

March 20, 2014  
Margate City, New Jersey

The Board of Commissioners held its Regular Meeting on the above date at 5:45 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg & Ms. Taube were present. Chief Wolfson (Assistant City Administrator) & Mr. Abbott were both present. Minutes from March 6, 2014 were approved as read on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

**Public Comment:** John Sewell: show fiscal responsibility at Board of School Estimates meeting. Sharon Simon: Mr. Becker should be a better advocate for the city especially regarding Dunes. Steve Woerner: Dunes will be built. This portion was closed on motion by Ms. Taube with a vote of three ayes.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** John Sewell: commented on Resolution #75 & asked that the commissioners delay the vote & try mediation or a personal apology. (Mr. Becker explained he did apologize to no avail) Sharon Simon: Resolution #75 should not be voted on tonight & any investigation into wrong-doing should be internal. Steve Woerner is opposed to any apology regarding this issue. This portion was closed on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.

**Agenda Items:**

**Ordinance #10** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 “Beaches-Badge Required” of the Code of the City of Margate City, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey (Beach badges for veterans & their families) was introduced on motion by Mr. Becker with a vote of three ayes. (*Mr. Blumberg thanked John Oakes for his encouragement and support on this*) This ordinance will be published in accordance with law and the public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is scheduled for April 3, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**RESOLUTIONS #67 through #72 inclusive** were adopted unanimously on motion with a vote of three ayes. All resolutions may be found in full in the following pages.

#67 Authorize Payment of Claims and Payroll (*Blumberg*)

#68 Approve Specs and Plans for 2012 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access (*Blumberg*)

#69 Amend Temporary 2014 Budget (*Taube*)

#70 Authorize Emergency Contract Award to K & G Marine for Amherst Avenue Bulkhead not to exceed \$50,000.00 (*Taube*)

#71 Authorize Emergency Contract Award to Garrison for Gladstone Avenue Water Tower Repairs not to exceed \$40,000.00 (*Taube*)

#72 Approve Change Order to Scalfo Electric for Generator Repairs @ Fire Station #2 (*Blumberg*)  
Added After Work Session:

#73 Establish Policy Regarding Comments to Media & Public (Blumberg) – FAILED NO  
SECOND

#74 Accept Sustainable NJ Grant for Use of \$1,000 towards Stockton College Student Stipend (*Taube*)

#75 Award Professional Services Contract to A. Michael Barker, Esq. not to exceed \$10,000.00 (*Taube*)

#76 Authorize Amendment to 2014 Budget – Re-allocating Hurricane Sandy Money (*Taube*)

Leon Costello from Ford Scott Auditors briefly spoke on the budget – no tax increase, 2013 was a good year for the city, increasing ratables. Prior to Resolution #76 the **2014 Budget Hearing** was held. John Sewell questioned money to provide T & E in schools as mandated and Sharon Simon questioned dollar amount allocated for legal fees (*\$365,000 which includes all legal even solicitor*). On motion the budget hearing was closed. The budget vote is scheduled for April 3, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. after the Board of School Estimates meeting so that the school figures will be added to the budget.

On motion by Ms. Taube the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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Mayor Becker

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Ms. Taube

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Mr. Blumberg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk