

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

**JUNE 2, 2022**

**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.

**Lisa Hagan Assistant to City Clerk:** Reads the statement of compliance, 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, Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Armstrong, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Lisa Hagan, Rich Deaney, and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on cyber training for City employees. States an updated financial report was sent to the Commissioners. Speaks on the NJ ARM.

**Chief Hankinson:** Speaks on the busy Memorial Weekend. The police department is preparing for a very busy summer. Parking meters in the area of the Amherst Avenue Promenade went into effect Friday, May 27, 2022. Speaks on the upcoming “Bike Rodeos” at the Margate City schools.

**Mayor Becker:** Inquires about having a “Bike Rodeo” for adults.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Annual audit field work is complete. Audit exit conference will be scheduled.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on doing new hire background checks. Speaks on an upcoming meeting to discuss the NJ Transportation Set-Aside program grant, which would benefit Margate City’s Master Plan along Washington Avenue.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires about inviting some school district members to attend this grant meeting.

**Ed Dennis:** Explains the Safe Routes to School grant being the grant related to schools, not the NJ Transportation Set-Aside Program grant.

**Roger McLarnon:** Code Enforcement has been receiving many calls. There is a change order resolution on tonight’s agenda for the Historic City Hall Façade Project. It has been proposed to put into effect every five years for the Historic City Hall façade to be cleaned, water proofed and checked for loose bricks. Sampling continues to be done for inclusion in the Beach Throughfare Dredging application.

**Jim Galantino:** States a lot of complaints been called in regarding contractors working past the allowed construction time. Complaints of construction job site conditions are down this year. Speaks on June 15<sup>th</sup> being the day the installation of pools must cease and pool bladder bags must be off the streets. States there will be no time extension of demolition permits.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** There are eight demolitions that will have to be done by June 15, 2022.

**Chief Hankinson:** States the public can call the police when contractors are not ending work at the required time. States all dumpsters must be off the street this time of year.

**Deputy Chief Armstrong:** Speaks on the activity that occurred over the Memorial Day Weekend involving the fire department. Thanks, Public Works for the great job they do on the beaches. Thanks, the City for the purchase of the new ambulance, which was utilized over the Memorial Day Weekend. Thanks, Jim Galantino, for assisting with a response to an accident over the holiday weekend.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Public works was very busy over the Memorial Day weekend. Saw many people not obeying the laws over the holiday weekend. Planting of bushes along the parkway is going to be taking place. The installation of the sprinkler system at Fire Station #2 is done. Speaks on there being issues with the request to install a sewer line at 702 N. Jerome Avenue. Inquires about residents constructing their own walkways over the dunes. Public Works will be assisting with this weekend’s “Le Tour De Downbeach Family Bike Ride”.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Engineering plans are needed if an injection unit is to be installed for a sewer line at 702 N. Jerome Avenue. Residents installing walkways have riparian rights and CAFRA approval to do so.

**Mayor Becker:** Inquires if home owner of 702 N. Jerome Avenue has been contacted.

**Scott Abbott:** The City has several cases in court right now. Mathis Construction has milled and paved the section of Amherst Avenue as per the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase I Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue. Speaks on the state and FEMA regulating flood elevation levels.

**Roger McLarnon:** Speaks on new state flood elevation requirements and Margate's current flood elevation requirements.

**Ed Dennis:** Municipalities are required to adopt state requirements, which FEMA originates.

**Engineer's Report:**

**Ed Dennis:** Stockton University continues to do sampling of dredge material to be included in the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Permit application. FEMA requested additional information and is reviewing the request for flood proofing funding for Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1. New capital projects in survey phase are the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue & Union Avenue, 2022 Curb & Gutter, Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement, 2022 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, and Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame. Next month additional items will be added to the pending grant application list. The 2023 NJDOT State Aid applications are due by July 1, 2022. Working on engineering proposals for other 2022 capital projects. There are only two open maintenance bonds. Speaks on projects in closeout. There is no cost to the City for the milling and repaving of Amherst Avenue, which is part of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue. Re-lining of the sanitary sewer main is complete, while the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes and a punch list of items still remain for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 Douglas Avenue to Gladstone Avenue. Working on project coordination between R. Maxwell Construction and the HVAC contractor regarding the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project.

**Fred Verna:** Duct work will be done next week as part of the Municipal Interior Renovations Project.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on the progress of the 2021 Road Program. The new HVAC units will not be installed at the Margate City Library till fall.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires about liquidated damages owed to the City by Mathis Construction

**Ed Dennis:** Recommends having a discussion once a payment request has been submitted by Mathis Construction.

**Public Comment:**

**Kathy Heitzman,** 22 S. Adams Ave.-Speaks on parking issues on South Adams Avenue. Makes an inquiry about trash cans on beach not being designated for trash or recycling.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Waiting for delivery of trash and recycling stickers, then cans will be marked for each type.

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

**Update:**

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Thanks Rich Deaney and the team for trying to satisfy the residents on Brunswick Court. Inquires if the City has an estimated cost of resurfacing Bayshore Drive from Clermont Avenue to Fredericksburg Avenue.

**Ed Dennis:** Bayshore Drive is on the list of streets to be done. Explains what has to be considered when a request is made to repave a street.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** States as dumpsters are removed from the streets, then contractors replace them with trailers.

**Chief Hankinson:** Speaks on trailers left on the streets.

**Mayor Becker:** Speaks on the cooperation of everyone attending the meeting.

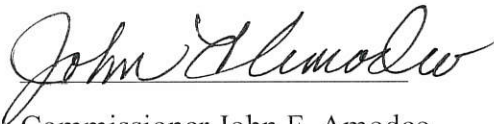
**Adjournment:**

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 Commissioner Amodio to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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



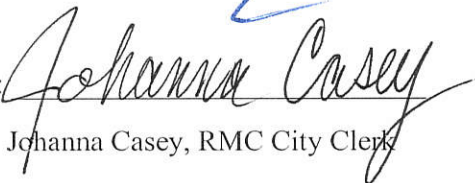
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodio



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

