

September 19, 2013
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 and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, and Ms. Freed.

Discussions

Ms. McLaughlin: explained the Capital Ordinance Amendment on tonight's agenda (*Public Works Dept. is in need of a surf rake more than the scheduled dump truck with no change in dollar amount*)

Mr. Abbott: **Energy Aggregation** – Mr. Walberg recommended CUC with Margate acting as lead agency, Mr. Deane, agreed with CUC appointment but only with solicitor approval of form and content prior to any signing of documents & costs shared by all in cooperative - decision made to table resolutions #177 & #178 with Mr. Walberg to contact CUC and per Mr. Blumberg, city participation in this program is to be annually authorized by formal resolution of commissioners; extend contract of Steve Barse, Esq. to handle employee/employment matters and award contract to Vanessa James, Esq. to review employee manual/handbook and make recommendations – both contracts are for one year and not to exceed \$5,000; reviewed city map with easements needed at beachfront – recommended hiring professional for title search of all to be certain of ownership at an approximate cost of \$5,000 - \$10,000 (*Mr. Hiltner verified that this information is available to the public*)

Mr. Blumberg: **Adopt A Beach Program** – does not feel it should be arbitrarily abandoned and asked Mr. Becker and Ms. Taube their reasons to disband it (*Ms. Taube: program did not evolve the way it was planned & the \$15,000 budget was discussed with Mr. Deane & could possibly be used for lattice work on beach/ Mr. Becker: bring alternatives to the next meeting for further discussion*), also feels that since the program was commission approved then it should be commission disbanded; Mr. Blumberg willing to take on this program to make it successful again

Department Reports

Mr. Galantino: October is Flood Prevention Month & Proclamation will be read at the next commission meeting; presented the Updated Plan (*Flood Protection Plan*) Implementation to commissioners with it available to the public and the media – see following pages for complete report

Chief Wolfson: ready for FunFest next weekend

Chief Tabasso: Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12 – with many planned activities in schools and around town; this is the last weekend for guarded beaches

Mr. Walberg: updated projects; reviewed Resolutions #179 through 183; Road Program began with beach blocks

Ms. McLaughlin: Best Practices will be an item for discussion at October 3rd meeting as required by state; JIF retreat – October 9 & 10; annual flu shots available from County for employees (*approved*); provided year to date budget status; decrease in total beach badge revenue; overall 1% increase for pension payments next year; no information from State regarding health insurance open enrollment

Public Participation: John Sewell asked number of responses from beachfront homeowners regarding easements (*Mr. Abbott: none **granting** easement*) & suggested another series of letters be sent. Rachel Bogatin, 8 S. Brunswick Avenue offered her assistance to revitalize Adopt A Beach Program. On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion with a vote of three ayes.

Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, NJ
Attest:

Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk