

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

**JANUARY 17, 2019**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS AND THE STAR LEDGER 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 Dave Wolfson, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Ed Walberg, Ed Dennis and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott Scott Winneberger, Dawn Bascelli and Rich Deaney were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Scott Abbott:** Explains the purpose of the resolution authorizing the Atlantic City Press and the Star Ledger newspapers to publish legal notification for the city. Thanks Jimmy and Roger for their technical assistance with the elevation requirements for the townhouses located at Coolidge and the beach. Ponzio is working on proposal and getting approval from private property owners for the next phase of the Amherst Avenue project. Since the mid-1990s Mr. Silverstein has been trying to get the city to buy ten lots behind Fire House Station #2 which he owns. It is understood that most of these lots may be in the wetlands.

**Ed Walberg:** Some are in wetlands some are not.

**Scott Abbott:** Mr. Silverstein wants the city to credit him for lots in wetlands at a much higher value than assessed value. Recommending that if Mr. Silverstein disagrees with the assessed value of these lots then he can pay to have surveys and reassessment done. There has also been discussion of him donating the lots to the city.

**Rich Deaney:** Has informed Mr. Silverstein that the city will not buy these lots. Mr. Silverstein's response was he believes there is usable land to build, so he is willing to give the lots to the city if the lots are appraised at a higher value. Questioning how the city could get re-appraised without spending a lot of money to have done. If city does not take this offer then Mr. Silverstein says he has other charities who he will approach.

**Ed Walberg:** States limitations as to why building on these lots will not be possible.

**Mayor Becker:** Sums up the discussion that all seem in agreement not to accept Mr. Silverstein's offer. Requesting a letter be sent to inform Mr. Silverstein of this decision.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Questioning if the Philadelphia Inquirer posts notifications because many resident read this paper. Asking for costs involved.

**Johanna Casey:** Philadelphia Inquirer is three times the cost. Legal ads cost around \$300 and ordinances \$65-\$75. The state legislature is working on changing notification requirements.

**Rich Deaney:** Requirements state notifications have to be put in a paid circulation newspapers.

**Scott Abbott:** Would be nice to use more local papers, but legislation does not permit this.

**Department Reports:**

**Frank Ricciotti:** For safety reasons some light posts are going to be taken down to be repaired. Public works is ready to handle roads when bad weather hits. The water and sewer department replaced four fire hydrants, did new installations on three properties and fixed a sewer leak. Next week videoing of pipes on Atlantic Avenue will start.

**Jim Galantino:** Some light damages due to winds last week. Assisted a local restaurant who lost their electric due to recent weather. Ten zoning permits so far this year. Construction sites are being inspected for safety and accessibility.

**Roger McLarnon:** The next planning board meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a potential capital improvement project involving the end of Thurlow Avenue's cul-de-sac.

**Ed Walberg:** Ten percent of the area at the end of that street is gone. Gave options on ways to improve this area.

**Ed Walberg:** Gives an update to the county, Margate and Ventnor bicycle project. Explains how the bike rack will look.

**Roger McLarnon:** Margate will have more bicycle racks than Ventnor.

**Rich Deaney:** Looking to get ballfield parking lot paved, so a change order is needed for the Reconstruction of Burk Avenue

**Ed Walberg:** Gives an overview of the Reconstruction of Burk Avenue project. There is a sink hole at the intersection of Jerome and Amherst from sanitary sewer main pipe. Recommending replacing the whole line to fix everything involved.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Pipe is failing so could go at any given time.

**Mayor Becker:** This is a safety issue, so address now.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Suggests Perna Finnigan take care of project now.

**Rich Deaney:** Will figure out money to be available to cover this repair.

**Chief Wolfson:** Police department and code enforcement stepping up inspections on construction job sites. There is a problem with contractors leaving dirt in the streets.

**Ed Walberg:** States dumpsters do not all have plywood under their wheels and construction trailers being left in the street.

**Chief Wolfson:** There is not any more room in the rec lot due to trailers that need to be picked up. Giving 24 hour notification out to remove dumpsters and trailers. There is an ordinance stating trailers cannot be left overnight.

**Mayor Becker:** Requesting a copy of this ordinance be emailed to him.

**Dawn Bascelli:** Continuing efforts to get information out to the public. Scheduling meetings with community and volunteer groups. Working with Margate Business Association to coordinate and expand services.

**Chief Adams:** Trailer issues are a major problem with driving down streets to respond to calls. Will be receiving the CDBA Grant within 60-90 days. Using buildings that are to be demolished as places to practice techniques. 80 free smoke detectors will be given out. Monitoring the weather to put out necessary trucks.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Thanks everyone involved with the New Year concert held at the library. Asking for an update on a recent flooding incident on Bayside Court and a synopsis be done to update the person who recently sent the commission pictures from the recent flooding.

**Ed Walberg:** Needs lines to be televised to see what the issue is and how to solve.

**Mayor Becker:** This has been an ongoing problem, so has to be addressed now.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Suggestions how to solve the issue and what the Army corps recommends using.

**Ed Walberg:** Asking if Mayor and Commissioners are willing to try time lapse cameras to show people how things are built. Can put this on city website. There is no charge to this.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Suggests trying the cameras at Amherst Avenue.

**Ed Walberg:** Will have set up.

**Public Participation:**

**John Sewell:** 22 West Drive Speaks in favor of using the city website to post legal notices. Suggests exploring other New Jersey newspapers for legal notices.

**Steve Warner:** 103 N. Sumner Ave. Speaks on Limpro flooding issue.

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 Blumberg and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

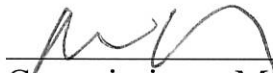
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:



Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk