

June 20, 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 BULLETIN BOARD AND THE CITY WEBSITE

A work meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Becker at 4:00 p.m. on the above date and began with a flag salute and roll call by Mr. Hiltner: Mr. Becker and Ms. Taube were present, Mr. Blumberg was absent. The following department heads were present: Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Chief Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Rubin.

Discussions

FEMA Flood Maps: Mr. Galantino advised the commissioners that V zones have been reduced to A zones with elevations lowered & pilings will not be required for new building. Mr. Rubin further explained that the Planning Board scheduled a special meeting on July 23rd to introduce an amended ordinance to reflect the above noted changes – this will be forwarded to commissioners upon its adoption (*Stewart Wiseman is already assisting with this action*), the new requirements officially went into effect on Monday & permits will be issued accordingly. Mr. Abbott also explained that the cooperative work between Margate, Ventnor, and Longport on this matter greatly influenced the final outcome and thanks to all involved.

Capital Ordinances: Ms. McLaughlin explained the 2 capital ordinances on tonight's agenda and how it affects the city's \$3.5 million capital budget (*due to FEMA refunding of storm related expenditures and insurance payments – the city is within the \$3.5 million*)

Dog Park: Mr. Becker advised City of Ventnor is requesting use of the park (*under review*)

Recycling Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Adler explained particulars, fines, and licensing

Department Reports:

Mr. Walberg: Update: emergency stair repairs, bulkheads – all completed except for Kenyon Avenue, beach vehicle ramps (*PW completing as contractor unavailable & Lucy ramp needs to be replaced after summer*); evaluating former City Hall for FEMA grants (*HazMitigation and code compliance issues*); preparing cell tower bids (*authorization needed to move forward – minimum bid \$30,000*); FEMA phone #877-287-9804 for flood assistance

Chief Tabasso: Fire Dept. night - Library 6/26 @ 6:00 p.m.; 4th of July fireworks all set for barge & no beach closing necessary

Mr. Ricciotti: Portable bathrooms located at Rumson, Madison, and Brunswick Avenues; Well #5 generator repaired and back on line; LG HQ repairs completed; 2 water main breaks on same street this week – reviewing for future repair work

Ms. McLaughlin: JIF update; July 3rd auditors present 2012 Audit; FEMA exit conference- all but approximately \$200,000 to be reimbursed for Sandy expenditures (*includes \$500,000 from insurance*)

Mr. Deane: Updated MCEA contract terms (*recommended approval tonight*)

Mr. Hiltner: Met with Action Janitorial & Mr. Ricciotti re: citywide landscaping & problems with level of service – letter sent to memorialize meeting & put them on notice; summary of liquor licensing

Mr. Galantino: Table & chair ordinance now in effect

Ms. Larkin: Credit card payments now in effect in Longport - this will help realize revenue; part-time employee begins Monday

Ms. Taube: Best of the Press contest – vote Margate

Mr. Becker: Meeting set for June 25th with Ventnor, MUA, and Atlantic County to resume discussions to reactivate Ventnor Pump Station which should help alleviate the flooding from Granville to Ventnor Avenues; grant money applied for with this project; Mr. Walberg sent LOI for Haz -Mitigation Grant for full cost of reactivation (*Ms. Taube has a folder on this project and will make it available*); committee appointed to address school problems (*Margate Education Foundation*)

Public Participation: John Sewell spoke on declining school population & possible school closing. Sharon Simon suggested school board should be innovative and proactive & find ways to expand programs and addressed city procedure regarding late submissions of items to be read into the record. Steve Woerner thanked everyone for good employee contracts. On motion by Ms. Taube and a vote of two ayes this portion was closed. On motion by Ms. Taube the meeting was adjourned on a vote of two ayes.

Mr. Becker
Attest:

Ms. Taube

Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk