

**MINUTES
CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

JANUARY 16, 2020

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.

Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Rich Deaney, Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matthew Hankinson, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Pat Powers, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: A Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project meeting is to be held on January 23, 2020. Wawa still reviewing plans of the Wawa parking lot traffic flow as it pertains to the Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue Intersection Project. The 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue is being advertised for a bid opening on January 30, 2020. Once all field work is complete, there will be a meeting to review the GIS Utility Mapping Services. The Historic City Hall flood proofing design is being done. No change in the status of the NJDEP Beach Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal. The cost analysis of the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Project came up with 30% to be paid by Atlantic County and 70% to be paid by Margate.

Rich Deaney: Jim Rutala has spoken to him about applying for FEMA funds to cover the cost of the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station.

Ed Dennis: Along with Rich Deaney, he will be reviewing the implementation of the road diet on Atlantic Avenue. Speaks on his reaching out to the NJ Department of Transportation for assistance and constructing an accessible dune crossover at Exeter Avenue. The NJ DEP will get back with a response.

Rich Deaney: A message was left right before this meeting by a Kelli Staffieri of the NJ DEP regarding Exeter Avenue. This message was passed onto Roger McLarnon, who will follow up with her.

Commissioner Amodeo: Material for the Margate Fishing Pier Extension Project is going to be delivered next Tuesday on the beach. The contractor said the materials should only be on the beach till April and project should be done by Memorial Weekend.

Rich Deaney: Mentions that construction permits for this job are acquired.

Ed Dennis: The Gladstone Avenue Water Tank Painting contractor did respond to letter, sent by city solicitor Scott Abbott, regarding items still needing to be done. Contractor said they would schedule the items on the punch list. The 2016 Safe Routes to School Project is in the closeout phase. Chief Hankinson is working on replacing signs along this route.

Chief Hankinson: Gives an update on the status of changing out some of the signs along the 2016 Safe Routes to School.

Ed Dennis: The Amherst Avenue and Jerome Avenue Intersection repaving, which is part of the Winchester Avenue Project, was completed and Atlantic County has been billed for their share of this intersection repaving. The installing of the logo on the Benson Avenue Water Tank still needs to be scheduled. Solicitor Scott Abbott sent a letter to the contractor of the municipal building pickle ball courts regarding the list of items still needing attention. A meeting with the owner of the contracting company for the pickle ball courts is going to be held. Speaks on the slow progress being made on the current

Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. The base paving of Thurlow Avenue is to be done before colder weather arrives. Work on the Bayshore Drive West Project may not start till the spring. The 2016 & 2018 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Pembroke and Monroe Avenue is in closeout phase. Progress is being made on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Project.

Rich Deaney: Inquires as to the time frame for closing out the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project and the 2016 & 2018 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Pembroke and Monroe Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Bob Smith of Remington and Vernick will respond to this question once he gets back from vacation.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to the next steps required to incorporate the road diet on Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Explains what is currently being proposed to the NJ Department of Transportation pertaining to the upcoming Atlantic Avenue project and the idea to do a traffic study along Atlantic Avenue to surmise whether or not Atlantic Avenue should be four lanes or two lanes with turn lanes.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to when the city must implement the road diet in order not to lose the road diet grant money.

Ed Dennis: Two years to award a contract so not to lose the grant.

Commissioner Blumberg: There will be a full summer to do this traffic study along Atlantic Avenue. Once a traffic study is done there are possible outcomes. Speaks on the location of crosswalks.

Commissioner Amodeo: The study should determine where cross walks are to be located.

Commissioner Blumberg: Study should assist in accessing the consequences of changing to one lane each way on Atlantic Avenue.

Chief Hankinson: Where people choose to cross Atlantic Avenue is one of the biggest concerns during the summer.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to how much farther improvements have to be made on Atlantic Avenue. These improvements may not be covered by existing grant money.

Pat Powers: Improvements are needed up to Mansfield Avenue. This should mean one more phase is needed on Atlantic Avenue.

Commissioner Amodeo: Looking at three years to complete Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: The Road Diet Grant would require striping be done before completion or else an extension would have to be requested.

Scott Abbott: Requests clarification if the plan is still to eliminate parking in front of Historic City Hall with the Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue Intersection Project.

Ed Dennis: Yes, it would eliminate parking spots.

Mayor Becker: Suggests not eliminating parking spots in front of Historic City Hall.

Ed Dennis: Once feedback is received from Wawa, and a public session is held to discuss the intersection plans, then a final decision can be made.

Commissioner Blumberg: States reasons why a bump out was originally done at this intersection.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the Master Plan calling for linking the commercial districts. Has spoken to Jim Rutala about seeking grants to assist with this plan.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the commercial districts being separated by residential areas. Inquires as to how to improve these sections.

Rich Deaney: Gives some ideas as to aesthetic changes that may be done in the residential areas.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on zoning changes that were made along Washington Avenue through the Master Plan.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on a request by a resident to move the location of a bulkhead farther onto the beach. Resident is requesting a parcel of municipal land in exchange for the resident paying for the replacement of the bulkhead. A message has been left with the NJ Department of the Environment Green Acres in regard to allowing residents to move existing bulkheads.

Commissioner Amodeo: Has a map of open space areas in Margate. Suggests the first step if for the resident go to the Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

Scott Abbott: The location of the moving the bulkhead would be on municipal property.

Commissioner Amodeo: Asks Roger McLarnon how easy is it to turn over open space.

Roger McLarnon: References the problems the City of Ventnor has had with this issue.

Scott Abbott: Wants to find from the Green Acres Program out what options are available to move bulkheads located along the beach.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to what street end this bulkhead is located.

Scott Abbott: Union Avenue. Other subject will be discussed during the workshop session.

Fred Verna: Kitchen is finished at the municipal building and the Martin Bloom Pavilion roof was replaced.

Roger McLarnon: Costs for the municipal building corridor are being compiled. The corridor design encompasses security and safety. Roof and façade of the police station is in progress. The bid for the municipal building roof and façade will go out after the Summer. Material samples for the corridor are still to come because the design was revised.

Fred Verna: Proposes including the entire downstairs corridor in the design and estimating a budget.

Rich Deaney: Before a decision can be made as to what to include with this renovation, costs need to be presented. If a substantial savings then doing the entire downstairs makes sense.

Fred Verna: Another reason to do the entire downstairs corridor is the installing of cameras and the securing of doors.

Rich Deaney: The big drive for the Capital Ordinance is the Amherst Avenue Project. Second biggest project is the Municipal Roof Project. Speaks on doing one capital ordinance rather than doing two capital ordinances this year. Consideration needs to be made to include money for redoing the living quarters at Fire Station No. 2. Requests the commissioners think about increasing the capital ordinance to cover more projects.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on existing projects and proposed projects affecting the capital ordinance.

Ed Dennis: The Water Quality Accountability Act mandates yearly projects which will drive the capital ordinance.

Commissioner Amodeo: Not easy to make decisions on projects, especially when things are mandated, to include in the capital ordinance.

Mayor Becker: As information is gotten, judgement calls will have to be made.

Rich Deaney: Requests Roger McLarnon to speak on the Energy Efficiency Study and Contract for Construction made with the Margate School System and the Ventnor School System.

Roger McLarnon: An audit of energy usage is still being done to compile a list of energy saving projects.

Rich Deaney: There is a good chance that funding will be available to replace current solar panels with more energy efficient panels on every municipal building.

Roger McLarnon: Every Margate and Ventnor School's roof along with all Margate and Ventnor municipal buildings would be included. Historic City Hall, would most likely be exempt so as to preserve historic features.

Rich Deaney: This will drive down operational cost.

Lisa McLaughlin: Municipal electrical charges have significantly increased this past year.

Rich Deaney: Plan would be to convert to LED street lights too. Speaks on the costs to street lighting over the years.

Roger McLarnon: Traffic signals will also be looked at for efficiency.

Fred Verna: Traffic signals have already been converted to LED.

Chief Hankinson: Will be meeting with Rich Deaney to go over a parking study.

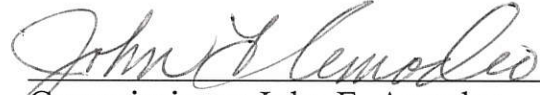
Adjournment:

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 3:54 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