

**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. Deaney and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

Rich Deaney- Introduces a new, revised employee handbook; after being thoroughly reviewed it underwent minor changes. There is a memo that has been sent out containing a list of major changes. Chapter 308 - The Family and Medical Leave Act policy- is the most extensively revised chapter of the handbook. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, a resolution will be on the agenda to get the handbook passed.

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Verna- I'm working very hard to get the technical work finished at 1 S. Washington Ave. We should be able to utilize the building by the end of September. The Joint Insurance Fund sent down a representative to audit me for the city, out of security purposes. I was told, out of 35 municipalities, we have the lowest risk of security problems. Last night, a close lightning strike caused some technical problems at the police department, so I went and straightened that all out.

Mr. Galantino- If the contractor requests a C.O. for 1 S. Washington Ave, he demands a full payment for his services; a condition of the permit. I strongly recommend that we do not issue a C.O. until all the work is fully completed. I also believe we need to get motivated to tear more houses down. The Flood Ordinance must be updated in order to do so. Roger will utilize it when he is working with new homes and house raises.

Mr. Amodeo- Where is the adoption of the flood mapping?

Mr. Galantino- New York City appealed all of the maps, as they are being redone.

Mr. McLarnon- We are using preliminary maps until the new maps are adopted.

Ms. Casey- If we have not received any of the employment statements from the contractor for City Hall- statements he was supposed to submit to the State of New Jersey since April 13<sup>th</sup> -are we allowed to withhold his checks?

Mr. Abbott- My office, as well as your office should receive copies of these statements. I will check my office to see if we processed any payments.

Mr. McLarnon- I am keeping busy with zoning, and planning, and purchasing.

Ms. Casey- I have nothing to report.

Mr. Amodeo- We have resolution #158 on the agenda today, to authorize the replacement of a 1985 pump truck. I want to compliment Chief Tabasso and his team on saving the city \$100,000 on this purchase. I am covering for Chief Tabasso as he is at a funeral for Bill Howarth, a Ventnor Lifeguard and firefighter, who passed away this week. As for this day, Margate provided personnel to cover the Ventnor Beaches to service any friends of Howarth so they could attend the funeral at four.

Mr. Abbott- We are driving up to Philadelphia on Tuesday of next week to attend a meeting regarding the drainage of the beach blocks as well as the sand quality with the Army Corp and DEP.

Mr. Deaney- We are anticipating a grant for house raises. We have asked Jim and Roger to keep compiling a list of potential participants who would need financial assistance to raise their homes.

Chief Wolfson- I would like draw your attention to resolution #155 for special traffic restrictions for the Margate Fall Fun Fest. Additionally, as you are aware that the restriction for parking on Cedar Grove Ave has been lifted, Union and Vendome residents would like to see the same lift of restrictions for their streets as well.

Mayor Becker- I agree.

Chief Wolfson- I will ask Johanna to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Ms. McLaughlin- I would like to quickly describe why resolution #155 is on the Agenda regarding authorizing signatories for the banking. This is due to the retirement and addition of employees in the Building Department. We started planning our down beach Health Fair for October 2, suggestions on improvements are appreciated. I met with the state representative of the office of emergency management to close out the emergency generators mitigation grant; we will receive \$176,000 in the next few weeks. We also discussed the release of the dividends: we would potentially get a \$60,000 dividend next year to apply against our assessment. Yesterday we received a request from Ventnor, if the beach badge design would honor Bill Howarth. We need your suggestions and more importantly your authorization.

Mr. Ricciotti- We have been extremely busy with the beaches this summer, there are officially three weeks left. We have been meeting with the MBA for the bay fest as well.

Mr. Walberg- We submitted the sampling and testing plan to the DEP asking for the numbers and type of testing required, we are waiting for that. The road program for 2015-2016 meeting will be scheduled to see funding to award. The Gladstone Ave water tower paint project has been bid three times. We recommend awarding it to U.S. Tank Painting in Millstone, NJ; their base bid was \$396,900. We are proceeding with the design for reconstructing Winchester Ave from Jerome to Granville. A contractor will be in within the next week to fix the drainage issue at the end of Union Ave. The Tighe School work is close to completion, the work will be cleaned up prior to school starting. The 1 S. Washington Ave. project is moving along nicely.

**Public Participation:**

Steve Warner- 103 N Sumner- Speaks briefly on Beach Block parking and decides to speak on the matter later in the meetings.

On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mayor Becker public portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Amodeo second by Mayor Becker 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