

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

OCTOBER 5, 2017

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: Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Casey, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Verna, Chief Tabasso and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Deaney and Mr. Abbott were also present.

Items for discussion:

D1. Best Practice Questionnaire- Lisa McLaughlin speaks on Annual Best Practice Questionnaire which is due to the State by October 20th. Questionnaire is 25 questions. The City must obtain a score of 84% to receive 100% of aid from the State. Mayor Becker requests Lisa to share State Aid dollar amount with the public. Lisa states State Aid dollar amount is \$784,000.00, which has been the same amount for the last 5 years.

Department Reports:

Mr. Deaney- Nothing to report.

Chief Wolfson- Speaks on Atlantic City Marathon's request to change route back to Amherst Avenue. Police Department and Atlantic City Marathon have come to an agreement. Two hundred barricades will be purchased by the Jewish Community Center and stored at the Margate City Police Department, which will be at the City's disposal for other events.

Ms. McLaughlin- Nothing to report.

Chief Tabasso- Informs Commission and Public of Fire Prevention Week and states importance of fire prevention within the City. Brochures are available for public and if needed, appointments may be made with Fire Department install smoke detectors to help with fire escape plans.

Ms. Casey- States that all is well in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Abbott- Updates Commission on Harbor Bay Marina and Amherst Avenue Bulkhead application. Scott suggests City dedicate a person to oversee the Grant process to make sure City complies. Scott expresses gratitude to Lisa McLaughlin on hard work with grant process thus far.

Mr. Galantino- Informs Commission and Public on Building Department's demolitions within the City for the last 3 weeks. Commends Commissioner Amodeo for approving new process in Building Department which allows Department to take before and after photos of properties to access damages during the demo process.

Mr. Ricciotti- States Public Works is still cleaning the beaches and starting to clean up City properties, ball fields and parks. Mr. Ricciotti states the Fall Funfest weekend went as well as expected. Public Works has begun winterizing building and bathrooms within the City. States Public Works will replace fence on Tighe School ball field. A water main on Amherst Avenue had been replaced over the weekend. Informs the Commission that the Parkway fountains will be refurbished before Public Works paints them in spring 2018.

Mr. Walberg- States there is no work currently being done in the City. Proposes Commission to reject bids for Recreation Complex Tennis Courts 5 & 6 and State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue and re bid both projects. Mr. Deaney inquires as to how the Clerk would like to proceed with rejection of these two Resolutions. Ms. Casey requests Commission to vote down Resolutions during Regular meeting and verbalize re bid.

Mayor Becker- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Amodeo- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Blumberg- Nothing to report.

Public Participation:

John Sewell- 22 West Drive- Speaks on the need for a Master Jetty.

Fred Weinstein- 15 S. Cedar Grove- Expresses gratitude to Commission for another wonderful summer in Margate as well as Commends Commission and those involved in handling the Dune dispute.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Mr. Amodeo 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 John F. Amodeo

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: _____
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk