

April 3, 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 & Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Abbott, Chief Wolfson, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, Deputy Chief Adams, & Ms. Freed.

Mr. Becker: Updated DUNES Project as a result of his most recent meeting on the subject – asked specifics & again stated he was representing the interests of Margate

Chief Wolfson: Met with FEMA reps today re: renovations to Washington Avenue City Hall building – trying to get the most money for said renovations; explained Phase I of mechanical renovations to Union Avenue building

#### **Department Reports**

Ms. Larkin: Several ordinances on tonight's agenda re: increase in court fees for certain offenses; continuing work on court renovations

Mr. Galantino: Money still available for raising homes; elevation height needed to request lower flood insurance rates

Mr. Hiltner: Atlantic County Purchasing – Power Co-op for Natural Gas – bidding will begin within the next 6 months – if Margate is interested a resolution is needed to be approved (*commissioners in favor of same*)

Mr. Abbott: Little League lease/Green Acres matter resolved to everyone's agreement for execution

Mr. Walberg: Actively looking into flooding problems along Washington Avenue (*even dry weather flooding problems*) – televising the sewers to find problems (*i.e. broken pipe, clog*) & possible remedies; discussed rising tides within the past 50 years and possible future considerations

Deputy Chief Adams: FMBA & Tighe School dodge ball competition tonight - school fundraiser

Mr. Ricciotti: Fire hydrant flushing completed; working on beaches; removed snow equipment; free tree seedlings give-away on April 5 from 9:00 am to noon

Ms. McLaughlin: Explained Capital Ordinance on tonight's agenda (*no effect on city budget*)

Mr. Rubin: Commercial real estate base is healthy – new bike shop, rib restaurant & hamburg take-out restaurant – all in town & Aversa's Bakery will have a new façade before summer

Ms. Taube: Dog Park dedication to Anne Pancoast scheduled for May 13 @ 6:00 pm

**Public Participation:** Vaughan Reale: Anti-DUNES comments – replenishment will be needed because ocean will reclaim the beaches every 3-5 years & city will be obligated practically if not politically to restore "sitting beach"; city solicitor has conflict and should not be representing city in this matter (*he does business with DEP & contributed to pro-DUNES group in Ventnor in the past*); city should prepare for litigation which may be brought by those opposed to the DUNES.

Sharon Simon: questioned time for Q & A since Mr. Becker will not respond to her questions during public participation in meetings. Steve Altman: commented on poor sound system in the room & need for baffling; questioned residents' obligations re: snow removal. John Sewell: agrees with Mr. Reale's anti-DUNES; questioned Little League financial considerations to the City; complained that Ordinance #13 adding too much city debt. Steve Woerner expressed opinions on DUNES (*inevitable*). On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk

The Board of Commissioners held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 5:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg & Ms. Taube were present. Chief Wolfson (Assistant City Administrator) & Mr. Abbott were both present. Minutes from 3/20/14 were approved as read on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of 3 ayes.