

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

DECEMBER 21, 2023

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 5:00 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 Collins, Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Horn were present. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Pat Power, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Engineer's Report:

Ed Dennis: The City Wide Dredging Project application is in the ariel survey, field survey and engineering permitting phase.

Ken Mosca: The City is applying for a grant to assist in covering costs involved with city wide dredging, so Grant Consultant, Jim Rutala, has applied for it on behalf of the City.

Ed Dennis: No update on the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting. The NJ Department of Transportation gave approval for the City to go out to bid for the FY2023 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue. Since there is no NJ Department of Transportation funding involved the 2023 Road Program, this program may go out to bid upon plans and specifications completion. The Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station is in the phase of getting field work and permitting done. There are no updates on the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project, the Library Park Evaluation report or the Flood Warning and Response Plan. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank Assistance application for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program is in the environmental review stage. There is nothing to report on the Atlantic Avenue Alternate Traffic Signal Timing. Speaks on updating the stormwater ordinances to comply with new state regulations. Applying for grant money for the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvements is in progress. There is a list of pending capital projects. There are three projects on the open maintenance bond list that still have additional work to be done before they can come off the list. The 2021 Curb & Gutter Program will be coming off the open maintenance bond list. Both the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library and the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting projects will be coming off the projects in closeout list. The final items on the punch list for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project will be worked on by the contractor in January 2024. There is nothing new on the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 project. The netting for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement has a ship date of January 12, 2024. The material needed to complete the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No.1 project is scheduled to be shipped on January 26, 2024. The 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 project post cleaning video has been completed and the pump will be reinstalled. The FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project has a tentative start date of January 2, 2024.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the status of the City purchasing a property for additional public parking. Requesting a "Right of First Refusal" contract be done with the owner of the property.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on the grant application being submitted to help fund the purchasing of this property for parking. An appraisal of the property is to be done. Atlantic County Economic Development is in support of the City purchasing this property for parking.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on an ordinance that is to be introduced in the future on controlling plastic contaminants and dust getting into our environment.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about enforcement of this proposed ordinance on controlling contaminants getting into the environment.

Scott Abbott: Suggest working out with Code Enforcement ways to enforce.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on enforcing through a tier system.

Ken Mosca: Education on environmental controls starts when people come into the Building Department.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the violation rules written into the proposed ordinance on controlling plastic contaminants and dust getting into our environment.

Commissioner Horn: Agrees with environmental education starting in the building department.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on needing more substance on how ordinances effecting builders are to be enforced.

Mayor Collins: Requests Scott Abbott distribute the proposed ordinance on controlling plastic contaminants and dust getting into our environment, to department heads to review and comment.

Scott Abbott: It is the contractor on record who is responsible to make their employees and subcontractors aware of new laws.

Jim Galantino: It will take departments working together to enforce.

Pat Power: The public works yard will be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from noon to 6pm. Starting January 2, 2024, the new public works yard convenience days and hours will be Tuesday, Thursdays and Sundays from 1pm till 3pm.

Jim Galantino: Recently there has been an increase in job site injuries. Speaks on the decrease of water in the streets from pool installations. Recommends having more discussion on ways to enforce contractors who violate city codes.

Roger McLarnon: States the ordinance on "Pay to Play" needs to be revised. On tonight's regular meeting agenda are the awarding of 2024 contracts for landscaping and maintenance of various public properties, landscaping and maintenance of Marven Gardens and the Ventnor Avenue Parkway, the Cleaning and Televising of the Sewer Systems and Janitorial. Also on tonight's regular meeting agenda is a resolution to adopt administrative and inspection regulations for federally funded projects. The Margate City Planning Board Meeting will immediately follow the regular commission meeting tonight.

Chief Hankinson: Thanks the fire department and public works for their help with the annual "Winter Wonderland" toy drive. Recognizes Captain Ron Kashon and Sargent Tom Kresz, both of whom are retiring at the end of December 2023.

Ken Mosca: Recognizes Public Work's Admirative Clerk, Robert Gilmour, who is retiring at the end of December 2023. On tonight's regular meeting agenda is a resolution for awarding a contract for managing IT cyber security. Congratulates Robert Nawrocki on obtaining his master's degree.

Lisa McLaughlin: Continuing to close out the year end 2023 financials and preparing for the new year. The Lifeguard Pension Plan is being audited. The balance of money owed to the City from the last public auction was received. Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund has requested that any agreements with Atlantic County be sent over to them for review of verbiage.

Chief Adams: Requests that certificates of insurance related to the operating of the City be gotten for the start of the new year. Congratulates those who are retiring.

Johanna Casey: Nothing to report.

Public Comments:

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Avenue: Recommends the ordinance being considered on plastic contaminants and dust getting into our environment to include stating how particles can travel for many miles.

Steve Jasiecki, 112 N. Lancaster Ave.: Speaks on ways the Margate Green Team can and are educating the public about plastic particle getting into the environment.

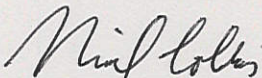
Shari Lilienfeld, 7809 Wellington Ave.: Inquires about the Clean Ocean Action group assisting with enforcing contractors to not put plastic contaminants into the environment. Speaks on the harmfulness of plastic particles.

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

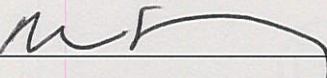
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Horn, and seconded by Mayor Collins, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:39p.m.

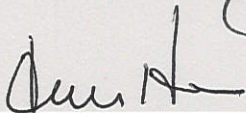
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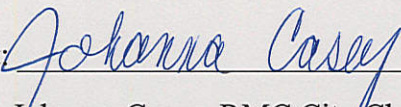
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

