

January 3, 2013
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS & THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND WEBSITE

The Board of Commissioners held a work session at 4:00 p.m. on the above date. After a flag salute the roll was called: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, and Ms. Taube were present. Also present were: Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Chiefs Wolfson and Tabasso, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Ricciotti, and Ms. Freed.

Mr. Deane presented information on FEMA STEP program and recommended the City participate to assist residents in need of this help from Hurricane Sandy. The registration date has been extended to February 3; Mr. Galantino and Mr. Deane will coordinate (approval given) Mr. Becker reported on a FEMA/DEP meeting he attended with Mr. Abbott and Mr. Galantino & other reps from shore communities in Ventnor regarding storm damage. Mr. Abbott provided details about recommended elevation changes, use of pilings, potential \$10,000-\$20,000 flood insurance costs, & ramifications to shore economy. Many questions from builders and homeowners especially those located in the new V zone on this matter; there will be an appeals process. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday at the Canale Center. Mr. Rubin stressed the confusion among builders and homeowners; Planning Board to overhaul Base Flood Elevation requirements to conform with FEMA & has retained a Planner (Stuart Wiser from Remington Vernick & Walberg Engineers) to study situation and report in public on January 10th @ 7:00 p.m. in UAS

Department Reports:

Mr. Ricciotti: Working on beach ends; moving sand; preparing for winter weather; ordered salt since some supply was lost in the storm; building department move will begin tomorrow

Ms. McLaughlin: Closing out books on 2012; requested approval to hold JIF meetings in UAS (given)

Mr. Abbott: Requested clarification on directive to attend Egg Harbor Township Planning Board January meeting re: opposition to large sign on Margate Bridge – Ms. Taube suggested a letter from the BOC along with recently adopted resolution stating city opposition (she will forward information)

Mr. Hiltner: Dr. Lynch recommended Mediation Specialists for mold remediation in city buildings

Ms. Larkin: Court personnel moved into UAS but court will remain in Longport

Chief Wolfson: Requested permission to remove large sign on Amherst Avenue (“uneven pavement”) & store (given)

Mr. Blumberg: Suggested discussions begin at the next work session (January 17th) on repurposing UAS and City Hall & the 2013 budget - January 10th budget meeting will be cancelled due to Planning Board meeting at same time

Ms. Taube: Reviewed mold remediation bids – Mr. Walberg to contact contractors to discuss splitting project based on proposed costs; suggested chain of command – everything goes through Mr. Deane - he will act as the “gatekeeper” between staff and solicitor

Public Comment: Steve Altman asked for clarification re: elevating masonry homes (Mr. Galantino to contact him directly to discuss). John Sewell suggested Federal or State government purchase privately-owned Margate Bridge; stressed need for media policy when speaking about public employees to avoid potential lawsuits. Sharon Simon asked questions of the mayor and suggested scheduling a February 2nd 7:00 p.m. meeting for the public.

This portion was closed on motion with a vote of three ayes. The meeting was then adjourned on motion with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest:

Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk