

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

JULY 21, 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. Chief Matt Hankinson, Chief Dan Adams, Frank Ricciotti, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Engineer Report:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the outcome of the Dredge Committee Meeting and gives a Beach Thoroughfare Dredging project update.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on other municipalities also applying to use dredge holes and the benefits to both the municipality and homeowners when a citywide permit to use a dredge hole is received.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the environmental benefit of using Shelter Island as a dredge hole. It will have to be determined if the bid specifications for the dredging of the back bay include the specific location of where the dredge material will be sent. Suggests having a public information session once the municipality is approved for dredging the back bay.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires about what happens if a dock owner does not want to have their area dredged at the same time the municipality is dredging, as well as the effects to the docks on either side of them.

Roger McLarnon: Many variables play into whether or not adjoining areas would be affected. Based on other municipalities, majority if not all dock owners participate.

Ed Dennis: Explains why it would be cost effective for dock owners to dredge at the same time as the municipality.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to whether other municipalities do dredge assessments and how it affects a home's value.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to whether homeowners be allowed to have a multi-year assessment to pay for dredging.

Roger McLarnon: Homes along the back bay are already assessed with a value of being able to have a boat dock. Municipality is responsible to dredge and cover cost of dredged areas used by all.

Ed Dennis: An option may be to have a clause in the contract with the dredging contractor that each dock owner would have to pay the contractor directly. Questions regarding dock owner's responsibilities on dredging show why a public information session is needed.

Mayor Becker: Requests the public meeting be held before most homeowners leave the area at the end of the season.

Ed Dennis: Still waiting for approval from FEMA for the funding for the flood proofing of Historic City Hall and Firehouse #1. FY2020 and FY2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Knight Avenue & Union Avenue, and the 2022 Curb and Gutter Program are both scheduled to go out to bid in fall 2022. The engineering design of replacing the walkway around the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex is in

progress. The FY2022 NJDOT State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue Project is scheduled to go to bid in fall 2022. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement projects are both in the engineering phase. Speaks on the 2023 NJDOT State Aid applications recently submitted. The Margate Library Roof Replacement Project's Notice to Bidders will be advertised on July 28, 2022. No updates on pending grant applications. An update to 2022 capital projects will be given at the next commission meeting. Two maintenance bonds will come due the end of 2022. Fire Station #2 Addition is off the projects in closeout list.

Lisa McLaughlin: States reimbursements been received by the NJ Department of Transportation for both the FY2017 NJDOT Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project and the FY2018 & FY2019 NJDOT Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. Both these projects can come off the projects in closeout list.

Ed Dennis: There are still items on the punch list for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase I-Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue. The punch list for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase 2 Douglas Avenue to Gladstone Avenue Project is substantially done. Speaks on the progress of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project. Gives an update to the 2021 Road Program. Construction involved in replacing the HVAC at the Margate Library will start in Fall 2022.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Adams: Speaks on the Fire Department's Open House held on July 20, 2022 and the fire department participated in Jewish Family Services Health Event July 19, 2022. Speaks on a minor fire the department responded to on Sunday. Station #2 landscaping is progressing.

Lisa McLaughlin: All the American Recovery funds have been received. JIF will be sending out safety guidelines to assist in regulating motorized bicycles and scooters. Gives an update on revenue items. City wide auction funds were received.

Chief Hankinson: States the Annual Law Day at Margate Library will be held on August 10, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Reminds residents and visitors to do a night time check to make sure cars and homes are locked.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on Ordinance #11-2022 being on tonight's agenda for adoption. Speaks on Ordinance #12-2022 and Ordinance #13-2022, which are under review. Codes for construction times and building site cleanup are being enforced. Businesses are doing very well this season.

Fred Verna: Speaks on the progress of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project and seven technology projects.

Frank Ricciotti: States new street signs have been posted to identify beach street locations, beach benches have been installed, plaques were put on the promenade, tennis court cracks are being repaired, and twenty more bushes will be planted along the parkway. Catch basins are also being cleaned.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the lawsuit from a person wanting citizen information obtained through the Code Red Alert System. Speaks on a letter received regarding the storing of beach chairs on the bulkhead.

Mayor Becker: Have to find a way to resolve this issue and it has to be consistent throughout the municipality.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests that the issue of beach chairs being stored on the bulkhead be discussed in a private session due to the letter coming from a lawyer.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires about how much of bulkhead is owned by the municipality as to private ownership. Recommends looking into alternative ways to store chairs on beaches.

Scott Abbott: The bulkhead mentioned in letter is a municipal bulkhead.

Commissioner Blumberg: States there are other items besides chairs stored on the bulkhead.

Chief Hankinson: Speak on what was done last year and is being done this year regarding beach items being stored along the beach walkways.

Public Comment:

Kathleen Heitzman, 22 S. Adams Ave.: Speaks against beach chairs being stored on the bulkhead. Says thank you to the city for fixing the beach steps at Adams Avenue.

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

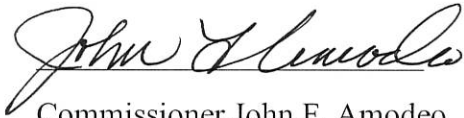
Adjournment:

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 3:42 p.m.

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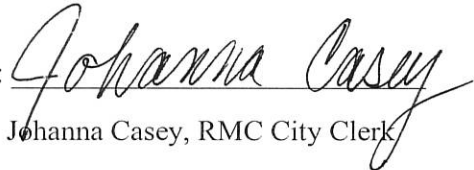
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk