

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

NOVEMBER 7, 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 4:10 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 Matt Hankinson, Chief Adams, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, and Jim Galantino. Lisa Hagan sat in for Municipal Clerk, Johanna Casey. Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Department Reports:

Lisa McLaughlin: Gives a report on the annual state best practices questionnaire.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on Ordinance #10-2019 being introduced at tonight's meeting.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the resolution to authorize an easement agreement with the Angler's Club of Absecon Island.

Commissioner Amodeo: Goes over details as to the changes being made to the Margate Fishing Pier.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there is a financial obligation by the city for this project.

Rich Deaney: There will be some maintenance costs.

Scott Abbott: The city is to help with the stairs and the gate.

Chief Adams: Fire department is proactive if an emergency should occur while the Benson Avenue Water Tank is being painted. Preparing for the Winter season.

Lisa McLaughlin: Processing Employee Cobra payments, updating 2020 salaries, preparing budget items for 2020, working on 2019 issues, reviewing existing capital ordinances to see what can be canceled, and imputing information into a FAST system. Gives a report on the Employee Health Fair held on October 22, 2019. Reviewing employee contractual obligations. Makes a recommendation for regarding the JIF dividend. Speaks on the JIF budget and liability. Recommends adopting a policy on cyber security.

Chief Hankinson: There is a public information campaign for the recent changes to traffic flow. In cooperation with the Recreation Department a program on "Cyber Crime for Seniors" is being offered. The police department is partnering with AtlantiCare in the "No Shave November" to raise money.

Andrew Miles: Fall soccer is done. Basketball has started. Offering after school programs. A Veteran's Day Program was held at the Pavilion. Speaks on the upgrades to the playground at Granville Avenue and the beach.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks highly about the Friday Night Programs held at the Recreation Department.

Andrew Miles: Explains about the program.

Rich Deaney: Recreation programming is terrific. Andrew Miles will be coordinating programs with the library. Suggests researching on how to arrange for individual owner water meters in multi-unit residences.

Scott Abbott: Raises a concern as to the expense involved.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the awarding of the contract for the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on annual bids, and the bids to repair the roof and façade on the municipal and police department buildings.

Jim Galantino: Eighteen demolitions in October. States what a person should do if property is damaged due to a demolition. There was a meeting with the Office of Emergency Management today for the Emergency Alert System. Speaks on legislation on Air BNBs.

Frank Ricciotti: A Paper Shredding Day for residents will be held at the public works yard on Nov. 16, 2019 from 9am-12pm. Gives a report on current public works projects.

Scott Abbott: A response was given to a recent call from a resident complaining about drainage issues due to a neighbor. Speaks on the issue of water and sewer bills for each unit when combined condo units are not combined by a master deed. Speaks on the resolution for the Margate Fishing Pier easement agreement.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Lisa McLaughlin for her work on the Employee Health Fair.

Commissioner Amodeo: Nothing to report.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on the Commission's dedication to reducing flooding.

Public Comment:

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Comments on the ability for individuals to purchase a bench on the fishing pier, so no cost to the tax payers for the seating.

Ava Lubert, Clermont Ave.: Comments on the Safe Routes to School Project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on federal government and American with Disability Act compliance in regard to the Safe Routes to School Project.

Mayor Becker: In the future other streets will be made to comply.

Ed Dennis: Responds to concerns. Atlantic City Electric has been contacted about the lighting issue.

Carol Silverman, 75 Seaside Court: Speaks on issues at specific intersections. Sees many children riding bikes without helmets.

Bill Hanerman, Gladstone Ave.: Comments on sections of Amherst Avenue bulkhead that are not part of the current Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Project.

Mayor Becker: Replies to the replacing of bulkhead in areas not being done with this current project.

Barry Sherman, 9510 Amherst Avenue: Speaks on the lack of lighting on Amherst Avenue where the bulkhead is being replaced.

Commissioner Amodeo: New lighting will be installed when the promenade is done.

Barry Sherman: Inquires about the information given by contractors when property damage occurs.

Jim Galantino: Gives direction on handling.

Carol Weaver, 12 Edgmar Circle: Comments on flooding due to new construction.

Roger McLarnon: Clarifies the situation that brought about Ms. Weaver's comments. An ordinance is going to be developed for a grading plan review.

Tim Freil, 62 Seaside Court: Comments on the Safe Routes to School Project.

Chief Adams: The fire department has done drills in this area to make sure fire trucks are accessible.


Scott Abbott: Speaks on federal government mandates.

Mona Marcus, Coolidge Ave.: Clarifies the playground that is to be upgraded. States what a great job Andrew Miles does.

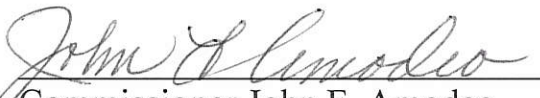
Adjournment:

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 5:15 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