

May 2, 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. Rubin, Ms. Freed, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Ricciotti.

**Discussions:**

**Shore Protection** – lengthy discussion regarding dunes on Margate beaches & funding for same; Ms. Taube stated her favor for dunes and reported on a recent meeting she attended with Mr. Deaney, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Abbott, and FEMA & Governor's office reps & suggested someone from DEP Army Corps address the commissioners; Mr. Blumberg asked for clarification that Margate has not signed on to anything at this point since other neighboring towns seem to think Margate has (Mr. Becker & Mr. Blumberg agreed that Margate is only exploring options as allowed by a recently adopted resolution); there was some discussion as to whether or not the question of dune placement in Margate has to be put to referendum (*Mr. Hiltner to explore*) based on a previously adopted ordinance.

**Green Acres Letter regarding Little League** – Ms. Taube met with Green Acres reps, Mr. Deaney, 3 members of the Concerned Citizens group, & Jessica Patterson on this matter (*question of validity of little league lease*) but Mr. Blumberg asked that the discussion be held at a later date since a meeting is scheduled with Little League reps, Mr. Deaney, and Mr. Abbott tomorrow morning

**Recycling Ordinance Amendment** – Mr. Adler and Mr. Abbott are drafting this ordinance & will be presented to BOC at the next meeting

**AT & T additional 2' dish on Gladstone Avenue water tower** – Mr. Stillwell, Esq. (representing AT & T) and Mr. Zolna (AT & T) explained the scope of work and Mr. Abbott advised allowing dish with no additional fees since this is within the parameters of their current contract and only an equipment upgrade (*Commissioners agreed*)

**Oceanfront Rumson Avenue** – Mr. Abbott proposed trade-off with owner of 7' strip of city-owned property in front of his house for rebuilding Rumson Avenue bulkhead and street end (life-long maintenance required) – Mr. Abbott will check with QPA to draw up documents & present to BOC

**Stage rental lease/Ordinance amendment** – Mr. Blumberg & Mr. Abbott prepared an amendment to Fee Ordinance to allow governing body to waive or reduce stage rental fees for charitable and/or non-profit fund raising organizations; Ms. Taube has been speaking with Tom Flynn (Log Cabin) to store stage at Log Cabin & loan stage to Log Cabin for \$1.00 & city employees will not be needed for set-up; Ms. Taube favors allowing MBA to use stage without charge since their events are city-sponsored; commissioners agreed to vote in favor of tonight's amendment and work out details later since many non-profits use the stage

**SUNPOWER Solar Panel System Monitor** – Mr. Hiltner explained approximate cost to hire this company is \$1,200

**Demolition Dates** – Mr. Galantino will extend demolition moratorium date past June 15<sup>th</sup> since these are extraordinary times resulting from storm (*ordinance allows for construction code official to waive due to special circumstances*); Mr. Galantino asked permission to continue to waive permit fees for hurricane related work (*yes & with his discretion only for hurricane related*)

**Department Reports**

Chief Wolfson- Atlantic Avenue traffic lights back on

Ms. Larkin – Evaluation by Assignment Judge's office today

Mr. Rubin – Building boom continuing in the city

Mr. Deaney – Labor negotiations on-going with Public Employees Association and nearing settlement, police department still without a settlement

Mr. Ricciotti – Cleaning & setting beaches up, working on lifeguard HQ and 1 S. Washington Avenue, hanging baskets in streetscape blocks to go up next week, Yard Sale and clean-up next weekend

**Department Reports continued:**

Chief Tabasso – Station #1 re-opened

Mr. Walberg – Updated projects; emergency street work required on Mansfield Avenue beach block – Asphalt Paving (estimate of \$45,000) will begin on Monday & complete by Memorial

Day; additional streetscape money available -Mr. Becker & Ms. Taube would like to resume this project - Mr. Walberg to draw up plans

Mr. Blumberg – Hanko Foundation fundraiser was very successful – thanks to all who volunteered; thanks to volunteers who worked on turtle fencing on Margate Bridge road  
Ms. Taube – Good use of mailers in water bills (*very informative*)

**Public Participation:**

John Sewell spoke on Army Corps of Engineers & dune project. Dan Campbell asked for specifics on use of stage. Anne Pancoast questioned the Green Acres/Little League lease matter. (*Mr. Abbott explained meeting tomorrow on the issue*) Art Cautilli suggested raising bulkheads instead of adding dunes for protection. Vaughan Reale spoke against beach replenishment but in favor of dunes & reminded commissioners to get all the facts from DEP before making any commitment & consider the cost of maintenance vs. actual costs necessitated by storm damage. Toni Jacovini suggested any swap of land (Rumson Avenue) should include maintenance in perpetuity as part of the contract.

This portion was closed on motion with a vote of three ayes.

The meeting was adjourned on motion with a vote of three ayes.

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