

**MINUTES  
CAPITAL/WORKSHOP MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 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:**

Johanna Casey, City Clerk, reads the statement of compliance and the procedure for a telecommunication meeting, followed with the flag salute and roll call: Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Rich Deaney, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Roger McLarnon and Johanna Casey were also present.

**Discussion:**

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the proposed modifications to renewing of the contract with the Borough of Longport regarding the use of the Margate Municipal Court building. Time to start a list of projects to include in the upcoming Capital Plan. The Capital and Workshop meetings will continue to be one meeting for the remainder of the year. Acknowledges how Andrew Miles and the recreation staff reworked the recreation programs this past summer to accommodate social distancing. Thanks Laurie Blumberg, who along with Anthony Edge, closed out the “Adopt a Beach” Program. Speaks on the new street sweeping schedule.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Speaks on just before tonight’s meeting a woman stopped to thank the Commissioners for taking down the street sweeping no parking signs.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the increase in monitoring of short term rentals this past summer. The City Solicitor is to look into legal issues revolving around short term rentals. Ed Dennis and Roger McLarnon are to work with the City Solicitor to develop regulations requiring contractors to provide updated information for the GIS Mapping System.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on a future ordinance requiring the monitoring of pile driving and additional insurance requirements for pile driving contractors. Speaks on the great job the police have done responding to issues with rentals and the need for more regulations. There is a model ordinance to assist with updating the GIS Mapping System information.

**Roger McLarnon:** Speaks on the need to update ordinances on land use, pools and spas, the height of buildings, decks design standards, fencing and front yard setbacks.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires about third floor decks and public safety.

**Roger McLarnon:** Speaks on third floor decks.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on the positive movement made on the dredging project. The NJ Department of Transportation has given approval for the Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection and Ventnor Avenue Streetscape Project to go out to bid. Still waiting for approval from Atlantic County to go out to bid on these projects. Gives an update on the Atlantic County’s street light project along Ventnor Avenue. Speaks on developing the ordinance requiring contractors to give updated information, so the GIS Mapping System information does not become outdated.

The Firehouse No.1 Flood Protection Project is going out to bid on September 24, 2020. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection decision due date on the Beach and Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal has been pushed back to November 4, 2020. The Atlantic Avenue traffic study report is to be presented to the public for feedback to assist in making a decision as to proceeding with one lane each way changes on Atlantic Avenue. James Rutala and Associates are seeking grant money for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Concept. Speaks on Diamond Construction being awarded the contract for the 2019-2020 Curb and Gutter Program –Phase II. The Environmental Protection Agency Water Utility Risk & Resilience Assessment is not due till June 2021. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project is to be awarded in October or November 2020. Speaks on the bidding of the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project, so the project can be awarded in November 2020. Nothing to report on the cutting of the bolts. February 2021 is the next time a Maintenance Bond expires. The 2016 Safe Routes to School Project is in the closeout period. Some road settlement issues and punch list items are being brought to the attention of the contractor of the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. Speaks on coordinating with the contractor ways to improve resident road access as construction is done on Bayshore Drive West. Speaks on the completion of the 2019 Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement. The 2018-2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue has started with a completion date of March 23, 2021. The Redevelopment of Well No. 10 is to start October 1, 2020. The 2019 CDBG Beach Access Project at Argyle Avenue is to start in early October. The Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I was awarded to Mathis Construction and a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on a resolution on tonight's agenda to amend Resolution #177-2020, which was adopted at the September 3, 2020 Commission Meeting.

**Ed Dennis:** Explains how the needing of the amendment was discovered.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on the resolving of the police department roofing and façade issues with the contractor. Speaks on recent legal issues regarding development along Amherst Avenue.

**Chief Hankinson:** Gives an overview of summer police activity.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Inquires as to when the Atlantic Avenue traffic lights will go back to flashing.

**Chief Hankinson:** Hoping to get new speed limit signs in place before changing to blinking lights. Estimates sometime in October.

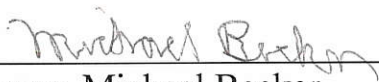
**Frank Ricciotti:** Gives a report on what is being done to close the beaches. Water meters being read this week. Public Works will be assisting the Margate Business Association with decorating for the fall season. Dog park latches are going to be removed. Fall flowers are going to be planted on the parkway.


**Lisa McLaughlin:** Commends Andrew DiPasquale and the beach taggers on the job they did this year with enforcing beach badges. Looking to make available next season the ability to pay for beach tags with a credit card. Appreciates the support everyone gave her this summer.

### **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 3:55 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:   
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Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk