

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

**September 1, 2016**

**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, Ms. McLaughlin, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Mr. Verna, Mr. McLarnon, Chief Wolfson, and Mr. Galantino. Mr. Deane Mr. Walberg and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Walberg- The drainage item at Union Ave has been installed and looks great. The Tighe School paving is completed, so we will be looking over that work. 1 South Washington project is coming along much faster as the work continues. The Existing Road Program punch list is essentially finished. South Jersey Gas has a number of services that still needs to be finished; shutoffs should be finished by the end of September. We are going to be re-bidding the 2015-16 Road Program and add an additional road. The Water Tank Painting contract has been forwarded to the contractor, and they will be coming to the city to execute the work. The designs for the State Aid Project of Winchester Avenue is underway and will hopefully be going under bid at the end of September depending if the executive order is lifted. The Environmental Services for the Underground Storage report has been submitted and we are waiting for additional information and clarification.

Mr. Ricciotti- We will be checking out the hurricane forming in Florida and keeping a close eye on its path. As of tomorrow, we will start preparing sandbags for the public. We had four different sewer jobs this week that we took care of.

Chief Tabasso- We are winding down a busy summer. Beaches will be open until September 11<sup>th</sup> and then reopened that following weekend (the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>), and then closed for the season. At the fire department, we will be having the Annual 9/11 Ceremony at 10 AM which is open to the public.

Ms. McLaughlin- I am reporting good news, as we are receiving money owed to the City. We just received a reimbursement from FEMA of \$993,000 for the City Hall Project, another request for \$400,00 is being reviewed by the State. We also received the grant money for The Hazard Mitigation Grant of 176,500. We also had a constructive meeting regarding all of the projects associated with the Post Sandy Grants, once approved, I will submit for reimbursement. Once I have August reconciled I will send the commissioners the most recent budget status.

Chief Wolfson- If you would see Resolution 166-2016, I would like to give an explanation for the Bike Racks Grant. It has been recommended by our Grant Coordinator to allow for the County to manage that, and the Resolution is authorizing it. We are preparing for this weekend's storm and we will ride it out.

Mr. Deane- I would like to thank our CFO for the diligent work she has been putting in. We are able to cancel about \$750,000 worth of debt no longer needed, due to the fact that we can bring projects in under the budget. I would like to read a continuation on a Report from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 about the beach fill and litigation and ultimately interactions with the Army Corp and DEP. Reads from journal entry and discusses the concerns regarding the Army Corps plan for drainage.

Mr. Amodeo- I want the residences to be aware that The Beach Fill Projects are voluntary; it is a partnership between the Federal Government and the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Becker- There is a press conference tomorrow at 10 AM regarding the bidding of the Absecon Island Dune Project.

Mr. Blumberg- Questions any discussions for additional handicap walkovers.

Mr. Abbott- We did discuss additional walkovers; Mr. Walberg will then provide plans regarding this.

Mr. Walberg- We are thinking about modifying existing walkovers to make it more accessible.

Mr. Amodeo- We also discussed widening breaches.

Mr. Abbott- Mr. Deane's meeting reports that will be put up on The Margate City website is a great source for the public to look into these meetings. The City does not believe that a speculation system will adequately support Margate. The homeowner at the end of Rumson Ave agrees to replace the bulkheads at this property.

Ms. Casey- All is well

Mr. McLarnon- The planning and zoning board is filled up nicely. Due to Fred's assistance we have gathered \$60,000 from our solar panels being up and running.

Mr. Galantino- We are looking for about a dozen tear downs, so we are excited to get busy in the Building Department. Any questions regarding flood elevations or any information regarding the matter, please give me a call.

Mr. Verna- a couple weeks ago we had a lightning strike near the police department, one of the network lines around there could not be fixed, which needs a repair. We will submit a claim to GIF. Once 1 S Washington contractors get their equipment out, I will get my old office ready for all the network connections. The court room is scheduled for installation as well, which will take a week to ten days.

**Public Participation:**

Steve Warner- 103 N Sumner- Speaks on rumor regarding dunes starting in middle of November.

Mr. Grossman-112 S Lancaster- Questions dune access and handicap accessibility.

John Sewell-22 West Drive- Speaks on receiving concessions from the Army Corps.

Mr. Deane- Speaks once again on the belief that the Army Corp plan will most likely not support Margate's drainage issue.

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

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

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Mayor, Michael Becker

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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk