

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

OCTOBER 1, 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 and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Rich Deaney, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Chief Dan Adams, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Bill Dixon, New Jersey Department of Environment: Speaks on the Absecon Island Replenishment Project and proposed agreement.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to Margate's dollar obligation.

Commissioner Amodeo: Replies \$98,708.00.

Bill Dixon: Explains the relation of the new agreement to the agreement from three years ago.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the agreement from three years ago and this proposed agreement.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on NJDEP's proposal of how much sand is needed and requests clarifying some language in the proposed agreement.

Keith Watson: Explains the new agreement's cost sharing of replenishing the sand.

Rich Deaney: There is no money appropriated for this project due to no communication or notification from the NJ DEP about a new agreement. Speaks on specific aspects of the proposed agreement.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on the promise made to the Margate taxpayers that there would be no additional tax money needed for the dunes.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on being in favor of beach and dune replenishment only if there is no additional cost to the tax payers.

Keith Watson, Project Manager: The success of the Absecon Island Beach Replenishment Project is contingent on Margate's participation. Speaks on the protruding bolt situation and the outfall system.

Rich Deaney: Requesting the federal government review the safety of the uncut bolts.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on incidents this past summer involving the outfall system on the beach and a positive result of the outfall system. Inquires about the distance the outfall system at Delevan Avenue goes out into the ocean.

Keith Watson: Speaks on the design of the outfall system and erosion.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to who cut the bolts in Longport. Speaks on the lack of communication to city officials regarding the beach replenishment project.

Keith Watson: States he is unaware of who cut the bolts in Longport.

Mayor Becker: States his frustration as to the lack of action regarding the protruding bolts.

Bill Dixon: Speaks on the NJDEP's view of the cutting of the bolts. City officials are welcome to attend preconstruction meetings and weekly update meetings on projects.

Rich Deaney: States there has not been any notification of any cost sharing of this project, which is the main issue to proceeding with the project.

Mayor Becker: Agrees that there should be no cost to taxpayers for the re-nourishment of the beaches.

Rich Deaney: Any request for projects to be included in next year's Capital Budget Plan should be sent to him for consideration.

Ed Dennis: Gives an update on the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project. Any dredging process is a five to ten year project.

Rich Deaney: Requests projected costs of the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project be given to him for upcoming Capital Budget preparation.

Ed Dennis: No update on the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project.

Rich Deaney: Requests no additional bids be scheduled till the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project bid is determined to make sure funding is adequate.

Ed Dennis: There is a hosted sight for city officials to access to the GIS Mapping Services. FEMA has been contacted to see if they will assist in covering the cost of the Firehouse #1 Flood Prevention Project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Initial costs for the Firehouse #1 Flood Prevention Project are appropriated.

Chief Adams: Speaks on what initial cost estimates were included in the for the Firehouse #1 Flood Prevention Project.

Ed Dennis: The New Jersey Department of the Environment has till November 4, 2020 to make a decision as to the Beach and Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal. Speaks on the traffic study report which was done to help in determining whether or not to make Atlantic Avenue one lane in each direction. A public input session will be scheduled to assist in the determination outcome. The grant application for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station is due in November. The Environmental Protection Agency Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment is to be completed so Margate will be in compliance with the Water Quality Act.

Rich Deaney: Request costs estimates for the Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment be compiled for inclusion next year's Capital Budget plan.

Ed Dennis: The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project will be going out to bid on November 19, 2020. The Amherst Avenue Promenade Project will be going out to bid on October 28, 2020. Maintenance Bonds are up to date. The 2016 Safe Routes to School Project is in closeout. A punchlist was compiled for the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project and given to the contractor. Thurlow Avenue is substantially complete. Test pits are being done to determine how deep the contractor will have to dig and if a dewatering system will be needed for the Reconstruction of Bayshore Drive West. Electrical work, involved with the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Project, is being coordinated with plans for the Amherst Avenue Promenade project. Gives an update on the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. The contractor for the 2020 Redevelopment of Well #10 will be on site next week. The 2019 CDBG Project –Access at Argyle Avenue will start in October 2020. A preconstruction meeting for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I will be scheduled. The contractor for the 2019 & 2020 Curb and Gutter Program –Phase 2 was awarded to Diamond Construction.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to the timing of the stripping to be done on Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: As sections of Atlantic Avenue are done, stripping will be done. The Atlantic Avenue Road Diet Grant will cover stripping to be done at one time if it is decided to go with one lane in each direction.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the importance of notifying the public of the consideration of making Atlantic Avenue one lane in each direction.

Commissioner Amodeo: Public participation is needed.

Rich Deaney: At this time an electronic newsletter is to be done for public information to be released.

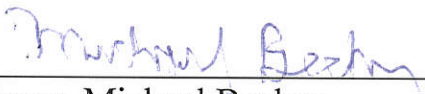
Mayor Becker: Agrees with getting this information out to the public.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on upcoming ordinances.

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

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk