

April 18, 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 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Board of Commissioners held its work session on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Ms. Taube, Mr. Blumberg were present. Mr. Abbott was absent. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deaney, Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson, Mr. Rubin, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Verna, Mr. Galantino, Ms. Freed and Ms. Larkin.

Department Reports

Mr. Hiltner: May 24th @ 11 am set for the Auction for Municipal Parking Lot spaces; water & sewer bills will be sent out last week in April; additional dates for bar b q on the beach – commissioners agreed upon September 1st & 2nd (Labor Day) and July 4th & 7th; award of contract for city-wide landscaping on tonight's Agenda (work to begin on Monday)

Mr. Deaney: Suggested using JPM to hire a part-time CFO (Mr. Blumberg asked that several names be submitted so he may interview prior to the selection); Ventnor City Registrar (Janice Callahan) to be contracted as Margate registrar for \$5,000 until a Margate employee gets certified as same; proposed hiring James Rutala Associates to obtain grant money for Amherst Avenue flood mitigation (proposal forwarded to solicitor for review and recommendation & commissioners agreed)

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; TCO for Fire Station #1 issued ;Verizon requested adding a dish to Gladstone Avenue tank & asked for a decision by May 31st; beach stair replacement on tonight's agenda & beach stair repair at a cost of \$19,895 will also be added; Atlantic Electric rewiring along beach; lights at Kenyon & Lancaster Aves removed but will be replaced by Atlantic Electric; discussion re: new relaxed permitting by DEP

Mr. Galantino: Requested permanent ordinance allowing tables and chairs on sidewalks; city vehicles are now parking on Monmouth Avenue on weekends; docks on Jerome Avenue in poor condition – ownership being reviewed

Mr. Ricciotti: Cleaning up parking lot (Fire Station #1) & city landscaping; both street sweepers back on the street; all beach handicap accesses open; working on lifeguard HQ – wiring next

Chief Tabasso: Rabies Clinic on Saturday; moving back into Station #1 next week

Mr. Rubin: Annual City-wide yard sale – May 11th

Chief Wolfson: May 1st all traffic lights will be returned to normal; new golf cart arrived

Ms. Taube: Asked to donate some city-owned playground equipment to Atlantic Christian Day School (Mr. Blumberg: not legal to do so); spoke in favor of building dunes; updating employee manual re: drug testing program, defining BA duties, nepotism policy, allowing only 1 job per city employee (if holding several they will be combined and compensated accordingly), opposed to employees holding jobs with other municipalities

Mr. Blumberg: Expressed concern as to Ms. Taube's comments – legalities involved

Mr. Becker: New businesses and many new homes in the city

Public Participation: Ed Berger asked for update on Amherst Avenue bulkhead problem. Steve Altman suggested a “no wake” zone on streets during storms. Mr. Miskalski opposed to new 1-hour parking in front of new City Hall and employee parking on Winchester Avenue. Steve Woerner asked when employees would be moving back to former locations. At this point there was a lengthy explanation that no one will be moving out of UAS & emergency management and possibly other offices will be added to the second floor. Anne Pancoast & Art Cautilli spoke against staying in UAS. John Sewell talked about closing Ross School & possibly moving all city offices to that location; eliminating the Supt. of Schools for a Principal/Administrator position.

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

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

____ Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk