

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

JANUARY 7, 2016

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

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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. Walberg, Mr. Verna, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Ms. Larkin, and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Deaneay and Mr. Abbott were also present.

Items for Discussion:

Mr. Rubin’s retirement is announced.
Mr. McLarnon is introduced as Mr. Rubin’s replacement.

Department Reports:

Mr. Verna: The IT department is very busy.
Ms. Larkin: Court id good. Thank’s Fred for all his computer knowledge and assistance.
Mr. Galantino: reports on the productivity of the morning City Hall construction meeting.
Mr. Rubin: Planning Board is extremely busy.
Ms. Casey: Nothing to report.
Mr. Abbott: City is actively looking to sell the strip of land on Quincy Avenue street end. This will gain revenue on untaxable Municipal land. Rumson Avenue also has a strip on land which the city has been approached to sell. Dredging is moving along. “Coastal Resolution Map” were ready to be released until New York is challenging the maps and is using Atlantic City. Maps may now be ready by 2017.
Mr. Deaneay: Temporary budget is being introduced. The City is in good shape. Chief Wolfson is prepared to fill in as Administrator, while on vacation. The FMBA and PBA contracts are signed and the Employees Association is near completion. Bond contract is important for Bond Rating. We are a service organization not selling a product. We are not doing any harm pursing a bulkhead system instead of dunes.
Chief Wolfson: There will be a robo call due to a rash of car burglaries from cars being left unlocked and valet keys left in the car. Resolution 02-2016 is to replace existing vehicles. Police accreditation will begin on the 20th.
Ms. McLaughlin: Edmonds is in the process of being rolled over for 2016. The Temporary budget is an increase of 26.25%. Reviews the budget changes and FEMA finances.
Chief Tabasso: All is well with the fire Department. The have been pipes bursting due to the freeze. People need to winterize their homes. In 38 years of service labor relations has never been so good. A contract has never been signed prior to the first of the year.
Mr. Walberg: Reviews the status of engineering projects.
Mr. Blumberg: Welcomes Mr. McLarnon. Wishes Mr. Deaneay well on his trip.
Mr. Amodeo: Welcome Mr. McLarnon. Attributes the success of contract negotiations to teamwork.
Mr. Becker: Welcomes Roger 2 and thanks Mr. Deaneay for his service.

Public Participation:

John Sewell, 22 West Drive, Request clarification on the Dredging financial responsibility.
Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Ave. Request public access to the bay if everyone is financial responsible.
Steve Worner, 103 N. Sumner, Happy about labor relations. Inquires as to the holdup in construction of 1 S. Washington Ave City Hall.

On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mr. Becker 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.

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

Mayor Michael Becker Commissioner Amodeo Commissioner Blumberg

Attest: _____ Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk