

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

**JANUARY 5, 2017**

**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 and Mr. Amodeo were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Walberg, Mr. Verna, Mr. Rubin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Chief Tabasso, Ms. Casey, Ms. Larkin, and Chief Wolfson. Mr. Deaneay and Mr. Abbott were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Department Reports:**

Ms. Casey- All is well in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. McLaughlin- I have been busy closing out 2016 and I should have the temporary budget input by the beginning of next week. FEMA dispersed funds to us, in which we were not entitled to; they are not going to ask for reimbursement and neither will the State.

Mr. Galantino- Thank You Mayor Becker, Commissioners, Mr. Verna and Mr. Ricciotti for getting us into 1 S. Washington again. The building department has had two demolitions so far this year.

Ms. Larkin- Our first court session will be here on Monday and Mr. Verna has been a tremendous help in making this happen.

Mr. McLarnon- City Hall looks fantastic.

Mr. Walberg-The Municipal Building Playground Improvements and Beach Bulkhead Access Bids will be received on January 11<sup>th</sup> and awarded at our next Commission Meeting.

2015/2016 State Aid Program from Jerome to Grandville Meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and will proceed with construction in the middle of January. Our 2015/2016 Road Program was awarded the 27<sup>th</sup> and work will proceed in the middle of January. Gladstone Avenue Water tank will proceed once the weather warms up this spring. South Jersey Gas and Keilly still have some work to do and once those services are complete we will have a meeting with the paving company to proceed with paving. Thank you to Mr. Verna for all of his hard work and assistance in City Hall Repurposing.

On Motion by Mr. Amodeo, and second by Mayor Becker with a vote of two ayes authorization was made for a final system inspection to convert from Performance Bond to Maintenance Bond.

Mr. Deaneay- Mr. Walberg, would you please give a synopsis of Old City Hall Project.

Mr. Walberg- After Super Storm Sandy, Old City Hall had 7 inches of water in the building. During repurposing several areas have needed to be brought up to current codes. Reviews all construction.

Chief Tabasso- The building looks great. Fire Department and Beach Patrol are doing well.

Mr. Amodeo-The Amodeo Family would like to donate the funds for a clock in the Court Room.

Mr. Deaneay- Letters were sent out to residents with excess water usage. Next Commission Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will authorize to go to bid on Sewer System, Janitorial and Landscaping.

Mr. Ricciotti- Public works has been preparing for the anticipated Storm which is coming up the Coast.

Mr. Abbott- Ventnor and Margate Storm pump station is complete and we have come to an agreement. 35% of pump usage is Margate's share and 65% is Ventnor's share. The beach patrol Lawsuit has been won. In regards the agenda we have Margate Terrace lease agreement and tax abatement which I request be passed tonight. I urge the attorney's on the agenda to be adopted.

Mayor Becker- Pleasure for me to be here to present the Pump Station success and the repurposing of Old City Hall.

**Public Participation:**

John Sewell- 22 West Drive- Speaks on Building Department's demolitions and request demolition dividend to property tax payer to keep affordable.

Steve Woerner- 103 N. Sumner Avenue- Speaks on Repurposing of Old City Hall. Inquires as to if there is enough space in Court Room. Agrees with Mr. John Sewell in regards to making property taxes affordable.

Steve Altman- 9003 Amherst Avenue- Speaks on Public access to the bay.

On motion by Mr. Amodeo, second by Mr. Becker public portion was closed with a vote of two ayes. On motion by, Mr. Amodeo, second by Mayor Becker the meeting was adjourned with a vote of two 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, RMC City Clerk