

September 18, 2014  
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, Ms. Taube, and Mr. Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chief Wolfson, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Galantino, Ms. Freed, Mr. Abbott & Mr. Deaney.

#### **Department Reports**

Mr. Walberg: Problem with dry flooding @ Amherst and Washington Avenues may be caused by check valve on large pipe – at the end of its useful life, estimate of \$32,000 and unspent money from another project may be available to cover cost (*approved*); Washington Avenue building – quote requested from Maggie Hampton, Mr. Verna working on IT; County requested city “hold off” on generators for City Hall until grants have been signed (*these will be placed in present location & Mr. Blumberg suggested landscaping the area*)

Mr. Abbott: Executive session needed at next meeting to discuss strategies for 3 separate law suits; resolution #194 authorizing settlement with Rich Kugel tonight

Chief Wolfson: 24/7 “drug drop-off” at police station; resolution #193 – replacement vehicle

Mr. Galantino: Completed work sites now cleaned up; working on plan to avoid future problems with work sites not being kept clean

Mr. Deaney: Update given on Dunes Project – revised plans from ACOE (*city & consulting engineers to review & notify DEP of any concerns, etc*), scheduling meetings with state representatives to express city concerns & alternatives, ACOE has gone to bid on the project with 10/21/14 as bid receipt date, no legal action taken by DEP involving city-owned property, met with special counsel and consulting engineer to review ACOE findings from 18 year old report which prompted this project & found – bulkhead system was not taken into account, the possibility of using sand to widen and heighten beach berms rather than to construct dunes was overlooked, no accounting for potential street-end drainage consequences; ACOE is allowed by its laws to change the current plans; \$15,000 grant from DCA received for use in preparing proposals for professionals to work on projects related to \$375,000 grant recently received Mr. Blumberg & Mr. Becker thanked Mr. Deaney for his comprehensive report on the Dunes Project

Ms. Taube: Beginning 9/28 the City Yard will be closing Sundays & recycling schedule back to every other week

**Public Participation:** John Sewell - construction of master jetty as a dunes alternative. Bill Potts – update on Ventnor Pump Station project (*moving forward slowly due to funding*). Leonard Grossman – Environmental Study ever prepared (*probably but cannot confirm*), explanation of differences between berm & dune (*Mr. Walberg provided*). Dan Gottlieb – Dunes questions – drainage (*Mr. Deaney: this must be resolved*), re-nourishment costs will be on city if no future funding available, Fishing Pier (*state has agreed to lengthen that area & pay for same*). Steve Altman – Dunes questions. Joan Naden – broke down actual vote from the November Referendum question. On motion by Ms. Taube this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes. On motion by Mr. Blumberg the meeting was adjourned with a vote of 3 ayes.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk