

August 13, 2014
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a **Special** meeting on the above date at 5:00 p.m. **Purpose of the Meeting:** Discussion of possible Referendum question for November 4, 2014 General Election & also to discuss specifics of moving forward with a legal injunction against the NJ DEP Absecon Island Shore Protection Project.

The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker and Mr. Blumberg were present & Ms. Taube participated via telephone from her vacation. Also present were Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

Mr. Becker began the meeting and read a statement from Ms. Taube with her views the proposed referendum of spending tax payer's money to fight the State on the Absecon Island Shore Protection Project (Dunes)

Mr. Becker: personally not in favor of the Project & favors an immediate injunction; financial implications are now known therefore feels necessity to ask the voters if they are willing to spend money to fight the state

Mr. Blumberg: anti Project; concern for democracy and the will of the people as shown in the November Referendum vote; commissioners should make a decision based on the aforementioned instead of allowing it to become a divisive issue within the community; money could come from Capital Budget (*beach improvement*); favors an immediate injunction & opposes another Referendum.

Public Participation only on the one issue: Bill Potts, 26 N. Frontenac Ave – costs to fight should be considered especially with casino closings in Atlantic City & the impact on municipal and county taxes. Bill Cotter, 20 Circle Drive – no harm in having the referendum and favors dunes as protection against storms. John Sparta, 120 N. Madison Avenue – voters need all the true facts prior to the election. Lloyd Levinson, 107 S. Argyle Avenue – commissioners elected to make difficult decisions - community has spoken; costs to file an injunction are negligible & city can decide not to go further based on that result. Glenn Klotz, 118 N. Barclay Avenue – anti referendum & commissioners should make the decision to move forward now. Carol Armon, 4 Dolphin Drive – commissioners must act now; another referendum will set a bad precedent. Sharon Simon, N. Thurlow Avenue – against referendum; no responses coming from Commissioner Martin when questions posed. Laurie Blumberg, 120 N. Pembroke Avenue – questioned time line & the importance of taking action now. Joan Naden, 8 N. Quincy Avenue – favors referendum. Chuck Cavanaugh, 10 S. Brunswick Avenue, Fred Weinstein, 15 S. Cedar Grove Avenue, Ted Manos, S. Nassau Avenue & Jane McGrogan, 22 N. Hanover Avenue – anti referendum; commissioners must make a decision; emergency no longer exists therefore governor's emergency powers aren't valid. Dan Gottlieb, N. Nassau Avenue – seek the opinion from a coastal engineer before injunction to add to the city's argument against dunes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

Resolutions may be found in full in the following pages.

#177 Approve Referendum Question for Placement on the Ballot in the November General Election – adopted on motion by Mr. Becker and a vote of 2 ayes (*Becker & Taube*) and 1 nay (*Blumberg*)

#178 Authorize the Request for Proposal for an Attorney to File an Injunction against the State of NJ Proceeding with the Absecon Island Shore Protection Project in the City of Margate & Consulting with a Coastal Engineer Regarding this Matter – adopted on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

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