

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

May 18, 2017

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

Items for Discussion:

D1. 9600 Condominium Association- Smoking Ban on Beach

Wendy Dickstein- 9600 Atlantic Ave. Unit 1107 -Speaks on Longport Ordinance to Ban Smoking on beach and proposes Margate do the same.

Scott Abbott- Inquires as to the status of civil rights litigations in challenging these nonsmoking rules.

Wendy Dickstein- Speaks on Governor Chris Christie was going to pass New Jersey beaches be nonsmoking, however he left that decision up to each community.

Rich Deaney- Inquires as to the State Law on smoking in public parks.

John Amodeo- Speaks on communities which have passed nonsmoking ordinances throughout Atlantic County. Speaks on issue of enforcement of ordinance.

D2. Grand Opening of Historic City Hall

Rich Deaney- Speaks on Grand Opening Program for May 28, 2017.

Mayor Becker- Speaks on the Free Jazz Concert on July 3, 2017 at 7 pm located at the Performing Arts Center.

Department Reports:

Mr. Walberg- Winchester Ave. work is being finalized and should be open tomorrow. The Road Program work will hopefully be done by tomorrow or Saturday. Pickle ball courts are now open to the public. Amherst Avenue Bulkhead repair is now finished and 9 parking spots are available. SJ Gas is working to get paving done as soon as possible and may not be done until the week after Memorial Day.

Mr. Ricciotti- Beach cleanup is all done; trash cans are out at every beach as well. Plants are been put up throughout the City of Margate and we are working on Old City Hall flowers. Water/ Sewer Department have been very busy installing meters for all the new homes. City Wide Yard Sale is this Saturday and Cleanup will be on Sunday.

Mr. Abbott- Speaks on properties on Burke Avenue which the City owns, and the proposal that the resident is requesting.

Commission suggests having the resident do the research on the wet lands issues.

Ms. Casey- All is well in Clerks Office.

Ms. McLaughlin- We hired a firm to draft new pension for Lifeguards pension. The City received authorizations for reimbursements for damage during Sandy.

Chief Tabasso- Fire Department and Beach patrol have been preparing for the Summer Season. Thanks Public Works for the car donations so the Fire Department could practice the Jaws of Life.

Mr. Deane- Ordinance regarding revised fees for the Recreation Department, if there are any questions, please reach out to Andrew Miles.

Mr. Blumberg- Nothing to report

Mr. Amodeo- Longport has put out a Press Release that Margate's Residents will be able to use the Longport Beaches without tags.

Mr. Becker- Nothing to report

Public Participation:

John Sewell- 22 West Drive- Request to have a clear understanding of the Closed Session.

Scott Abbott- Clarifies Closed Session.

Jamie Lloyd -236 Gibbons Creek, Woodbine NJ - Speaks on Water Restrictions Ordinance.

Ryan Teasdale- 305 N. Wilson Ave. - Following up to the flooding issue on the Street.

Speaks on trash left on beach every day.

Fred Weinstein- 15 Cedar Grove- Congratulations on the AA rating. Feels great to return to this building and community.

On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mayor Becker public portion was closed with a vote of two ayes. On motion by, Mr. Amodeo, second by Mayor Becker 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 John F. Amodeo

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: _____
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk