

July 17, 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 7/3/14 were approved as read on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes.

Public Comment: John Sewell indicated cost savings of shared K-3 grades with Ventnor. Harold Klein asked date of operation of new pump to alleviate the flooding at Granville & Winchester Avenues (*Fall of 2015*) & suggested closing street to truck traffic (*Chief Wolfson to contact him directly*). Dan Gottlieb read from a recent press article regarding actual protection from dunes vs. bulkhead system & advised that the recent easement cases in Harvey Cedars should not influence the city's resolve in not signing away easements to the State. Steve Woerner shared information learned at today's Stormwater seminar re: bulkhead not enough protection from storms & best line of defense is dunes. Sharon Simon asked if city involved in dunes project since ACOE & DEP signed an agreement for the Dunes Project, asked Mr. Becker to clarify his recent statements on the dunes/easements, and asked for more communication from the city to the DEP & AG offices on the matter. Mr. Blumberg added that there should be formal, strongly written responses to any conversations/emails/mail from any State agency on this matter. (*Bill Dixon, DEP recently called Mr. Becker on voluntarily signing over easements & he stated that he would not do that*) Mr. Blumberg further asked about official Dunes plans (*Mr. Walberg has them*) and expressed his concern about possible ponding at the dunes and plans for same. (*It was stated that there is no drainage system design for the project*) Seth Lehr suggested the commissioners consider the loss of money if beach block owner get their home reassessments lowered due to dunes construction. Steve Jasiecki commented on parking problems due to variances allowing for enlarging homes (*residents not using driveway for parking*) & asked about beach block parking. This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of 3 ayes.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: John Sewell – Ordinance #29 and Resolution #162. Sharon Simon asked for an additional Saturday commission meeting this summer in light of the dunes question. Mr. Blumberg asked if by adoption of Ordinance #28 the city is passively agreeing it is in the wrong. (*Mr. Abbot advised adopting this tonight so no further problems on the matter will arise*) This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Agenda Items:

Ordinance #27 Amending Chapter 175 "Land Use" of the Code of the City of Margate City was adopted on motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of three ayes.

Ordinance #28 Amending Chapter 175 "Land Use" of the Code of the City of Margate City was adopted on motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of three ayes. Both ordinances will be advertised in accordance with law.

Ordinance #29 An Ordinance Amending Salary & Wages (*Tax Assessor salary range changed*) was introduced on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

Ordinance #30 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 257 "Vehicles & Traffic" (*Handicapped parking space at 112 N. Delevan Avenue*) of the Code of the City of Margate City was introduced on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes. These ordinances will be advertised in accordance with law & the public hearing and second reading is scheduled for August 7th @ 5:00 pm in City Hall. All ordinances may be found in full in the Ordinance Book in the City Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS were adopted unanimously on motion with a vote of three ayes with the exceptions of #158 Authorize Payment of \$195.00 to Jersey Arch Door (*motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of two ayes and Mr. Blumberg recused himself*) and #159 Authorize Payment of \$1,639.81 to Colmar Home Center (*motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of two ayes and Mr. Becker recused himself*). All Resolutions may be found in full in the following pages.

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

#160 Approve Tax Lien Redemption in the amount of \$109,774.12 (*Becker*)

#161 Accept the 2013 Audit (*Taube*)

#162 Extend Due Date for 3rd Quarter Tax Payment to August 18, 2014 (*Blumberg*)

#163 Authorize Execution of NJ Clean Energy Program, Direct Install Program Participation Agreement (*Blumberg*)

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#164 Authorize Acceptance of Proof of Loss for Hurricane Sandy Flood Claims from Vericlaims (*Taube*)

At 5:45 pm: Resolution #165 Authorize Executive Session per NJSA 10:4-12(b)(7) to discuss legal opinions submitted by Mr. Yoskin, Esq. and Mr. Goldshore, Esq. regarding the Absecon Island Dunes Project.

Minutes from this meeting will be available at such time as the confidential nature of this subject matter will no longer be necessary.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:10 p.m. on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes. Mr. Abbott summarized the executive by explaining that the 2 legal opinions presented regarding the dunes (*as stated in Resolution #165*) were discussed by the commissioners and that these will now be made public for interaction at the next commission meeting when the matter will be openly discussed.

On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk