

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

**OCTOBER 19, 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:**

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**Department Reports:**

Chief Tabasso- Informs Commission that Fire Prevention Week was a success, well attended and well received.

Ms. Casey- Speaks on 2018 Calendar is underway. Please inform of any information interested in supplying.

Mr. Abbott- Speaks on Resolutions #198-2017 and #199-2017 as well as Contract Agreements to be proposed. Proposed Ordinance #17-2017 - suggests Commission consider 32 feet or 31 feet instead of 30 feet. Commissioner Amodeo responds with an explanation of the lengthy process of Master Plan review and recommends addressing additional height issue after presentation to the Planning Board.

Mr. McLarnon states that the reasoning goes with current Master Plan.

Mr. Galantino- Informs Commission that there have been 37 demolition's year to date and the photos taken prior to demolition are saving City streets and infrastructure. Mr. Deaney inquires as to how the picture process works. Mr. Galantino replies that new process is a before and after of the condition of the curbs and gutters. Demolition companies will not receive permit until site inspection is completed. Commissioner Amodeo suggests looking at Ordinance regarding Demolitions.

Mr. Ricciotti- States Public Works has been busy replacing fire hydrants, cleaning City Property and Public Works 2018 Budget will be finalized tomorrow.

Mr. McLarnon- Speaks in favor of 30Height Ordinance.

Mr. Walberg-Speaks on receiving Bids next week for Tennis Courts and states Engineers office is looking into residents request for sound barriers to be installed on the fence at Pickle ball Courts.

Mr. Deaney- Speaks on Tax Office sending out excess water bills and working on the date for the annual tax sales. States Finance Director requests 2018 Budget submission. Each department's budget is due tomorrow. Business Administration Office is currently negotiating the FMBA contract, PBA contract as well as the MCEA contract.

Chief Wolfson- Reminds Commission and Public that Atlantic City Marathon will be closing Amherst Avenue, Sunday October 22, 2017, for about 6 hours.

Ms. McLaughlin- Speaks on Capital and Operating Budget submission. Authorizations schedule have been prepared for cancelation and will be placed on the next agenda. Finance Office is looking to cancel \$500,000.00 in the Capital Budget and just under \$70,000.00 from Utility Budget.

Commissioner Amodeo- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Blumberg- Reads statement regarding Resolution #199-2017, which is attached.

Mayor Becker- Give a statement regarding the process of getting to Resolution #199-2017.

Commissioner Amodeo- Speaks on Resolution #199- 2017 and states Commission worked as a team and the Commission worked on this agreement for the good of the City. States agreement with DEP/ Army Corps is not a perfect document.

**Public Participation:**

Steve Altman- 9003 Amherst Avenue- Inquires as to whether the agreement states a minimum width which would trigger refill. Commissioner Blumberg states the public will determine.

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John Sewell- 22 West Drive- States Mayor Becker and former Commissioner Taube were pro Dunes. Request Commission be proactive and push for master jetty system. Dredging lagoons will also be assisted by a master jetty.

Dan Gottlieb- 407 N. Nassau Avenue-Inquires as to the cost share, if needed with Resolution #199-2017. Commissioner Blumberg explains future cost share of replenishment. Mr. Gottlieb states he understands the necessary evil of entering into this agreement and the State is fixing a problem they have created.

Glen Klotz- 118 N. Barclay Avenue- Inquires as to the design change of the Dunes Project. The Army Corps didn't plan on outfalls. Suggests speaking with the DEP/ Army Corp's in regards to the berm remaining not being as close to the ocean.

Steve Woerner- Speaks in favor of Commission taking another look into a master jetty.

Steve Altman- 9003 Amherst Avenue- Inquires as to the initial plan of Army Corp's master jetty. Mayor states Army Corp's let go of the Master Jetty option due to being too costly.

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

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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, RMC City Clerk