

December 5, 2013
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, Mr. Blumberg, & Ms. Taube were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deaney, Mr. Abbott, Chiefs Wolfson & Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, & Mr. Walberg.

Department Reports

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; recommendations will be made for bulkhead height along beach and bayfront in accordance with new regulations -suggested raising height by 1.3'; report with cost estimates for Washington Avenue City Hall submitted to FEMA

Mr. Galantino: In agreement with Mr. Walberg regarding bulkhead heights

Mr. Rubin: Agrees with bulkhead heights as an interim step; planning studies in 2014 will show impact on porches, decks & similar structures

Ms. McLaughlin: Initial budget draft sent to auditors; continuing FEMA storm work

Mr. Deaney: Submitted application for \$377,000 Streetscape Improvement Grant; seeking grants for Washington & Ventnor Aves bus stop & other public safety projects; ACUA 2014 annual rates will slightly decrease & \$9900 - estimate for weekly summer season pick-ups

Mr. Hiltner: Changes explained in resolution for ice cream vending license on tonight's agenda

Mr. Abbott: Explanation of Resolution #239 & complemented all agencies for cooperating on this project (*Ventnor Gardens Storm Water Station*); 438 N. Vendome Avenue has been deemed an unsafe structure and will be liened and ready for demolition

Chief Tabasso: Lunch with Santa scheduled for December 14th, noon at Ross School

Mr. Blumberg: Kudos for holiday lighting at Jerome Avenue; asked that any subsequent conversations with state officials regarding dunes be shared with other commissioners before placing in media. (*Mr. Becker: DEP Commissioner contacted him for a meeting in Trenton. Mr. Blumberg asked that Keith Watson be contacted for a local meeting with commissioners on the dunes matter but Mr. Becker asked that nothing be done before the Trenton meeting is held.*)

Mr. Becker: Thanks to all for the work on Ventnor Pump Station Agreement & expressed confidence the project will be realized and station on-line by spring 2015; announced Rich Kugel and Mike Cincotta retired from beach patrol

Ms. Taube: Thanks to all for Ventnor Pump Station Agreement; suggested amending salary ordinance or preparing an additional one for merit raises so they will be public & voted on by commissioners as these may cut into the 2% CAP & thus lessen services to residents

Public Participation: John Sewell: city should be proactive when meeting in Trenton on dunes.

Bill Potts thanked all for Ventnor Pump Station Agreement. Dan Gottlieb asked if the city received any State response from recently adopted Resolution #232 (dunes) -(*Mr. Becker: DEP commissioner called him directly and wants to meet*) Sharon Simon concerned that no cover letter sent out with the above referenced resolution & nothing received from state officials in writing. Steve Altman spoke with FEMA reps & their concerns about city beach/dunes. Paul VandeRijn asked that the ice cream minimum bid be lowered & if not then prices may be raised. After discussion it was agreed to keep the minimum at \$50,000 and if there is only one bidder it will be rejected and rebid with lower minimum. Steve Woerner commented on the dunes. On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

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