

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

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 3:08 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, Lisa McLaughlin, Chief Dan Adams, Chief Hankinson, Jim Galantino, Andrew Miles, Ed Dennis, Pat Power, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the dredging program and the possibility of needing a new survey. Speaks on the outcome of the Atlantic County Engineering Department's comments regarding the Ventnor Avenue-Washington Avenue Intersection Project.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the funding of the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Have to relook at this project due to funding being reallocated.

Ed Dennis: Because the Ventnor Avenue-Washington Avenue Intersection Project has now become an interlocal project with Atlantic County, the city funding portion has lessened. Speaks on the upcoming ordinance for updating GIS Mapping. A 30 day extension for keeping the bid given by the lowest responsible bidder for the Firehouse No. 1 Flood Proofing has been given, while the city waits for a reply for funding from FEMA. Tentative dates for the virtual presentation for public comment on a lane reduction along Atlantic Avenue are Dec. 8 and Dec. 10, 2020.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the importance of notifying residents of this virtual presentation.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on various ways to notify residents of the virtual presentation.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on prior presentation turnout, using social media to notify residents and if more time is needed to get a better presentation ready.

Fred Verna: Will find out from current printing vendor as to cost of mailing postcards to residents. Recommends having visual elements included in the presentation to make it easier for residents to understand the reason for the presentation.

Ed Dennis: States Atlantic City is doing a Road Diet along Atlantic Avenue. All information needed to submit the grant application for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station has been done. A proposal for the 2021 Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment to be included in the 2021 budget has been submitted. Speaks on the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project resolution on tonight's agenda to re-advertise and re-bid. No update on the protruding bolts.

Chief Hankinson and Fred Verna: Speaks on the emergency repair work being done at the police station.

Ed Dennis: Nothing to report on maintenance bonds. Speaks on closing out the 2016 Safe Routes to School Program. Punch list items of the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue are being worked on by the contractor. Work is in progress for the Reconstruction of Bayshore Drive West. Only thing left to be done on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead replacement is some electrical work, which coincides with the promenade to be constructed. Gives an update on the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue. Well No. 10 is essentially complete and project saved the City \$60,000.00. There is some concrete work left on the 2019 CDBG Access at Argyle Avenue Project. The Amherst Avenue Phase I dewatering system will start November 30, 2020. The state has awarded the City the 2021 State Aid for the next phase of Amherst Avenue. Waiting for the schedule from the contractor for the 2019 & 2020 Curb and Gutter Program-Phase 2. A preconstruction meeting for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project will be held on November 25, 2020.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on videoing the pipes of the completed section of Atlantic Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Requests information be given at this meeting on specific projects.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the emergency resolution for the demolition of the pump house on Benson Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Thanks Commissioner Amodeo for taking over this project and seeing it through to completion.

Chief Adams: Thanks Commissioner Amodeo for the demolition of the pump station since it has been a safety concern of the Joint Insurance Fund.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the infrastructure of the Benson Avenue property.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on compiling a master plan of all city property.

Lisa McLaughlin: Recommends adding the cost of fencing in the Benson Avenue property into the 2021 Capital Budget.

Andrew Miles: Speaks on developing a new playground with a “Lucy the elephant” theme. Speaks on how the Edgemar playground will be converted. The Fulton Avenue playground surface will be changed to rubber surface next year.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the funding needed for “Lucy the Elephant” playground project.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on installing a citywide emergency alert system.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about the purchasing of alert system equipment.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there are any negatives to this emergency alert system.

Chief Adams: Noise every six months when it is tested.

Lisa McLaughlin: An emergency alert system will assist in residents' flood premiums. Speaks on the upcoming bond sale to fund capital projects. Speaks on the employees' Deferred Compensation Plans.

Chief Hankinson: Nothing to add.

Chief Adams: Nothing to add.

Pat Power: Speaks on the annual shredding event on November 21st and winterizing projects.

Fred Verna: Recommends awarding of the contract for roof maintenance of the 9001 Winchester Avenue municipal building.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the energy saving program presentation. Recommends the city take actions to cost save without hiring a company to oversee an energy savings plan.

Mayor Becker: Recommends going in a different direction from hiring a company.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on how the City can accomplish energy costs savings without the need to hire a company.

Commissioner Blumberg: Agrees with Mayor Becker and Commissioner Amodeo.

Public Comment:


John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Will wait to speak at the regular meeting.

Seeing that there were no additional comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Mayor Becker, with a vote of three ayes.

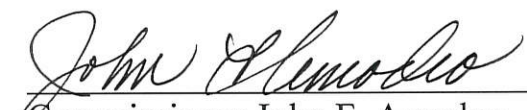
Adjournment:

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 3:44p.m.

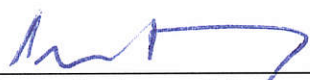
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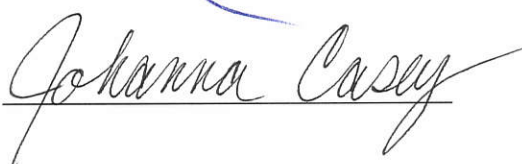
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey