

**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING  
CITY OF MARGATE**

**DECEMBER 2, 2021**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

**Call Meeting to Order – 3:00 p.m.**

**Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Johanna Casey, City Clerk:** Reads the statement of compliance and the procedure for in person meeting, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

**Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:**

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Fred Verna, Chief Adams, Captain Ron Kashon, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Pat Powers, Jim Galantino, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Rich Deaney and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Discussion:**

**Ed Dennis:** Dredging plans for the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging are being updated and permit applications are being completed.

**Rich Deaney:** Requests an estimated cost to add the dredging project to the 2022 Capital budget plan be submitted.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Another meeting to discuss the dredging project is to be scheduled with Ventnor City.

**Rich Deaney:** At this meeting Ventnor City representatives will have technical questions regarding the dredging project for Roger McLarnon to answer.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on money escrowed for the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project and the Shelter Island Restoration.

**Roger McLarnon:** Money escrowed for the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging and Sheltered Island Restoration was for the design not the construction. More design phase capital will be needed.

**Ed Dennis:** No update on the FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds becoming available for Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No.1. The Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (North Side) Project will be considered for funding in the 2022 Capital budget. Goes over the design, costs and schedule related to the Municipal Building Interior Renovations.

**Fred Verna:** Speaks on areas taken into consideration in respect to the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project.

**Johanna Casey:** Inquires if a flag pole is part of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project.

**Fred Verna:** A flag pole is not part of the renovation plans.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Speaks on the safety and structural features that are part of the proposed Municipal Building Interior Renovations design.

**Chief Adams:** Offers to contact the company that recently worked on the flag pole in front of Historic City Hall in regard to installing a flag pole at the municipal building on Winchester Avenue.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** A wall mounted flag pole may be the solution to having an American flag at the Municipal City location. The electrical company has to be contacted to see about electrical wires before any decision can be made regarding installing a flag pole.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the timeframe for going to bid for the Municipal Building Interior Renovation Project.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on the time frame required of adopting a Bond Ordinance to cover proposed municipal projects.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** A special meeting to assist with the resolution needed for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project to go to bid could be called.

**Ed Dennis:** The Public Works Facility Master plan is completed. Speaks on pending grant applications. 2022 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue will be a fall 2022 project. All maintenance bonds that could be released in 2021 have been. Goes over a list of projects in closeout. Gives an update on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phases I-Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue.

**Jim Galantino:** A structure report has been received.

**Ed Dennis:** Gives an update on the Fire Station No.2 Addition Project.

**Chief Adams:** Gives a more detailed report on the Fire Station No.2 Addition Project. Estimating completion of this project the second week of December 2021. Speaks on the temporary trailer parked next to Fire Station No. 2 during the project.

**Ed Dennis:** The 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5 is near completion. The 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is complete and the contractor is working on the punchlist. The 2021 NJDOT State Aid –Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2 start date has been pushed back to February 2022 due to delay in receiving necessary pipes. Test pits will be done now on the 2021 NJDOT State Aid –Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2 Project. Speaks on a resolution of support submitted by James Rutala & Associates for a plan proposed by the Army Corp of Engineering to prevent flooding in the back bays and the cost that would be incurred by the City.

#### **Departmental Report:**

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on the new agreement for EMS billing services with Coronis Health. Speaks on residents who do not have health insurance and collection agencies not utilized.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on new fees that can be added to medical transport billing and why the change to a new billing service.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Recommends that billing correspondence be better marked as to when a resident does not owe a bill.

**Lisa McLaughlin and Chief Adams:** The issue of letting residents know when a bill is not to be paid is addressed.

**Chief Adams:** The Margate Fire Department will be participating in Ventnor City's holiday parade. Reminds residents to check fire and carbon monoxide detectors, and shut off outside water.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on the sale of bond anticipation notes held on December 2, 2021.

**Captain Kashon:** Annual toy drive will be held at the ball field on December 3, 2021. Police Department will also be participating in Ventnor City's holiday parade.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the renewing of professional contracts and finalizing the Margate City Employee Association contract.

**Roger McLarnon:** Next Planning Board meeting will be on December 16, 2021. Speaks on zoning issues that will need to be addressed next year and pay to play requirements.

**Jim Galantino:** Speaks on contractor compliance, non-issues and incidents involving the demolition of homes and pile driving.

**Pat Power:** Speaks on the emergency repair of a water main leak at Atlantic and Monroe Avenues.

**Scott Abbott:** Recommends the reappointment of the professional services on tonight's agenda.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to add.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Speaks on the annual toy drive.

**Public Comment:** none

**Adjournment:**

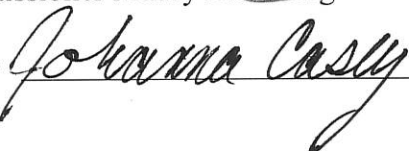
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg, and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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

  
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Mayor, Michael Becker

  
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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

  
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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_ Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk