

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

**January 18, 2018**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

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The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:05 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Acting Administrator Ms. Bascelli, Ms. Casey, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Verna, Chief Tabasso, Chief Adams and Mr. Ricciotti. Mr. McLarnon and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Acknowledgement:**

On behalf of the Board, Mayor Becker asked Commissioner Amodeo to read aloud a letter of accommodation received for the Fire Department.

**Items of Discussion:**

**D1. Appointment of Police Officer – Jake Rando:**

Commissioner Amodeo administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Jake Rando.

**Department Reports:**

**Ms. Casey:** Ms. Casey reported that the public auction for the Ice Cream Vending Service was held last Tuesday and added that the approval for the Resolution to award the contract is included in today's agenda. Ms. Casey advised the Board that the bids for the municipal parking lot spaces on Washington Avenue are going to be scheduled in the month of May in case the Board would like to consider any changes this year. Mayor Becker asked for that item to be included in the next agenda for discussion. In closing, Ms. Casey stated that legal notices had been sent out informing the residents of the zoning changes of the waterfront district.

**Chief Tabasso:** Chief Tabasso reported that the Fire Department once again participated in Operation 6 Save-A-Life Smoke Detector Program in Philadelphia. The department picked up 66 free smoke detectors that will be available for residents and installed based on need. In closing, Chief Tabasso stated that due to his retirement, today is his last official meeting.

The Board of Commissioners congratulated and thanked Chief Tabasso for his hard work and dedication during his tenure of service to the City of Margate in the Fire Department.

**Chief Wolfson:** Everything is great in the Police Department.

**Ms. Bascelli:** Mayor Becker took a moment to introduce and welcome Acting Business Administrator Dawn Bascelli, who will be temporarily filling in for Rich Deaney while he is away. Per Mr. Deaney's request, Ms. Bascelli spoke on his behalf and congratulated Chief Tabasso upon his retirement.

**Mr. Walberg:** Mr. Walberg informed The Board that the FEMA Inspection for City Hall has been rescheduled for next Thursday, and that he is currently working on the letter he received asking for explanations on several items. Mr. Walberg will try to have as many answers FEMA requires as he can before the inspection. In addition, regarding Resolution #34-2018; which authorizes the receipt of bids for the raising of the lifeguard headquarters, Mr. Walberg informed the Board that the plans are ready and requested to meet with them to discuss how the City wants to access the beach from the building before the bids are advertised. Commissioner Amodeo suggested regarding the structure of the headquarters, to make it an Alternate Bid, that motion was seconded by Mayor Becker. As a follow up, Mr. Walberg reported on the Anglers Roost Clean Up; his environmental staff is addressing the items on the deficiency letter that was received and believes that there will be a fee which will need to be paid before the project is finalized. Regarding Safe Routes to School; Mr. Walberg reported that all the required procedures have been submitted and is currently awaiting a response. Regarding the Beach End Storm Sewer; Mr. Walberg reported that a meeting was held with Army Corps and the DEP and added that as soon as some of the discussed issues are taken care of, the project will move forward; there are a total of four Street Ends that the city will have to deal with. Regarding the Check Valve Installation; Mr. Walberg is still waiting for requested quotes.

**Mr. Verna:** Mr. Verna reported that he is currently working on accessing City Hall and the Municipal Building's HVAC needs as far as maintenance concerns and repairs with CM3 Building Solutions, whose contract award Resolution #38-2018 is up for consideration on today's agenda, and would like to continue to work with them because he feels that they have the knowledge and expertise the city needs.

**Mr. McLarnon:** Mr. McLarnon concurred with Mr. Verna regarding CM3 Building Solutions and also shared his support on his recommendations for Resolution #30-2018, which awards Janitorial Services, Resolution #31-2018, which awards Landscaping and Maintenance of Public Properties, and Resolution #32-2018, which awards Cleaning of Video Pipes Services, scheduled to be voted on by the Board today, and added that the City has been satisfied with their work. In closing Mr. McLarnon shared that the Planning and Zoning Departments continue to be busy.

**Mr. Galantino:** Mr. Galantino started his report by thanking and commending Frank Ricciotti and the Public Works Department for their help and assistance after the Building Department had a broken heating pipe during last Thursday's snow storm and was flooded with 2 inches of water; the carpet, files and pretty much everything in the office sustained water damage. Mr. Galantino added that without their help in cleaning up, drying up the water, and steam cleaning the carpet, the department would be in terrible shape. In closing, Mr. Galantino shared that the Building Department continues to be busy.

**Mr. Ricciotti:** Mr. Ricciotti reported that Public Works has been extremely busy fighting the weather; his staff has been out on the roads 24/7 and water shut offs are around 150 homes that they received calls on. The Department went through 125 tons of salt during the storm which more has been reordered to have enough in stock.

**Mr. Abbott:** Mr. Abbott inquired as to Christopher Baylinson, Esq. who represents Barbary Coast, LLC, to explain their proposal and future plans on the replacement and expansion of their newly purchased existing Integrity Marine Building which will include the replacement of 175 feet of bulkhead. Mr. Baylinson inquired as to the possibility of the City conveying seven City owned parking spaces located on Amherst Avenue, which would be underneath and adjacent to their structure in order to replicate the footprint of the existing building over the water, should the proposed project receive approval by the Planning Board. Commissioner Amodeo inquired from Mr. Abbott as to the City being relieved of liability should the Commission convey the parking spaces, to which Mr. Abbott gave an affirmative answer. Mr. Abbott clarified that the purpose of the proposal today by Mr. Baylinson, is to obtain permission from the Governing Body to include the parcel of land when they make their presentation to the Planning Board. Mayor Becker granted the approval in principle for Barbary Coast LLC to make their presentation to the Planning Board.

Regarding Dredging; Mr. Abbott reported that the city has made progress with our dredging and received proposals from the engineer from Stockton University Coastal Research Center surveyor for the issue regarding Shelter Island, working towards obtaining our dredging permits. Mr. Abbott also emphasized the importance of obtaining the money from the available grant from NFWF (National Fish and Wild Life Foundation) and meeting the grant application deadline of February 1, 2018, invoiced and paid for by March 1, 2018. Regarding the Wireless Mobile Consultant; Mr. Abbott reported that he has been negotiating and will have a proposal soon. In closing, Mr. Abbott suggested to The Commission, the City should outline a plan regarding obtaining funding for the restoration of the rest of the bulkhead on Amherst Avenue. Commissioner Amodeo inquired as to Mr. Walberg obtaining research on that topic and added that it is his understanding that the Army Corps next chore is bay bulkheads. Mr. Walberg concurred with the Commissioner and informed the Board that the Army Corps is currently doing a feasibility study that could possibly take two years, and that he will reach out to his contact to request a status update.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Commissioner Blumberg asked for thoughts and prayers for Mike Kulzer who works in our Building Department and his family on the loss on his wife. The City of Margate lost a great advocate for our children, our taxpayers and a long term member of our school board.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Commissioner Amodeo also extended his condolences to The Kulzer Family. He shared that he had the privilege of growing up with Joanne and remembers her fondly when they were younger, and added that she was also a great advocate for our seniors. She will be sadly missed.

**Mayor Becker:** Mayor Becker concurred with the Commissioners regarding Joanne Kulzer, and added that she was a great friend, advocate, and will definitely be missed.

In closing, the Mayor and Commissioners commended and thanked Frank Ricciotti and his staff for doing an amazing job during the snow storm.

**Public Participation:**

There was no public participation.

**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 4:50 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, RMC City Clerk