

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

JULY 5, 2018

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE.

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mayor Michael Becker, Commissioner John Amodeo and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Rich Deaney, Chief David Wolfson, Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Walberg and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

Department Reports:

Chief Adams: Chief Adams reported that we did have a very busy Fourth of July. Regarding the beach patrol, starting this weekend, they are going to start something called “ALERT” which stands for “Afterhours Lifeguard Emergency Response Team.” They will have three lifeguards, one supervisor at beach headquarters between the hours of 6pm-8pm that will handle any potential after hour rescues that may occur.

Ms. McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin reported that she was contacted by one of our health brokers, and this year we can get our claims experienced at no cost. She reported that she will be preparing the letter to send out. It cannot be sent until August.

Chief Wolfson: Chief Wolfson reported that calls for the police department were through the roof yesterday. He is anticipating that this upcoming weekend will be the busy weekend based on the number of calls yesterday.

Mr. Deaney: Mr. Deaney wanted to thank all the departments for being so cooperative over the past few days.

Mr. Walhberg: Mr. Walhberg reported that all the construction jobs are wrapped up. Additional projects will not occur until the season is over.

Mr. McLarnon: Mr. McLarnon reported that he has to change one of the ordinances. The house numbering was not up to date, so they made it up to date with the fire department.

Mr. Ricciotti: Mr. Ricciotti reported that Margate was voted number two for the best beaches in New Jersey. Beachstock on Saturday went really well. The Fourth of July holiday went smoothly, there were no problems, but there was the usual amount of trash left on the beach and street. The water usage on Monday and Tuesday were about 2.5 million gallons, whereas on a regular day, it is about 1 million. Yesterday, the water usage was 3.4 million gallons, which is average for the Fourth of July.

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Abbott reported that once the land use ordinance gets changed, they will have a meeting to discuss it.

Commissioner Blumberg: Commissioner Blumberg had nothing to report.

Commissioner Amodeo: Commissioner Amodeo reported that on Tuesday, July 3rd, we formed a committee to talk about the parking situations that we have faced in the city of Margate. He assigned certain duties to certain people to get it moving along. In part of their discussion was for us to look at both private and public parking lots. They discussed kiosks, and fee parking. The Chief is looking at the impound lot for a possible parking lot. Parking is very important to them, and he wants to get his fixed, but it will take time.

Mayor Becker: Mayor Becker reported that there were certain events held that make Margate truly great. Last Saturday, Beachstock was held. It was hugely successful. On the 3rd, there was a concert, and it was very successful as well. The fireworks on the fourth were amazing.

Public Participation:

Allison Cosalino: Francis Avenue, Linwood: She is concerned about the illegal parking on Atlantic and Ventnor Avenue. She suggested that the city paints the curbs yellow where there is no parking allowed, and ticket the cars that are illegally parked.

John Sewell: 22 West Drive: He speaks about the parking issue as well. He describes it as “trying to put 10 pounds of manure into a 5 pound bag.” He suggests that we have parking on both sides of the beach blocks during summer.

Ed Burger: 9402 Amherst Avenue: Mr. Burger speaks upon the successful Beachstock. The police and fire department did an amazing job. Public works did so much to help with all the equipment. He will be involved in the parking committee to get it all figured out as well.

Roz Tighman: 9413 Ventnor Avenue: Ms. Tighman spoke upon the parking issue as well. She says that the parking is a nightmare, and it is a very serious issue.

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 4:50 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