

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

**August 4, 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, Ms. McLaughlin, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Mr. Verna, Mr. McLarnon, Chief Wolfson, and Mr. Galantino. Mr. Deane and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Swearing In:**

Mr. Amodeo greeted the families and swore in Perry Coker and Cameron Flickling-Rone.

**Items for Discussion:**

Morris Goshal- AJC- Recants the development of the Mayors Anti-Semitism Campaign, presents proclamation with signatories to Mayor Michael Becker.

Tory Woods-Blue Star Program-Gives a briefing on the program, Margate achieved the 75 points to achieve the Blue Star Award. A plaque was presented to the Mayor and Commissioners

Lisa McLaughlin-Life Guard Pension Plan- Needs to be reviewed every three years. We are now in compliance. We will be having a meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> to get more of an understanding and to answer any questions.

Mr. Amodeo- It existed 35 years without compliance, how does it remain as a pension system?

Ms. McLaughlin - It has been under the radar. Only 8 people are on the pension plan. Under the document, life guards contribute 4% of their total salary and at the end of the season the city matches the 4%. Years ago we started funding extra.

Rich- Stay within budget and any unspent money in budget is transferred into the fund.

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Ricciotti- Last Friday 4 -5 PM- Collected 8 tons of debris from the Bay Clean Up. Doing light maintenance on Washington Avenue pier. Tomorrow night is the Margate Memorial, I hope we win. Mayor Becker- As we all do.

Ms. McLaughlin- As the generator project is complete, We are due \$176,000 reimbursement.

Chief Wolfson- A reminder to the public that the city received a grant for bike racks. Looking into where to put them. Will report back in two weeks. Things are good.

Mr. Deane-Nothing

Mr. Abbott- The Army Corp meeting here with myself and the designated appraiser from the state on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a meeting after the 17<sup>th</sup> but before the 24<sup>th</sup> with the Army Corp to discuss ponding regarding the dunes.

Ms. Casey-Things are well

Mr. McLarnon- Based on Trash Ordinance, trash cans are to be removed from street. However, there is no enforcement issue on “hiding” trash cans or screening them in. I suggest to take some elements out of the land use ordinance and put it into the general ordinance.

Mayor Becker- I agree with it, I think it is a good idea.

Mr. Amodeo- I agree

Mr. McLarnon- The rush for CO's and TCO's is continuing.

Mr. Galantino- I took a walk around City Hall and there are some things still outstanding. Finishing it should be attainable in about three weeks.

Mr. Verna- All good

Mr. Amodeo- I want to thank Robin, Rachel, Steve, and Monica on the Back Bay Clean Up.

Mr. Blumberg- Thank you to Frank and the team for their extra attention on keeping the street ends clean, it looks great.

Mayor Becker- I will second that.

**Public Participation:**

Steve Jackiecki-112 N. Lancaster Ave.- Speaks on the success of the Back bay Clean Up. Speak on the donation of a barge from the Margate Bridge Company. Still more work to be done, planning another cleanup 9/17/16 and looking to achieve more ideas to make the clean up more successful.

John Sewell- 22 West Drive- Inquires as to the funding sources for the proposed dredging.

Mayor Becker-As we progress we will be applying for grants.

John Sewell- Are we doing anything to keep from any financial obligation?

Mayor Becker-Yes, we are not in favor of signing a contract.

Steve Warner-103 N. Sumner Ave. - Speaks on beaches looking cleaner, dogs no longer on beach. Voices his opinion regarding lifeguard pensions, stating that seasonal employees do not need pensions.

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

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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk