

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

OCTOBER 15, 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:

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 were present. Commissioner Blumberg was absent. Rich Deaney, Fred Verna, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Chief Dan Adams, Chief Hankinson, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Draft proposals are being compiled for city wide dredging and for Shelter Island dredge site.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the dredging project proposed.

Ed Dennis: The most recent plans submitted for approval for the Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection and Ventnor Avenue Streetscape Project are still under review by Atlantic County.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on a collapsed storm sewer needing to be incorporated into the Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection and Ventnor Avenue Streetscape Project.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on keeping the GIS Utility Mapping Services updated.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on having an ordinance pertaining to requirements for updating the GIS Utility Mapping Service adopted by the end of the year.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding for the Firehouse #1 Flood Prevention Project.

Rich Deaney: The Firehouse #1 Flood Prevention Project will initially be funded by the city, then FEMA will reimburse the city for the project.

Ed Dennis: Still waiting on the NJ Department of Environment to return a decision on the 2019 Beach/Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal. A public presentation is being schedule for the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet. James Rutala and Associates is still gathering information to submit the grant for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Concept.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if there is any immediate need for budget money for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Concept.

Ed Dennis: Explains the preliminary costs involved with the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station Concept. An updated list of projects needing capital funding is being compiled. The

EPA Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment will need to be budgeted next year. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project is going out to bid on November 12, 2020. The Amherst Avenue Promenade Project is going out to bid on October 28, 2020 and an addendum No. 1 to clarify some specifications of the bid will be issued. No update on the Beach Replenishment Project. Next maintenance bond is due in February 2021. Awaiting the completion of the federal closeout of the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project. The contractor for the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project has completed most of the punch list items. Looking for ways to raise the elevation of the sanitary sewer main on Bayshore Drive West. Electrical work being done in conjunction with the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project is being coordinated with the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. Concrete work involved with the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project is in progress. The pump has been removed and a video inspection has been completed as part of the 2020 Redevelopment of Well No. 10 Project. Work has started on the 2019 CDBG Beach Access at Argyle Avenue Project. The Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I will be starting the end of October. Waiting on contracts to be signed for the 2019 & 2020 Curb and Gutter Program –Phase 2 to proceed.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on Ordinance #11-2020 regarding pile driving vibrations involved with houses and adding the driving of piles for bulkheads to this ordinance.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the process of driving piles for a bulkhead.

Commissioner Amodeo: Suggests adding specific regulations in residential areas when driving piles for a bulkhead to Ordinance #11-2020.

Roger McLarnon: Suggests the subject of vibrations during the pile driving of bulkheads is be a stand-alone and not under bulkheads.

Commissioner Amodeo: Suggests putting the vibration specifications for driving of pilings for bulkheads in its own section under residential foundation piling.

Mayor Becker: Suggests tabling Ordinance #11-2020 at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Amodeo: In agreement to table.

Scott Abbott: Wording regarding vibrations during the driving of piles for bulkheads on Ordinance #11-2020 will be done.

Mayor Becker: Ordinance #11-2020 will be introduced at next commission meeting.

Scott Abbott: Planning Board will be reviewing Land Use Ordinance #12-2020.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Roger McLarnon to explain the updates to trees under the Land Use Ordinance.

Roger McLarnon: Explains the additions and changes to what is required of home owners involving trees.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on current issues concerning trees not being maintained around the municipality.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the depletion of trees in Margate, and planning where new trees can be planted without having the roots disrupt the area around it.

Commissioner Amodeo: Satisfied with the amendments to Land Use Ordinance #12-2020.

Roger McLarnon: Spring of 2021 other amendments will be proposed. Speaks on allowing third floor decks and standardizing front yard setbacks as two amendments to Ordinance #12-2020.

Scott Abbott: Ordinance #12-2020 will be introduced tonight, then it will go before the Planning Board for review, comments, and recommendations, then come back before the Commission for adoption.

Commissioner Amodeo: Suggest revisiting the outside dining ordinance for 2021.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on why the ordinance assists restaurants. Comments on how clean Scarborough Marine Group, LLC is keeping the area on Amherst Avenue where they are loading dredging material. Speaks on the positive projects in process along Amherst Avenue and the bay.

Mayor Becker: The ordinance gives restaurants the opportunity to stay open during COVID.

Chief Hankinson: Halloween hours and guidelines are on Margate City's website and Facebook page.

Lisa McLaughlin: Nothing to report at this time.

Chief Adams: All good.

Frank Ricciotti: During the current phase of the Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue water has been turned on and off, and there was water main break. Hydrant flushing will be done the week of October 19, 2020.

Fred Verna: Happy to be here.

Andrew Miles: Speaks on the Bloom Pavilion reopening on November 9, 2020.

Rich Deaney: Thanks everyone who is assisting with the planning of the reopening of the pavilion.

Public Comment:

Joan Naden, 8 N. Quincy: Speaks on the wording in Ordinance #11-2020 regarding who gets notification of upcoming pile driving.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the amendments required of pile driving contractors in Ordinance #11-2020 and the cost of the monitoring devices.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the insurance required of pile driving contractors.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on insurances required of contractors and pile driving contractors when permits are issued. Speaks on why changes to Ordinance # 11-2020 should not be done.

Mayor Becker: Confirms that Ordinance #11-2020 will be tabled.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on how Ordinance #11-2020 may change how people choose to have pile driving done.

Roger McLarnlon: Speaks on the options of how pile driving is done.

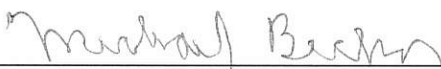
Richard Patterson, 8 Bayshore Drive: Speaks on pile driving. Inquires about the status of dredging. Recommends using the wording "changing from two lanes to one lane" instead of using the term "road diet" so the public understands. Speaks on enforcing the maintaining of trees by residents in Ordinance #12-2020.

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 two ayes.


Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:58p.m.

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



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 