

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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Dawn Marie Baselli, Chief David Wolfson, Chief Dan Adams, Fred Verna, Jim Galantino, Ed Walberg, Ed Dennis, Roger McLarnon and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

**Department Reports:**

**Mayor Becker:** Requested Ordinance 17-2018 be opened for discussion.

**Roger McLarnon:** States the background of the master plan which was read into the record.

**Commissioner John Amodeo:** The resolution was adopted last year by the zoning board. Approved by a vote of 9-0. This ordinance is not mandatory to be done, but allows individuals the option to develop hotels or condos.

**Frank Ricciotti:** The department is preparing for Hurricane Florence, closing up beaches. Mr. Ricciotti states the temporary gas pumps are being taken down, preparing for the Annual Fun Fest. Public Works has received the two beach tractors and they will be ready to clean the beaches next season. Water meter readings will start September 10, 2018.

**Jim Galantino:** Building Department is overseeing contractors making sure building sites are clean, if not we will take them to court to resolve. Planning to meet with local real estate agents to discuss the newest requirements from the adopted new flood map.

**Roger McLarnon:** There are general zoning ordinances that need to be updated or eliminated due to them no longer being pertinent.

**Ed Walberg:** Angler Roof site is complete and the DEP invoice is canceled. Received bids and awarded contracts for reconstruction of Burk Avenue and for Redevelopment of Well #8. The 2017-2018 curb and gutter program is ready to go to bid. Getting ready to apply for the State Transportation Trust Fund Grant. A meeting with the gas company is planned to discuss the punch list problems. Met with the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP on September 6, 2018 to discuss beach progress.

**Commissioner John Amodeo:** Gave update on the drainage system project.

**Dawn Marie Baselli:** There will only be one capital ordinance next year. Current capital ordinance higher than normal, but then next year's capital ordinance will be lower than normal.

**Chief Wolfson:** Nothing to report

**Chief Adams:** Beach patrol guarded beach coverage updated. Residents must report home fires, in order to have documentation to supply to insurance companies. There will be a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 11, 2018 at 10:00am. Anthony Edge and others in the public works department were thanked for the great job they have done with keeping the playground areas in great shape and clean.

**Scott Abbott:** Senator Cory Booker sent a letter of support to the National Fish and Wildlife Service on his behalf supporting our application for the back bay dredging program.

**Commissioner Maury Blumberg:** Thanked the staff of the municipal building, the public works department, the police department and the fire department for all their efforts this in making it a great summer.

## **WORKSHOP MEETING**

**September 6, 2018**

**Commissioner John Amodeo:** The public works department is to create 35 handicap parking spots with signage. The 2018 beach transport assistance program was such a success that it is recommending to the commission to expand program in 2019.

**Mayor Michael Becker:** Nothing to report.

**Fred Verna:** All is good.

**Johanna Casey:** All is good.

### **Public Participation:**

**Susan Rubin:** 117 S. Osborne Ave.; Inquired as to who represented the secondary homeowners at the focus groups held in 2015-2016 and where was it advertised about the meetings.

**Roger McLarnon:** Replied that there was an invited guest list and it was advertised per the public record law.

**Johanna Casey:** The Press of Atlantic City is the official newspaper.

**Susan Rubin:** 117 S. Osborne Ave.; Inquired as to who compiled and where was information obtained to support the master plan recommendations. Inquired as a boardwalk being built, could the handicap transport program continue.

**Commissioner John Amodeo:** Probably not.

**Robert Block:** 4 N. Brunswick Ave. Stated Ventnor is able to offer handicap transport onto beaches along with having a boardwalk.

**Emily Vagand:** 6 S. Decatur Ave. Inquires as to specific blocks included in the master plan for the hotel overlay zone. Reference one specific parcel owner in this area that it may benefit. She speaks on the many reasons she is against hotels on this island. Need a referendum to decide outcome.

**Frank Loletta:** 1 N. Benson Ave. Concerned over flooding at corner of Benson and Ventnor Avenues. Inquires as to if the board approved the conversion to hotels on beach.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** It is just a recommendation from the master plan and is not mandatory for owners to do.

**Ron Jackson:** 7 Monroe Ave.; States he wishes the beach block view not be taken. Need a rule that states that a handicap person must be in a car in order to park in a handicap spot. States the blue mats needs to be extend to top of dunes.

**Henry Kornstein:** 9100 Atlantic Ave.; States that he does not want any hotels in Margate. Concerned over wind impact and increase of crime if approved.

**John Sewell:** 22 West Drive; States it is the fiduciary responsibility of the commissioners to give an estimated cost for the dredging and boardwalk projects. Need to consolidate the schools. Requesting a master jetty be built at end of Longport.

**Glen Klotz:** 118 N. Barclay Ave.; Speaks against height limit change. Let citizens decide with a referendum.

**Robert Baranowski:** Attorney with Highland and Levine, representing residents of the Island House. States he will be presenting comments at the September 20<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**Nick Palmisano:** 510 N. Clermont Ave.; Speaks in favor of hotel overlay. States the need to bring in more family friendly businesses and year round families. Use schools as the assets they are.

**Stephanie Block:** 4 N. Brunswick Ave.; Speaks against building high rises. Wants to know what the impacts will be.

**David Grossman:** 308 N. Jerome Ave.; States that he will support a hotel overlay if a boardwalk is approved.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Becker calls for a motion to close Public Comments. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Mayor Becker. 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 Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

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Mayor, Michael Becker

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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk