather than specific hours. Reads a letter from a resident praising the efficiency and professionalism of the emergency response team which saved his father, Ted Finkenauer.

Lisa McLaughlin: JIF finances reported a dividend of \$16,827. 2016 budget for JIF looks to have a 1.9% increase. Health fair is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Open enrolment for health care is October 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 10:30. Best Practice will be presented on October 15.

Chief Tabasso: Preparing for Storm. October 4 thru 10 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's slogan is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep"

Mr. Ricciotti: Funfest was a huge success. Preparing for the hurricane. Would like to increase the cost of installing water meters from \$300 to \$800, due to the cost increases of the product.

Mr. Walberg. Union Ave. boiler is in the process of being installed. Washington Ave. City Hall has contractors working. Union Ave. Generator is 50% completed. Decatur Ave. Ramp should be completed mid-October. Well #9 will begin mid-October. Ventnor Ave. irrigation is 40% completed. NJEDA – Benson to Decatur has pulled the concrete. SJ Gas Phase 1, 2 & 3 paving are 70% complete. Phase 4, 5 & 6 are doing abandonment. Phase 7 – 11 will begin October 12<sup>th</sup>. Handicap access CDGB 2013 & 2014 will bid together and 2013 – Frontenac Ave is being rejected. We will be going to bid for the Exterior Painting of Gladstone Ave. Water Tank. Bids will be received November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Blumberg: Thanks MBA for the successful Funfest and Thanks Fred and Rich for the shared service with the Margate Library.

Mr. Verna: The Library would like to use two rooms on the second floor. It is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Everyone should get checked.

Mr. Amodeo: Thanks the MBA for making Bayfest look effortless. Thank Jenna for her presentation. Robo call will go out to inform every one of the storm situation.

Mr. Becker: Thank you for Funfest. It makes me feel like a kid again.

**Public Participation:**

Ellen Lichtenstein: 411 N Exeter Ave commented on the ease of the gas line conversion.

John Sewell: 22 West Drive, comments on the undo science of Jenna's presentation. In favor of a Master Jetty at the point in Longport.

Ed Berger: 9402 Amherst Ave, comments on the success of Funfest due to the City Employees. This event shapes the image of the City.

Lou Diamond: 8702 Monmouth Ave. speaks on Funfest and Sustainable Margate.

On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mr. Blumberg 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 three ayes.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Deborah J. Smith, Acting City Clerk