

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

DECEMBER 3, 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, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Chief Dan Adams, Jim Galantino, Pat Power, Ed Dennis, Chuck LaBarr, Scott Abbott and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on two Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project proposals and gives an update on this project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires about how long a permit is good for in conjunction to the time needed to complete the dredging project. Questions the estimated 10 year time period to complete the dredging project.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the time frame of permits and the dredging project being available citywide.

Mayor Becker: Recommends getting answers to these questions before making a decision on the time needed to complete the dredging project.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on aspects to the dredging project that need to be considered.

Ed Dennis: The County has agreed to keep the parking in front of city hall for the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project.

Rich Deaney: At the end of this meeting a all the proposed capital improvement will be discussed.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the ordinance to adopt guidelines for submittal of GIS information. FEMA is to get back to the City about funding the Firehouse No. 1 Flood Prevention Project. Speaks on the ways residents are being notified of the virtual meeting concerning the proposed change to one lane in each direction along Atlantic Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about the deadline for funding if it is decided to move forward with the Road Diet along Atlantic Avenue.

Commissioner Amodeo: Have till 11/30/2021 to finalize with the state.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the timeline options available for starting work if decided to proceed.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires as to when a contract would be awarded if decided to proceed with Road Diet.

Ed Dennis: March 2020.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires about the estimated cost to change Atlantic Avenue from two lanes to one lane in each direction.

Ed Dennis: Estimate of \$400,000.00. Speaks on the grant application for the Adams Avenue Pump Station Project, which was submitted. A proposal to start the Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan has been submitted by Remington & Vernick Engineers. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project contract is being awarded tonight.

Rich Deaney: Congratulates Ed Dennis and Commissioner Amodeo On the re-bidding of the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project.

Ed Dennis: The emergency repair to the Police Station is done. All caught up with maintenance bonds. The 2016 Safe Routes To School Project final payment is issued and waiting for final approval from the Department of Transportation to close. The 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue contractor has been notified of settlement areas needing to be addressed. Gives update on the Bayshore Drive West Project. There is some electrical work on Amherst Avenue still to be completed. No update on the current work being done on the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. Well No. 10 Project is being closed out. There is a punch list of items to be done on the 2019 CDBG Beach Access at Argyle Avenue Project. Work on the Amherst Avenue Phase I Project has started. 2018 & 2019 Curb and Gutter is proceeding with completion date of January 20, 2021. The Amherst Avenue Promenade Project notice to proceed was issued and contractor is waiting for some materials to be delivered.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on notifying the electric company of a transformer that needs to be taken care of in front of Lamberti's dock before Amherst Avenue is repaved.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the purpose of, the purchasing process and installation of an early warning system. Introduces Chuck LaBarr of the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as the cost to the city for the early warning system.

Jim Galantino: Explains about receiving bids for the early warning system. The City share cost is 35%.

Lisa McLaughlin: The cost to the city has already been appropriated in this year's budget

Commissioner Amodeo: The cost to the City will be \$20,000 to \$25,000. The system will help the city's flood rating, in turn reducing home owner's flood insurance rates.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to how often the early warning system would have to be tested.

Jim Galantino: Twice a year.

Commissioner Amodeo: Suggest testing take place at 12:00 pm.

Chuck LaBarr: States other municipalities make residents aware of testing time through robo calls.

Johanna Casey: On tonight's agenda is a resolution for renewal of pocket liquor licenses. Reminds department heads of contracts needing resolutions to become active the first of January.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on reallocating funds appropriated in 2020 to other projects in 2021.

Chief Adams: Speaks on the Firehouse No. 1 Flood Prevention Project not proceeding until funding is available.

Lisa McLaughlin: By reallocating money already allocated in 2020, funding would now be available for the Firehouse No. 1 Flood Prevention Project. Gives a report on the bond sale.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the status of capital projects.

Commissioner Blumberg: Gives an update as to the progress of the "Lucy the Elephant" playground.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to whether or not the municipal building hallway project is on schedule.

Rich Deaney: Municipal Hallway is still on schedule. Speaks on contract agreement with the Margate City Employees' Association.

Fred Verna: Nothing to add.

Pat Power: Public Works took delivery of a new Ford truck. Everything else is good.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on legislation regarding not allowing people to block walkways.

Chief Adams: Speaks on holiday safety issues. Thanks Lisa McLaughlin for her work on the CARES Act. Fire Department software is being updated. Inquires if the City will hold fireworks on December 31st.

Mayor Becker: Supports having fireworks.

Commissioner Blumberg: Supports having fireworks. Inquires as to where the fireworks would be held.

Chief Adams: Fireworks will be held in front of the Bloom Pavilion. The Fire Department would like to have Santa pulled in a lifeguard boat going around neighborhoods.

Commissioner Bloomberg: Inquires about how people will be notified of the fireworks.

Chief Adams: Speaks on ways of notifying the public about the fireworks.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Lisa McLaughlin to explain how orders will be processed for beach badges on-line.

Lisa McLaughlin: Explains the process of ordering beach badges on line. All purchased badges will still be picked up at the Bloom Pavilion.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks highly on the current beach vending vendor.


Public Comment:

Seeing that there were no additional comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Commissioner Blumberg, 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 4:00p.m.

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



Mayor, Michael Becker


Commissioner John F. Amodeo
Commissioner Maury Blumberg

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