

**MINUTES
CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

JANUARY 2, 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, Pat Power, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: A thoroughfare dredging meeting has not been held due to the holidays. Wawa got back to him about the proposed plans for the bump out and traffic flow at the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection. After the holidays Wawa will send to city their synopsis of the plans.

Commissioner Amodeo: Wawa has been a part of the discussions since the origination of the plans for the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project. Proposes allowing drivers to be able to make a right hand turn onto Washington Avenue from the Wawa parking lot and keeping Washington Avenue one way from Wawa exit to traffic light at Ventnor Avenue.

Chief Hankinson: Concern over drivers becoming confused with changes to traffic pattern at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue.

Ed Dennis: The 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue design is complete with the road diet included. Water utility field work is complete, and the sewer utility field work is to start for the GIS Utility Mapping.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if any interim readings are needed for the GIS Utility Mapping.

Ed Dennis: Not needed at this time. The preliminary design for Historic City Hall & Firehouse No. 1 Renovations will be completed as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding. The Army Corps will be sending a link for the as built plans, which is needed to complete the Beach/Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal application.

Rich Deaney: Requests to review what already discussed projects have funding.

Ed Dennis: The 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project is funded and has to be awarded in February.

Rich Deaney: The GIS Mapping Services and the FEMA Hazard Mitigation are funded.

Ed Dennis: The County of Atlantic has requested a cost breakdown of the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station to see what costs are attributable by the county, so the county will pay their share.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on capital funding. The biggest project coming up is the Amherst Avenue Promenade. Inquires if there are any interim steps of the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Project that will need to be funded in the Spring of 2020.

Ed Dennis: Additional design work can be done and suggests investigating the vault to see if viable to use.

Commissioner Amodeo: Suggests getting a design done for penetrating the new bulkhead, which would be a required part of the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project.

Ed Dennis: The NJ Department of Transportation has awarded money for the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet. Remington & Vernick have a proposal for this project.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if the cost of the Road Diet will exceed what was award by the NJ Department of Transportation.

Ed Dennis: Will get back to Rich Deaney with answer to this inquiry. Has no update on the cutting of the bolts.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests the cutting be done in two phases for exposure of the maximum number of bolts.

Ed Dennis: A letter was sent to the contractor of the Gladstone Avenue Water Tank regarding the list of deficiencies. Maintenance bond has not been closed out for this project. Safe Routes to School signs have been reviewed for visibility to drivers.

Commissioner Amodeo: Mentions a specific sign at Gladstone and Amherst Avenues

Chief Hankinson: That sign has been removed.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there has been any more discussion on making additional one way streets in the area of the Safe Routes to School Project.

Chief Hankinson: It is scheduled to see how one way from Ventnor Avenue to Amherst Avenue would affect traffic flow safety. Residents will be notified of this trial period over upcoming weeks.

Mayor Becker: A number of people have spoken to him about creating additional one way streets.

Commissioner Amodeo: States ways in which residents will be notified of the trial period.

Mayor Becker: Requests an approximate date for getting information out to residents.

Chief Hankinson: February 1st.

Commissioner Amodeo: A conceptual plan for Wellington Avenue and Fulton Avenue traffic flow safety was done. It needs to be reviewed for consideration as a project in the upcoming capital plan.

Commissioner Blumberg: Would like to see this plan be in the first round of capital funding discussion.

Ed Dennis: The Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Granville Avenue to Exeter Avenue is in the closeout phase. The Benson Avenue Water Tank painting is done. Waiting on a time for the logo to be put on the tank.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires when Verizon nodes will be mounted on the water tank.

Pat Powers: Just need to be turned back on.

Chief Hankinson: Contractor needs 4 days of good weather to put logo back on tank. Anticipates within two weeks.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the contractor not completing the punch list for the Municipal Building Playground Upgrades.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to options to resolve the punch list.

Ed Dennis: Explains the option of hiring another contractor to complete the punch list.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests a letter be sent by City Solicitor Scott Abbott to the contractor responsible for the punch list.

Ed Dennis: Suggest the letter be sent to the president of this contracting company.

Rich Deaney: Suggests the letter state that the contracting company is jeopardizing doing any future business with Margate City.

Ed Dennis: Storm drain installation, sanitary sewer installation and water main installation are being worked on as part of the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue. The contractor of the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project has been notified that the completion deadline date has passed and of the penalties of missing the deadline date. The installation of the water main is complete and the installation of water service and storm sewer service is underway on Thurlow Avenue. The contractor of the Thurlow Avenue project has the option to start Bayshore Drive West upon completion of Thurlow Avenue or wait till spring 2020 to start Bayshore Drive West. The 2016 & 2018 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access Project is complete and being closed out. Demolition of concrete and asphalt is complete and the installation of drag piling is nearing completion on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if city still needs to close off beach access cutouts.

Commissioner Amodeo: Keeps sand from blowing onto properties. Once plant growth on dunes increases then sand blowing onto properties should decrease.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if the Exeter Avenue crossover has funding.

Ed Dennis: This is proposed to be included in the upcoming budget.

Lisa McLaughlin: Asks Ed Dennis if projects requested to be included in the upcoming budget has changed since October 31, 2019.

Ed Dennis: Will send Lisa McLaughlin an updated project list needing funding.

Mayor Becker: The Exeter Avenue crossover is to be handicap accessible. No one is in attendance to give an update on facilities' improvement projects.

Rich Deaney: On Tuesday Commissioner Amodeo and he will meet with Arthur Ponzio Engineering about the Amherst Avenue Promenade project. Funding has to be in place by June 2020 to have project start in September 2020. Speaks on the upcoming capital ordinance and wanting feedback on projects to be included.

Ed Dennis: Since no funding was awarded for the Amherst Avenue Project, this project is requested to be included in the upcoming capital ordinance.

Commissioner Amodeo: This Amherst Avenue Project covers Clermont Avenue to Gladstone Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on various projects proposed in the upcoming capital funding ordinance. Inquiries about the status of the playground on Huntingdon Avenue.

Pat Powers: Delayed due to some parts backordered. Rubber flooring will be laid in spring.

Chief Adams: Inquires if temporary playground floor can be used someplace else.

Pat Powers: There is nothing being temporarily used for the playground floor.

Scott Abbott: Inquires about water drainage in the area of the new bulkhead.

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains what is in place already to assist with drainage.

Ed Dennis: The design layout took into consideration the issue of water draining.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on facility upgrades.

Commissioner Blumberg: The entrance to 9001 Winchester Avenue is a priority.

Mayor Becker: Samples of items to be used for the renovations will be in next week.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there is any funding in the upcoming capital ordinance to cover parkway landscaping.

Lisa McLaughlin: Each year money is allocated for parkway landscaping.

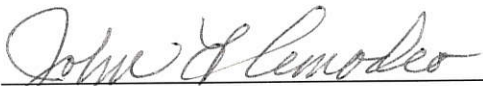
Adjournment:

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 adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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



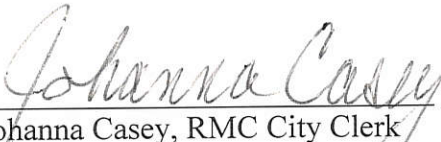
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk