

**MINUTES
CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 3:05 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, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Bob Smith, Joe Johnston, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Joe Johnston: Remington & Vernick is recommending proceeding with the tideland application and initial environmental studies needed for the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project.

Roger McLarnon: On tonight's agenda is getting authorization for a contract with Stockton University's Coastal Research Center to proceed with the initial environmental studies needed for the Beach Thoroughfare project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires if the Remington & Vernick proposal for the tidelands application should be authorized for a purchase order.

Rich Deaney: Confirm there will be \$44,000 in initial costs and two contracts for the dredging project. Introduces Tom Ciccarone who will be the Acting Business Administrator while Rich Deaney is on vacation.

Joe Johnston: Speaks on Wawa's response to the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection project.

Commissioner Amodeo: It has been determined that 4 to 5 parking spots will be lost with this project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Wawa has brought other concerns to our attention.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on safety issues Wawa has raised and no public bathroom at this Wawa location. As in the past, the city will continue to work with Wawa on issues.

Mayor Becker: Wawa has chosen not to provide a public bathroom. Agrees with Wawa on concerns about losing parking spaces.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on available options to parking at this intersection.

Rich Deaney: Requests options on parking spaces be reviewed and presented to Wawa.

Commissioner Amodeo: Lighting should not be an issue, any trash on city property is taken care of and suggests looking into partnering with Wawa on providing bathroom facilities. Agrees with the Mayor on parking concerns.

Mayor Becker: Lighting safety, trash and bathrooms can be negotiable.

Rich Deaney: Chief Hankinson will discuss later municipal parking.

Joe Johnston: Speaks on the rejecting of the bids and the re-bidding for the 2018 and 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue. Field work for the GIS Utility Mapping Services will be completed by February 28, 2020.

Rich Deaney: Suggests meeting with public works the end of February to put together a presentation of what has been done and what still needs to be done on the GIS Utility Mapping.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if an extension can be given on awarding a contract for the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue.

Joe Johnston: He will make the request, but expects the Department of Transportation not give an extension. Discusses the preliminary design and requirements for flood proofing to be done at Firehouse #1.

Chief Adams: Inquires about previous flood prevention work done at Firehouse #1.

Jim Galantino: Flood gates are required to obtain a flood elevation certificate. States a sub-pump was previously installed in the elevator pit at Firehouse #1.

Joe Johnston: Will have to find out from FEMA where this pumps out to.

Rich Deaney: Requests a meeting be held to with city engineers, Chief Adams and Jim Galantino to discuss recommendations.

Commissioner Amodeo: FEMA Grant is only \$90,000.00.

Joe Johnston: Speaks on the flood prevention funding from FEMA. The permit application for the Beach and Dune Maintenance Permit can be completed due to receiving the Army Corps of Engineering's as built documents. A traffic study will have to be done to be included in grant applications for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Project. Nothing has changed with the 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Diet. Survey work was to begin today on both the Amherst Avenue Project and the Exeter Avenue dune crossover. There is the possibility that work on the Exeter Avenue dune crossover may be covered by the Army Corps of Engineering. Public works has made suggestions on locations to be covered by the 2019 and 2020 Curb and Gutter Project. This project may have to be done in phases.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if the city can go back to the NJ Department of Transportation to request more money to cover issues raised by the Safe Routes to School Project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains why there is the possibility for the city to request more money.

Joe Johnston: The 2020 Redevelopment of Well #9 will be advertised on 2/13/2020 and bid date of 2/27/2020.

Frank Ricciotti: Other work is being done on Well #8.

Joe Johnston: Nothing has progressed with the cutting of the bolts.

Bob Smith: Gives a report on the open maintenance bonds. Remington & Vernick will be submitting a proposal for the 2020 Open Maintenance Bonds Inspection.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about needing certification for the ability to bill in regard to the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project.

Bob Smith: Will resolve with Commissioner Amodeo.

Commissioner Amodeo: The bank is looking for certification of completion to know if the next phase of funding can be released to Lamberti's.

Bob Smith: There are a few items on the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project punch list. Gives an update on the changes to the 2016 Safe Routes to School signs.

Chief Hankinson: Gives details as to what is being done to remedy the 2016 Safe Routes to School signs.

Mayor Becker: Signs at Essex and Amherst Avenues need to be addressed.

Commissioner Amodeo: Takes time for the public to get acclimated to changes in signage. Speaks on large vehicles having trouble maneuvering around Edgemar Circle.

Chief Hankinson: Makes suggestions on how to handle vehicles at Edgemar Circle.

Bob Smith and Chief Hankinson: There is discussion about signage in the area where the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue is taking place.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the flow of traffic in the mornings and a specific driveway effected by the change in traffic flow due to the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Seeks clarification on suggested traffic flow changes.

Chief Hankinson: Suggests streets to make one way.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the traffic flow ideas presented.

Chief Hankinson: An ordinance is required to make these traffic flow changes. States how residents will be notified to be made aware of traffic flow changes.

Rich Deaney: An ordinance for traffic flow changes should be presented at the February 20, 2020 meeting.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires if the work to construct the apron of the driveway effected by the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project will be done in-house.

Frank Ricciotti: It will be done in-house.

Bob Smith: The Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Granville to Exeter Avenue has been closed out. The applying of the logo on the Benson Avenue Water Tank has been held up due to weather. The punch list of repairs for the 2019 Municipal Playground Upgrades has been completed by the contractor. It is estimated that it will be at least another four weeks till the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue is complete. Temporary latex striping will be used on Atlantic Avenue in anticipation of the Road Diet being enacted in the future. Work is almost complete on Thurlow Avenue, then that contractor will start Bayshore Drive West. Closeout of the 2016 &

2018 CDBG Beach Access at Pembroke and Monroe Avenues will be done once the contractor submits a final payment bill. Gives an update on the Amherst Avenue Reconstruction of Bulkhead.

Rich Deaney: Will carry over some discussions to the Workshop Meeting.

Chief Hankinson: Recommending not leasing out the parking spots on Washington Avenue. Make it all public parking and no overnights.

Rich Deaney: Those who leased parking spots last year were made aware that changes could occur this year.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodio and Commissioner Blumberg: All agree to proceed with making the change to the Washington Avenue parking lot.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodio and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

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



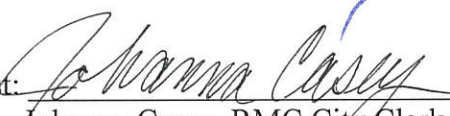
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodio



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk