

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

SEPTEMBER 23, 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: 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 Hankinson, Chief Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Gives an update on the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the benefits of the dredging project.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to a response from Ventnor.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to who charges for dumping into dredge holes.

Ed Dennis: The state of New Jersey charges for the dumping. Getting updated cost figures for the Fire House Number 1 and Historic City Hall Flood Proofing Project to rebid. Speaks on pending FEMA grants to cover the cost of the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Project. Cost estimates for the Minnie Creek Drainage Project have been done for FEMA grant application submission.

Rich Deaney: Requests removing Minnie Creek off project list till funding is secured.

Ed Dennis: The contractor for the 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is being awarded at tonight's regular meeting. The Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction will be included in the next Bond Ordinance. Gives an update on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project. The bid opening for the 2021 Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase 2 Project is scheduled for September 30, 2021. The Public Works and Police Station Facility Master Plan is in progress. On September 16, 2021 a meeting to update the current Capital Project list was updated and the Asset Management Plan was reviewed. Still waiting for the traffic light synchronization to be done. The 2016 Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue Project will be checked for completion to obtain a maintenance bond. Zone Striping has completed work on the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue and the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Projects. Amherst Avenue Bulkhead electrical work is now complete. Waiting for the final paving to be done on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Project. Speaks on ideas discussed with Zone Striping to improve traffic safety along Atlantic Avenue due to the Road Diet Project.

Chief Hankinson: Requests an opportunity to discuss specific safety ideas with Zone Striping.

Ed Dennis: States what has already been discussed with Zone Striping.

Commissioner Blumberg: Recommends taking the time to find the best options for improving safety along Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 18, 2021 for the Amherst Avenue promenade.

Commissioner Amodeo: Cookie from Steve and Cookie's has brought to the governing body's attention the amount of light reflected from the promenade onto her business. Speaks on ways to correct the lighting.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to reflecting the light upward.

Ed Dennis: Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project and 2019 Safe Streets to Transit Downtown Traffic Calming Improvement Project are now closed out.

Chief Adams: Gives an update on the Fire Station No. 2 Addition.

Ed Dennis: Notice to proceed has been issued for the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5.

Departmental Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on an ordinance drafted to address the problem of the poisoning of rabbits in Margate. Speaks on a state ordinance on electrical vehicles.

Rich Deaney: The poisoning of vermin is also addressed in a state's administrative code.

Commissioner Blumberg: In favor of this proposed ordinance. Public service announcements are going out to address the issue of the poisoning of rabbits.

Frank Ricciotti: States four trees have been removed and replaced in front of the tennis courts. Public works has been cleaning the beach and removing mats and trash cans. Public Works has assisted the Margate Business Association with fall decorating around the city and will help out with the Fall FunFest.

Fred Verna: Stresses getting vaccinated for COVID.

Jim Galantino: Has emphasized to contractors not to use poison to rid construction sites of vermins. 25 demolitions are scheduled.

Chief Adams: Renewing EMS licensing with New Jersey. Fire Prevention Week is 10/3/2021 to 10/9/2021. Beach Patrol season ended September 12, 2021.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on how the Amherst Avenue Promenade is the first of many projects to enhance economic development and safety. Benches and trash receptacles will be purchased for the promenade.

Chief Hankinson: Remind everyone that Amherst Avenue will be closed this weekend for FunFest and there will be detours.

Andrew Miles: Fall programs have begun. Union Ave playground installation should start next week and Lucy playground equipment is ready to be shipped.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Frank Ricciotti and public works for the street sweeping. Looking to add new bathrooms at the new playground in the next budget.

Public Comment:

Seeing that there were no comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Commissioner Blumberg, with a vote of three ayes.

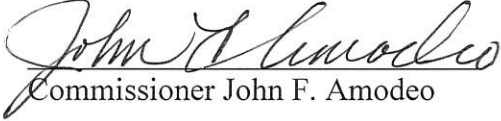
Adjournment:

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 Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

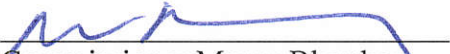
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk