August 1, 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 MUNICIPAL WEBSITE
AND BULLETIN BOARD
The work meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held 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. Deaney, Mr. Abbott, Chiefs
Wolfson and Tabasso, Ms. Larkin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Verna, Mr. Rubin, Mr.
Walberg, Mr. Ricciotti, and Mr. Rubin.
Department Reports:
Mr. Rubin: Explained Ordinance #17 needed to comply with recently promulgated FEMA maps
Mr. Deaney: Resolution tonight authorizing grant application for post-Sandy planning assistance
& one to follow next meeting awarding contract (*recommended Jim Rutala Associates*)
Mr. Abbott: Lengthy discussion re: DUNES project

- Prepared ordinance to allow participation in the project & resolution for both binding and
  non-binding referendum question (*each has a different submission date*)
- DEP & ACOE reps can attend a public meeting on 8/15 but not a Saturday meeting
- Project is 100% funded for initial phase (*sand, dune grass, fencing*)
- Unresolved issues remaining: fishing pier, outfall pipes costs, draining (*grey area*),
  walkways, easements needed from beachfront home owners (*State required prior to
  beginning work*)
- Money must be approved now for expenditures ("*subject to appropriation*")
- No agreement from State as yet – city requesting everything be in writing
- Margate Pier will need to be extended out ("*compensable loss*")
- Easement costs (*$500,000 in referendum question*): fishing pier should be handled
  directly with state not city; city only to consider nominal easement costs anything over
  should be handled by state (*taxpayers shouldn't be paying for these*); possible to order
  "action to compel" beachfront home owners to allow ACOE to work on beach; Osborne
  Avenue Beach Club will require an easement; Mr. Blumberg wants to change ordinance
  stipulating that nothing more than $500,000 will be spent since this figure is only an
  estimate; Mr. Becker – too many questions unanswered
- Referendum question: must inform residents of on-going costs & length of agreement;
  Mr. Blumberg suggested special election if necessary rather than be pressured into this
  without all the information needed to make the right decision for Margate & would
  support non-binding when all the questions answered to properly write a question; Mr.
  Becker favors non-binding especially since State not forthcoming with answers; Ms.
  Taube favors binding but will acquiesce to non-binding; Mr. Hiltner urged better wording
  of question since it appears misleading with the $500,000 reference & confusing to
  general population

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; Road Program to start September 16th; TMobile requested
permission to place temporary antenna on water tower (*approved since within the original
contract specs)*
Frank Ricciotti: Gazebo placed at Dog Park; helping with renovations of city buildings; on-going
beach work
Ms. McLaughlin: Updated JIF/FEMA reimbursements from Hurricane Sandy & suggested hiring
someone to act as liaison with state concerning these matter; additional funding available from
MEL for damaged outside space (*benches, playgrounds, etc.);* CRS rating now 5 which allows
25% flood insurance discount for residents
Mr. Abbott: Filed petition opposing COMCAST moving its downbeach office
Mr. Hiltner: Water/Sewer disconnect notices distributed for non-payment; concern about
pesticides used by landscaper (*complaints of dog owners of illness*) - log to be reviewed
Mr. Galantino: Further information on flood insurance rates (*non-primary homes to increase
20% in 2014, businesses to increase same in October & primary residents should remain same*);
$150,000 (*up to*) grants now available for home renovations needed from hurricane
Chief Wolfson: Philadelphia Highway Patrol requesting Thrill Show on August 24th (*approved*);
undercover/ plain clothes operation on Wednesday - quality of life issues (*20 summonses issued*)
Public Participation:
Fred Weinstein – city should explore "master insurance policy" with other towns (*Brigantine,
AC, Longport, etc*) to insure fixed annual cost and possible lower rates
Ed Berger – analyze true value of DUNES to the city before embarking on the project
Steve Altman – city should allow beach block parking during summer if DUNES are created
since tax payer money primarily aiding beach block homeowners

Ann Pancoast – questioned length of time getting DUNES project to the public (*city asking questions before signing any agreement*)

John Sewell – avoid open-ended contract re: DUNES – get all the facts in writing & get quick responses re: easements before proceeding

Dan Gottlieb – read a written statement; forming Margate Citizens for Beach Preservation to present opposing opinions to ACOE & asked for equal time at the next scheduled meeting with the ACOE (*Mr. Becker will ask ACOE*)

Leonard Grossman – questioned if DUNES will help since Margate has irregular beach line (*question for ACOE*)

Sharon Simon – city should advise ACOE that another group will be speaking at the proposed DUNES meeting not asking permission; questioned cost to city to build its own dunes

Arthur Selnick – opposed to DUNES

Steve Woerner – questioned consequences to opting out of DUNES project

Bill Potts – will the DUNES benefit the CRS initiatives (*no per Mr. Galantino*)

Mark Rubin – requested new location for the lifeguard dock box as shed @ Osborne Avenue nuisance & safety issue (*Mr. Ricciotti: should be remedied within next 2 weeks*)

Larry Segal – problems with exiting Benson Avenue into Atlantic Avenue with illegally parked vehicles especially at Ventura's Restaurant (*Chief Wolfson to look into*)

On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

On motion the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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

Attest: _____ Thomas D. Hiltner, RMC, City Clerk