

**MINUTES
CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

FEBRUARY 20, 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. Tom Ciccarone, Chief Matthew Hankinson, Chief Daniel Adams, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Scott Abbott, Ed Dennis and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Recommended steps have been taken to move the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project along. A decision needs to be made if making a bump out or not at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue, and about parking spaces along Washington Avenue by Historic City Hall.

Chief Hankinson: After reviewing the response from Wawa, the issues Wawa raised can be corrected without their input.

Mayor Becker: There is concern over losing parking spaces.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests improving the existing bump out and to not make changes to the traffic flow in and out of the Wawa parking lot at this time.

Chief Hankinson: States why he agrees with Commissioner Blumberg's suggestion.

Scott Abbott: Recent construction projects on Washington Avenue has led to fewer parking spaces. Speaks on approaching Wawa about offering public bathrooms.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if Wawa is required by any ordinance to provide public restrooms.

Jim Galantino: Per NJ state code Wawa has to provide a bathroom.

Ed Dennis: Will contact Wawa about providing a bathroom. A rebid was done on the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue, and Lafayette Construction was the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the public works department assisting Lafayette with the current 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. Inquires if the city can recoup any money for providing this assistance.

Frank Ricciotti: Explains what work the public works is doing to assist on the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project.

Ed Dennis: Agrees that there is a possibility to charge back for work done due to missing the completion deadline.

Scott Abbott: Agrees there is a good basis for a charge back.

Mayor Becker: Lafayette Utility Construction Company needs to inform residents when water is being turned off.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to the latest completion date for the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Completion date will be in Mid-March. GIS Utility Mapping field work will be done by end of February 2020. Firehouse #1 Flood Proofing meeting is being scheduled. Will need to find out if there is a sub pump in the elevator shaft at Firehouse #1.

Fred Verna: Suggests calling the elevator company to find out if there is drainage below.

Ed Dennis: Finalizing the Beach/ Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal Application, so it may be submitted. Remington and Vernick sent in a proposal to do a traffic study, which will be needed to submit for grant money for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Project. The bidding for the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project includes making no changes to stripping. Once a traffic study is done on Atlantic Avenue this summer, then a decision as to the Road Diet will be made. Survey is done and base plans are being drafted for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Project. Recommending accepting the proposal by the Army Corps of Engineers to construct an accessible dune crossover at Exeter Avenue.

Mayor Becker: Agrees with accepting the Army Corps of Engineers proposal.

Commissioner Blumberg: Requests it be confirmed that money to do the constructing of an accessible dune crossover at Exeter Avenue is still available.

Ed Dennis: Construction of islands at Fulton Avenue and Huntington Avenue are to be done before the summer. A letter was sent to the NJ Department of Transportation seeking additional funding to cover the cost of the islands through the 2016 Safe Streets to School Project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Residents have complained about how narrow it is for a bike and car to pass each other in areas of the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project. Cars are also jumping the curbs when turning.

Mayor Becker: Stresses the importance of the public knowing what projects are being done.

Ed Dennis: The 2020 Redevelopment of Well #9 bid opening is on February 27, 2020. Waiting to receive the check valve inspection report from the Army Corps of Engineers. Weather is holding up repairs on the Gladstone Avenue Water Tank. The 2017 Rubber Tide Check Valve Replacement will need to be inspected the end of March. The 2016 Safe Routes to School Project is being closed out. Seeking to close out the 2016 Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue Project. The NJ Department of Transportation has been sent a request for reimbursement for the 2016 Winchester Avenue Project. Weather permitting the logo will be applied on the Benson Avenue Water Tank next week. The punch list of repairs for the 2019 Municipal Building Playground Upgrade Project has been completed, so in process of closing out this project. The 2017 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project is scheduled to be completed in Mid-March. Base paving on the Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue Project is complete. The Bayshore Drive West Project is on hold while some constructing issues are dealt with. The 2016 and 2018 CDBG Access at Pembroke and Monroe Avenues Project is in closeout phase. Gives an update on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Project.

Roger McLarnon and Fred Verna: The Police Department Roof and Façade Upgrades will be open to bids on March 10, 2020. The Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project is in the upcoming Capital budget. Need to address the roof leaking at Historic City Hall. Safety ideas will be incorporated into the municipal building bid specifications. Specifications for the demolition of the public works building are being worked on to go out to bid.

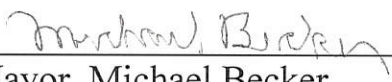
Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if Ed Dennis has looked into the flooding situation at Minnie Creek.

Ed Dennis: Explains the option of constructing a gate to prevent flooding in that area.

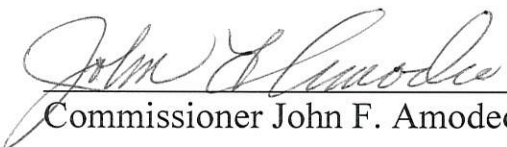
Adjournment:

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 3:32 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