

October 16, 2014
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, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chief Wolfson, Deputy Fire Chief Adams, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Verna, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

Department Reports

Mr. Rubin: 60 demos this year so far; 3 new homes and 3 house raisings this week

Chief Wolfson: Preparing for AC Marathon on Sunday – detours will be necessary

Mr. Ricciotti: Paper shredding event last Saturday very successful with 4/25/15 scheduled for same; new trash cans on beach street ends; storm in Atlantic may impact city; preparing for any assistance needed for AC Marathon

Dep. Chief Adams: Successful Fire Prevention Week – change smoke detector batteries and the Fire Department has detectors available if anyone needs

Ms. McLaughlin: 2nd Reading of Bond Ordinance tonight; no final amount of “Sandy” money available yet

Mr. Deaney: Updated Dunes Project – DEP filed Administrative Order to effectuate taking of city-owned property for Dunes project but no legal effect since statutory requirements were not followed, Tolling & Standstill Agreement on tonight’s Agenda protects the city, discussions continuing with ACOE & DEP so future funding will not be affected

Mr. Abbott: Further explained Tolling/Standstill Agreement; Mr. Deaney asked if residents are also protected by the Agreement – yes & copy available for public

Mr. Blumberg: Concerned with timing of Ventnor traffic lights; requested Mr. Deaney & Mr. Hiltner review city nepotism and pay to play regulations at the request of some residents

Ms. Taube: Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Assistance grant available at no cost to city, in combination with Ventnor – commissioners agreed to move forward tonight with adoption;

Sustainable Margate earned Bronze Certification & will be recognized at NJLOM Conference

Mr. Becker: Conversation with Bill Dixon (DEP) regarding Dunes Project (nothing in writing) – initial construction, Margate Pier, drainage, beach access including handicapped no cost to Margate & in his opinion, city will not need replenishment due to its southern location

Mr. Blumberg: Doubtful the above information is correct & feels the project will never be “free”

Public Participation: John Sewell – encouraged drafting a new ordinance clearly stating pay to play, nepotism, and services in kind policies. Joe Tozzi – requested Atlantic & Gladstone Avenue traffic light not be on flashing (Chief Wolfson to look into and report to Mr. Tozzi).

Steve Altman – asked for clarification on dunes costs if State takes property for the construction.

Sharon Simon – asked that conversations with DEP, ACOE, etc. be followed up in writing; doubtful there will be no costs to city for dunes construction. On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk