

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

March 4, 2016

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

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, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. McLarnon, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Mr. Galantino, and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Abbott was also present.

Mr. Amodeo: Swearing in of new officer, Steven Edalbock.

Items for Discussion:

Mr. Arthur Ponzio: Presentation for Post Sandy

Mr. Jon Barnhart: Reviews the Bay front analysis.

Mr. Abbott: Inquires as to the reason for the nine foot height for the bulkhead?

Mr. Jon Barnhart: Wave action; elevation 9 will not protect water from flooding Amherst Ave. Mr.

Amodeo: Inquires as to current bulkhead height.

Mr. Jon Barnhart: The current high is 7 ½ to 9 feet. Recommendations are reviewed regarding the study about making the city better after Sandy. This study is a tremendous tool for City of Margate. Lastly, ordinances changes and clean up items to clarify bulkhead height and deck height.

Mr. Arthur Ponzio- Bulkheads do not prevent flooding. Storm Water Mgmt.

Mr. Amodeo: The document is a Master Piece and is 2nd to none. Thank you for what you have recommended.

Mayor Becker: Thank you on behalf of all of Margate.

Mrs. Despina Hess: Background for basis of recommendation. The Planning Board believes 9 foot should be the bulkhead height.

Department Reports:

Mr. Galantino: Nothing to report.

Mr. McLarnon: Thank you Arthur and Jon for the report.

Ms. Casey: Financial disclosure forms will be going out soon.

Mr. Abbott: Advocate marking poles.

Mr. Arthur Ponzio: We will work with the commission on Bulkhead. Pump system may help Margate with flooding.

Mr. Abbott: Would like to add Resolution #42-2016 to have the City bulkhead on Rumson and the beach replaced at the property owner's expense. Dredging meeting will be on March 9th in Trenton. City has received notice from the State to dredge out Risley Channel.

Chief Wolfson: Resolution 41-2016- Employees Association Labor Contract, reviews highlights of contract. Thanks to participants.

Ms. McLaughlin: 2 Ordinance on Agenda set for introduction. Introduction to Budget will be posted on the city website. Set to adopt the budget on April 7th.

Chief Tabasso: All is well. Working on preplans for the Beach for the upcoming summer.

Mr. Ricciotti: Flush fire hydrants on April 4th to the 8th. We are prepared and have crews ready for tonight's storm.

Mr. Blumberg: Thank you Lisa for the work on the budget.

Mr. Amodeo: Nothing to report.

Mr. Becker: Nothing to report.

Public Participation:

Mr. Ed Berger- 9402 Amherst Ave: Speaks on elevation for Amherst Ave bulkhead.

Mr. Steve Warner- 103 N. Sumner: Speaks on looking at the long term liability of Margate.

Mr. John Sewell- 22 West Drive: Speaks on inappropriate budget spending of Board of Education.

Mr. Steve Altman- 9003 Amherst Ave: Inquires as to Dredging and water volume and its relation to pollution and global warming.

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On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mr. Blumberg 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