

December 4, 2014

Margate City, New Jersey

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, and Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Abbott and Mr. Deaney were also present. The minutes from 11/20/14 & executive session of May 15, 2014 were approved as read on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of 3 ayes.

Public Comment: Lorna O'Hara of the Balloon Council spoke in opposition Ordinance #33 banning balloon releases. She suggested educating the public on safety and the true environmental effects and as well as postponing the vote to adopt the ordinance. (*Mr. Blumberg: agreed on postponing the vote to allow time for education then revisit in 6 months & stated the difficulty in enforcing the ordinance. Ms. Taube: spoke firmly in favor of adoption & explained a contingency of people favor this*). John Sewell agreed with comments from Balloon Council; again asked for an ordinance to prohibit patronage & nepotism. Sharon Simon questioned the costs of the proposed recycling can give-away and the extra weeks of recycling pick-ups. Bob Kelly, 13 N. Delevan Avenue asked what action has been taken regarding a fire department employee under investigation by the Atlantic County Prosecutors Office. (*Mr. Abbott explained it is ongoing therefore cannot discuss and Margate is not involved with the investigation*) This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: John Sewell & Sharon Simon agreed with tabling Ordinance #33. This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Agenda Items:

Ordinance #33 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 196 "Nuisances" (*Prohibits release of certain types of balloons in an effort to protect the environment, wildlife, and the well-being of persons and property*) was adopted on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of two (2) ayes – Mr. Becker (*educate the public but this may help animals*) and Ms. Taube – and one (1) nay – Mr. Blumberg for all the reasons previously stated during public comment.

Ordinance #34 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 145 "Flood Damage Prevention" of the Code of the City of Margate City (*update current flood map and provide a clearer understanding of definitions and elevation requirements*) was introduced on motion by Ms. Taube with three ayes. The public hearing and second reading is scheduled for 12/18/14 @ 5:00 pm and will be advertised in accordance with law.

RESOLUTIONS were adopted unanimously on motion with a vote of three ayes. All Resolutions may be found in full in the following pages.

#237 Authorize Payment of Claims and Payroll (*Becker*)

#238 Authorize Transfers in 2014 Budget (*Taube*)

#239 Approve 2015 Commission Meeting Dates (*Becker*)

#240 Authorize Additional Expenditure of up to \$50,000 for Legal Services to be Performed by Dilworth, Paxson, LLP Law Office (Dunes) (*Becker*)

#241 Authorize Finance Officer to Cancel Grant Appropriation Reserves Against Grants Receivable, Surplus and Such Other Accounts as Appropriate (*Taube*)

#242 Authorize Adjustments to 2014 Water/Sewer Bills- excess (*Taube*)

#243 Award Renewal Contract to DM Medical Billing (*Becker*)

#244 Award Contract for Servicing 2 Geothermal Return Wells at 1 S. Washington Avenue to Absecon Electric Motor Works, 500 White Horse Pike, Absecon, NJ not to exceed \$13,750.00 (*Taube*)

#245 Approve Specs for 2015 Cleaning and Televising of Sewer System (*Becker*)

#246 Authorize Signatory Name Changes for City Accounts (*Becker*)

#247 Adopt Rules and Regulations for Beach Vending, Adopting Terms and Conditions of Licensure and Giving Notice for the Auction Sale of a Beach Vending License for the Summer Season of 2015 (*Taube*)

#248 Authorize Executive Session Per NJSA 10:4-12(b) – Kabo v. City of Margate (*Taube*)

#249 Authorize Executive Session Per NJSA 10:4-12(b) – Meesham (*Taube*)

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of 3 ayes to enter into executive session per Resolution #248/249. The meeting was reconvened on a vote of 3 ayes and a roll call – Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The minutes from the executive session will be prepared in accordance with law and released when allowed. Upon reconvening the meeting Mr. Abbott stated: the commissioners were updated on the ongoing litigation and potential litigation with the possibility of settlement in the latter.

With no further business this meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk