

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

DECEMBER 6, 2018

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE.

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 Michael Becker, Commissioner John Amodeo and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were also present: Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Jim Galantino, Ed Walberg, Pat Powers, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Rich Deaney and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

Items for Discussion:

Dottie McCrosson: Spoke on the reasons for the consideration of adopting Ordinance 29-2018.

Commissioner Amodeo: Thanks Dottie McCrosson for the writing of Ordinance 29-2018. Spoke on the benefits of adopting this ordinance.

Department Reports:

Chief Adams: Call volume is up over 2017 calls. Stated the good press the fire department received from a fire in September. At this time of year, city residents should be checking their holiday lighting for safety.

Lisa McLaughlin: State health benefits will be conducting an audit regarding proof of dependents. Working on draft of 2019 budget and closing of 2018.

Rich Deaney: Verizon Wireless is looking to renegotiate their contract.

Scott Abbott: Tonight there is a resolution for Cellco d/b/a Verizon to add more nodes. This should be considered when Verizon request renegotiations.

Rich Deaney: Agrees that this information should be taken into consideration when renegotiating with Verizon.

Scott Abbott: The request for more nodes is not exclusive to Verizon. Questioning if tonight's resolution should be tabled with this new information known.

Commissioner Amodeo: Recommending tabling the resolution.

Scott Abbott: Recommending talking to Verizon.

Mayor Becker: In agreement with pulling the resolution.

Ed Walberg: Everything was covered in last meeting.

Roger McLarnon: New applications and ordinances working well. Stream lining the process between construction and zoning offices. Next planning board meeting will be December 20.

Recommending the passing of the resolution for bike racks and the resolution to continue being a part of the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System. Three annual contracts are out for bid this week.

Jim Galantino: In 2018 there have been 66 new construction permits, with 55 of those being demolitions. As of October 4th there were 46 zoning permits.

Pat Power: Getting trucks ready for snow. Ninety percent of the Lucy deck is completed. Everything on the GovDeals auction were sold for a total of \$61,000.

Scott Abbott: Recommending reappointing all the solicitors on tonight's resolution list. Spoke on the benefits of Ordinance 29-2018 and Resolution 268-2018.

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Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Pat Power and public works team for the holiday lighting at the recreation center.

Commissioner Amodeo: Lisa McLaughlin let us know that reimbursement from the state was received for improvements to the outfall system, street drainage improvements and the raising of the lifeguard station. Totaling close to \$668, 000. Recommending the passing of Resolution 269-2018.

Mayor Becker: It's an honor to represent the city. Wishing everyone happy holidays.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Drive; Speaking on the public's right to know how many calls involving Narcan are responded to by the fire department.

Chief Adams: There is no increase over 2017 responses involving those type of responses.

John Sewell: 22 West Drive; Comments on remarks made by Dottie McCrosson.

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to close public portion. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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

Mayor, Michael Becker

Commissioner John F. Amodeo

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: _____
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk