

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

February 18, 2016

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

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The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Amodeo and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. McLarnon, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Mr. Galantino, and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Abbott was also present.

Items for Discussion:

Mr. Duffy: Purpose a route for Jitney to provide residents with transportation to and from the restaurant district along with a separate route on Atlantic Ave to Atlantic City. The Jitney Association would like to sit down with Chief Wolfson to determine a route.

Mr. Amodeo: We would have to sit down with Scott Abbott as well. The issue is pick up and drop off safety. Would like to know the issues Jitneys face in Sea Isle?

Mr. Duffy: Responded well to this. There is no pick up where there is a New Jersey Transit sign.

Mr. Abbott: A Jitney route will require an Ordinance and Insurance. Is the Jitney allowed on Ventnor Ave?

Mr. Duffy: Jitneys are not allowed on Ventnor Ave.

Mr. Becker: We would like to establish a route with Ventnor City. Come back to Margate with a route plan.

Mr. Abbott: Dredging; March 9th- joint appointment in Trenton. Plan is for a permit for everywhere in Margate. State law proposed has been submitted for Shellfish Habitat, looking for alias which would exempt from shellfish habitat channels. Bulkhead problem on Amherst Ave after storm Jonas. Repairs will be temporary until summer is over.

Department Reports:

Mr. Ricciotti: Things have been very busy due to the cold weather. There were over 50 homes with water shut offs. Storm Jonas has cost about \$144,000.00. The city will be forwarding the cost to the state for reimbursement.

Chief Tabasso: There were a number of calls due to water leaks and had some damage. Would like to remind everyone to keep heat on to at least 55 degrees. On Thursday, February 25th from 6-8pm at Tighe School, “Dodging Drugs Dodge Ball Tournament” all funds raised will go to Tighe School Pride Program.

Ms. McLaughlin: Congrats to Roger Rubin on his last meeting. Clarifies the article regarding the increase on the utility bills, by us amending the ordinance on the interest that is charged, it actually is saving tax payers money. We were charging a flat fee to anyone late and now we will be prorating the percentage based on the day they pay the bill. A few weeks ago we have converted to Edmunds and the girls are doing a great job so far. There will be a link on the city website for each resident to see what they owe and we are working on an online payment as well. Due date for the water and sewer bill will stay at June 1st, and it will have a different look but it will be printed on one sheet of paper. Resolution to increase the temp budget and it won't be in addition to the new budget just for spending purpose.

Chief Wolfson: Resolution 28-2016, thank you everyone who helped review contract. We have a 3 year contract. It was agreed to freeze the starting salary at the starting rate of previous contract with and 10 year step plan. Proud to report the body cameras are working great.

Mr. Abbott: 2 reports on the tax impact on vacant lot.

Ms. Casey: Thank you Lisa for your work with the JIF.

Mr. Rubin: Phase 1 study will be the first meeting in March.

Mr. McLarnon: Thank you Roger for sharing you knowledge and thanking for the training.

Mr. Galantino: Lisa congrats on the JIF.

Public Participation:

Mr. Sewell, 22 West Drive: Inquires as to the funding on various dredging expenses.

Mr. Abbott: The City has been given \$150,000.00 restoration grant to go forward and trying to partner up with Army Corp.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg, second by Mr. Becker public portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg second by Mr. Amodeo the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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

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Mayor Michael Becker	Commissioner Amodeo	Commissioner Blumberg

Attest: _____ Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk