

June 6, 2013
Margate City, New Jersey

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The work session of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Abbott, Mr. Deaney, Chiefs Wolfson & Tabasso, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Walberg, Ms. McLaughlin.

Discussions:

- Warren Stillwell, Verizon Wireless, requested additional cell antenna on the Gladstone Avenue water tank - lease exhibits previously sent to commissioners for their review. Mr. Walberg expressed concerns: cable running inside tank must not be compromised, tank must be cleaned and painted where work would occur; annual revenue expectations approximately \$30,000; bid specs to be prepared by solicitor and engineer
- Lifeguard Pension committee to be reactivated as required by law. Mr. Becker appointed Greg Smallwood, Brian Hiltner, Joe Rush, and Rich Patterson
- Mr. Becker: Police Department Assessment Study available for the public (*ordered by Mr. Becker*)
- Recycling Ordinance Amendment – This change will address scrappers & lost city revenue as a result and police enforcement; Mr. Adler will report next meeting

Department Reports

Mr. Abbott: open litigation – Simon v Becker (*waiting summary judgment*), Simon v City of Margate (*resolved*), 2 employee litigation suits, requested disciplinary records of police officer (*seeking a declaratory ruling*); FEMA maps revising V-zone due any day & coalition meeting scheduled for next Wednesday to formulate a response to said maps; progressing with license for AC Electric to run lines down Atlantic Avenue

Chief Wolfson- PVOs now full time; in discussions with JCC re: Marathon; additional signage for “yield to pedestrian” for Atlantic Avenue

Mr. Galantino: recommendation to extend through August 31st waiving permit fees for homes damaged from hurricane (*approved for tonight’s agenda*) – minimal loss in revenues to the city
Mr. Deaney – DCA regularly posting new grant/loan programs for hurricane repairs; capital ordinances may be available for next agenda

Mr. Ricciotti – no change in July 4th trash and recycling schedule; beginning June 27th recycling every week until Labor Day; Lifeguard HQ coming along; Amherst Avenue park clean-up
Chief Tabasso: LGHQ progressing and should be ready for July 4th

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; using energy aggregation specialist & reaching out to other municipalities for savings to residents at no cost to municipalities

Ms. McLaughlin: FEMA funding update; beach badge revenue \$9,000 less than last year at this time; BAN due 7/23 in the amount of approximately \$4 million (*in discussion with bond counsel*); audit in progress & will be presented to BOC soon

Ms. Taube: Rob Fishbein weekend Public Works supervisor

Public: John Sewell: civil penalties for any recycling citations; encourage pedestrians to use crosswalks. Steve Altman: pedestrian crossing comments; asked for update on AC Electric substation (*Mr. Becker: Planning Board approval but needs approximately 1 year to complete*). Sharon Simon: asked about Mr. Abbott’s fees for OPRA work and litigation (*extra and billed hourly*).

On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

Mr. Deaney read a statement regarding the ratification of Communications Operators 3-Year Contract – current and future savings, actual percentage increases, etc. – and recommended adoption tonight

On motion the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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

Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk