

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

**APRIL 20, 2023**

**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 Dan Adams, Captain Ron Kashon, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Item for Discussion:**

**Ed Dennis:** Finalizing the Citywide Dredging Permitting application for submission. Waiting for additional feedback from the Army Corps of Engineers on questions pertaining to the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permit to be submitted. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame plans have been redesigned, so a new cost estimate will be prepared. The FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project is being revised, so it may be re-bid. A new cost estimate for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project is being worked on. Speaks on the progress made on the Community Rating System, which will include a flood warning & response plan. The Clerks Record Storage Room Evolution report has been completed and sent to city officials for review. The GIS Hosting Services of Municipal Web Map Layers is being implemented. The application for the 2023 CDBG Beach Bulkhead ADA Access at Benson Avenue has been submitted. Speaks on Benson Avenue being the last beach street end able to be ADA compliant, due to remaining beach street ends having concrete bulkheads. The NJ Department of Community Affairs Recreational Improvement Program awarded a \$50,000.00 grant for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms. The concept plan for the Atlantic Avenue Bike Lane Colored Pavement Marking project has been submitted to city officials. No open maintenance bond inspections are due till June 2023. The repairing of the water tank hatch, a part of the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting project, will be done after the summer season. Awaiting confirmation that the HVAC units for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library have been shipped. The Municipal Building Interior Renovations project is in its final stages. Both the 2021 Road Program and the 2022 Curb and Gutter Program have been completed, and punch list given to each project's contractor. The FY2020 and FY2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access -Knight Avenue and Union Avenue project has been completed, but the reconnection of the street end lighting is still being coordinated with Atlantic City Electric. No update on the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction project is nearing completion. Work on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project will be starting by the end of April 2023. The 2022 Road Program is to be completed by June 20, 2023. The Flood Proofing of Firehouse No. 1 and Historic City Hall project is pending due to delivery of construction materials.

**Department Head Reports**

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on the Army Corps of Engineers dredging the back bays on behalf of Atlantic County. Speaks on the Lucy Park renovation project. Says a few words regarding the introduction of flood hazard Ordinance #07-2023, which is on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda.

**Frank Ricciotti:** The municipality's annual Shredding Day will be held this Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9am till 12pm. The Public Works Department has been mulching all public properties, doing a spring cleanup of public properties, demolished the Decatur Avenue ramp then did a cut through, demolished the Fulton Ave. playground which was then covered with shells, removed items attached to beach bulkheads, repaired the foundations under beach lifeguard garages, responded to three water leaks and installed three new water meters.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Commended the Public Works Department on the job done at Decatur Avenue and the beach. The Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund had recommended the Decatur Avenue ramp be removed. The Jerome Avenue Ballfield look spectacular.

**Jim Galantino:** Nothing to report.

**Roger McLarnon:** States a shared service agreement with the NJ Department of Transportation will be needed in the future once approval is authorized to use the Shelter Island dredge hole. Speaks on obtaining a memorandum of understanding at some point to use Bader Field as an additional dredge depository. Speaks on the resolution on tonight's regular meeting agenda to allow Atlantic City Electric to install LED street lighting.

**Captain Kashon:** Nothing to report.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Funding for the LED street lighting was authorized back in 2021 and the cost effectiveness of using LED lights will be seen in 6-8 months. Speaks on the City receiving slightly over \$17,00 due to a class action law suit settlement filed by the municipality of Long Beach involving contaminated water. Speaks on City investments maturing. The 2023 budget is under state review. The budget, with an amendment, is set to be adopted on May 4, 2023. A resolution will be needed to dispose of the removed Fulton Avenue playground equipment.

**Chief Adams:** There are three resolutions on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda pertaining to the beach patrol. Requests to confirm with the commissioners the date of July 4, 2023, and rain date of July 8, 2023, for the annual July Fourth Fireworks show.

**Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg:** All in agreement.

**Johanna Casey:** The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. District 3 and 4 voters will be voting at the Tighe School. On tonight's regular meeting agenda is a resolution for the transfer of a liquor license from South End Liquors to Namaste Liquor and Tequila.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Inquires if there is any benefit to placing signage before intersections on Atlantic Avenue stating "no right hand turns from bike lane".

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on not creating confusion as to car lanes verse bike lanes.

**Public Comment:**

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

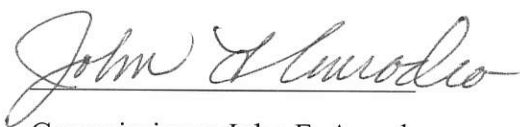
**Adjournment:**

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 3:29p.m.

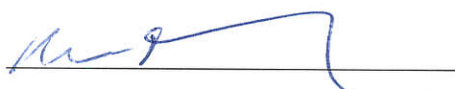
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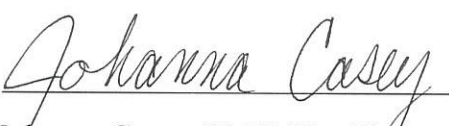
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:   
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk