

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

JULY 19, 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 4:05 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mayor Michael Becker, Commissioner John Amodio and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Rich Deaney, Chief David Wolfson, Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Fred Verna, Ed Walberg and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

Swearing in of Fire Personnel:

Commissioner Amodio gives the Oath of Office to Christopher Fantazzia, followed by the Oath of Office to Hunter Pizagno.

Proclamation:

Mayor Becker presents Ms. New Jersey Senior America 2018, Susan Neustadter, with a proclamation.

Department Reports:

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Abbott presents to the Board of Commission a letter from Robert Baranowski, Esquire, requesting parking along Amherst Avenue be deeded over to Harbor Vista Condominium. After a brief discussion the Commission denies the request. Mr. Abbott request the NFWF Grant Resolution on the agenda be passed.

Chief Dan Adams: Reports to the Board of Commission the increase in call responses this year over last. They are putting together a breakdown in the type of calls. June 28th was a great success with the Fire demonstration at the Library. The first of hopefully many community health fairs was also a big success. The Fire Department is working on having a “Hero Day” with the Recreation Department.

Ms. McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin reported that the City will be going to bid for Bond Anticipation Note next week. The expected day of settlement is August 2nd.

Chief Wolfson: Chief Wolfson reported that the Municipality has had a rash of car burglaries and it appears that two suspects have been caught.

Mr. Deaney: Mr. Deaney reports that the proposed tax rate received from the County Board of Taxation will show in increase in the tax rate this year. The next meeting will have a resolution extending the due date for taxes.

Mr. Walhberg: Mr. Walhberg reported that all the construction jobs are wrapped up. Bid opening for generator at Historic City Hall will be held July 26th.

Commissioner Blumberg: Commissioner Blumberg expresses sympathy to the Duffy Family for the loss of John Duffy, an iconic figure to Margate.

Commissioner Amodio: Commissioner Amodio also expresses condolences to the loss of John Duffy. Commissioner Amodio states the tremendous success in Commissioner Blumberg’s direction to place boards across the bulkhead as bike racks. Commissioner commends the Beach Patrol for assisting the disabled and senior citizens gaining access to the beach by getting them over the dunes.

Mayor Becker: Mayor Becker reported Public Works did an amazing job assisting and cleaning up Beachstock. Margate will have great publicity from Channel 3 tomorrow when they come to town and show off our positive features.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Drive: He inquires as to the amount of grant money available for dredging and the burden it will put on taxpayers.

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Ed Burger: 9402 Amherst Avenue: Mr. Burger speaks the great loss to the business community and the City from the passing of John Duffy. Mr. Burger speaks against parking being deeded over to Jim Leeds.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Becker calls for a motion to close Public Comment. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg. A unanimous voice vote was taken.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:40 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