

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

JUNE 16, 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.

Johanna Casey, 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, Chief Dan Adams, Patrick Power, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Rich Deaney, and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Discussion: Atlantic Avenue and Douglas Avenue Right of Way

John Scott Abbott: Speaks on the proposal by AT&T to install a new traffic light pole at Atlantic Avenue and Douglas Avenue to enhance wireless communication. This agreement's outcome will set the precedence for future right of way leases with other cell service providers.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to whether this new traffic light pole would be sequenced with existing traffic lights.

Roger McLarnon: AT&T would take responsibility to sequence the traffic lights on this new pole with existing traffic lights. Installation would occur after the summer.

Mayor Becker: Asks for any objections.

Commissioner Amodeo: No objection.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the need for AT&T to guarantee the sequencing with existing traffic lights and covering any costs to do so.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to whether or not the existing traffic controller and monitors on the current traffic light at Atlantic Avenue and Douglas Avenue would be reused or be replaced.

Roger McLarnon: Only the pole is to be replaced. The traffic controller and monitors will remain the same.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on having the agreement with AT&T specify what is to remain and what is AT&T's responsibility on maintaining the traffic controller and monitors on a new traffic pole.

Ed Dennis: Explains the process of traffic lights resequencing themselves.

Engineer's Report:

Ed Dennis: The Tidelands application has been submitted. Gives an update on the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project.

Roger McLarnon: Stockton University's Coastal Research Center continues to obtain dredging material required for submission of a dredging permit application. Explains why Shelter Island will not be part of the dredging permit application being submitted for the Beach Thoroughfare Project.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the steps that have been done to get the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project to this point of being able to submit a permit application.

Ed Dennis: Clarifies that Shelter Island permitting as a disposal site will continue as a separate application. Jim Rutala is continuing to work on a resiliency grant that could possibly award money to cover the cost of using Shelter Island as a disposal site. FEMA funding for the flood proofing of Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1 is under review still. Projects in survey phase and scheduled for fall 2022 construction are: 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue & Union Avenue, 2022 Curb & Gutter Program, Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement, 2022 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about the municipal building records storage room proposal.

Ed Dennis: Johanna Casey and Joe Johnston of Remington & Vernick are working together on the municipal building records storage room proposal. There are some other 2022 capital projects that will be discussed at a later time. Speaks on the 2023 NJ DOT State Aid applications that have to be submitted by July 1, 2022. Speaks on the status of pending grant applications. Working on concepts of the Washington Avenue corridor to be included in the NJ Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Grant application due November 21, 2022. The next maintenance bond is not up till November 2022. The 2017 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project and the 2018 & 2019 NJDOT State Aid - Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project are both to be closed out. Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project is awaiting inspection. Fire House #2 Addition remains in closeout phase. Both the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue and the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 Douglas Avenue to Gladstone Avenue have punch list being worked on currently. HVAC work is going on as part of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project. The 2021 Road Program is paused till fall 2022. Margate Library HVAC units are still on schedule to be delivered in fall 2022.

Department Head Reports:

Fred Verna: A flag is now up at the Municipal Building. Email service has been migrated to an updated system. Speaks on the Municipal Building Interior Building Project.

Chief Adams: Annual Night at the Library -Fire Department Open House will be held on June 22, 2022. The Fire Department will be on hand at the Beach Stock event on June 25, 2022. Speaks on the department applying for the American Rescue Plan Grant. The fire department and EMS responded to 98 calls within the last two weeks.

Scott Abbott: Nothing to add.

Pat Power: Speaks on the Water Meter Replacement Project, which is a 5-year phase project.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on reviewing the water meter replacement contract and the benefits to upgrading the water meters.

Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: In agreement to proceed with the Water Meter Replacement Project.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on covering the cost of the Water Meter Replacement Project. Suggests changing the water and sewer billing cycle to more than just once a year.

Pat Power: 150 shrubs will be planted on the parkway and landscaping at Fire House #2 continues. The public works yard started phase two of the environmental study this past week. The Govdeals.com on-line auction ends Monday, June 20, 2022. The stairs over the bulkhead at Adams Avenue beach have been completed.

Jim Galantino: Clarifies with Pat Power that new meters are being put in when new construction is done. Installation of pools and demolitions have ceased for the summer season. In turn streets and construction sites should be cleaner. 200 units have been processed for rental.

Roger McLarnon: The June 2022 Planning Board meeting has six cases to hear and July already has eight cases. Speaks on the proposed Ordinance #11-2022, Ordinance #12-2022 and Ordinance #13-2022 all having a first reading at tonight's regular commission meeting. The Planning board will review these ordinances for consistency. Speaks on working on an ordinance pertaining to FEMA flood elevation requirements in commercial districts. On tonight's agenda is a resolution to authorize Margate City to be part of the South Jersey Power Cooperative for the purchasing of natural gas. Recommending the commission accept the work as complete for the Historic City Hall Façade Project.

Ed Dennis: Nothing more to add.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on a cooperative effort by departments to inspect streets for cleanliness and construction site parking, and to enforce rules pertaining to all vendors working within the municipality. Speaks on the annual audit report, which will be presented at the commission meeting on July 1, 2022. Speaks on the annual salary ordinance.

Chief Hankinson: The Margate City Police Department has been Certified for Reaccreditation. The Joint Insurance Fund's Risk Management Consultant gave the Margate Police Department a glowing report.

Johanna Casey: States there is a resolution on tonight's agenda pertaining to allowing outdoor music to be played till 9:00p.m as part of a business being approved for an extension of premises. Pleased to see a flag waving above the municipal building.

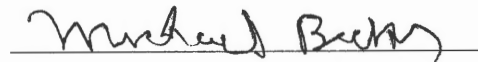
Commissioner Blumberg: Nothing to add

Commissioner Amodeo: Congratulates Chief Hankinson and the police department on the reaccreditation. Speaks on the success of the bike rallies held at each school. The New Jersey Historic Preservation Organization signed off on the application for a welcome center to be located on the grounds of Lucy the Elephant.

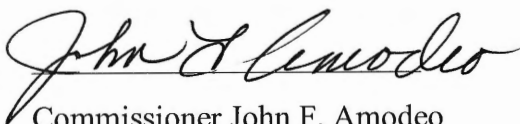
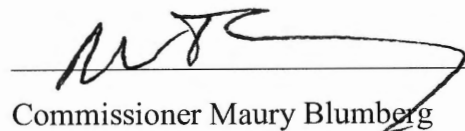
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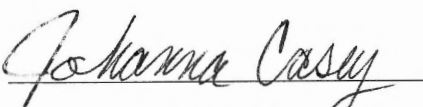
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

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