

March 7, 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 ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

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

**Discussion** per Mr. Becker regarding uses of City-owned facilities:

General consensus is that UAS is working well as the main location for city departments

Mr. Walberg: UAS mechanical systems need updating; Historical Society would work well on the second floor – help with visitorship and would eliminate flooding concerns; City Hall elevator needs retrofitting and mitigation; City Hall Building 1<sup>st</sup> floor could house judge's chamber, interview room, handicap bathrooms, caucus room – with all of this there won't be much more space to use (*Ms. Larkin: all items grandfathered in for court will now have to be included i.e. security system, etc. thus taking up even more space*); estimated 28 parking spaces available in UAS playground area while retaining play area

Mr. Verna: Working on uses for buildings & will put in writing for everyone's review; generator must be addressed; use City Hall for court and Historical Society; UAS great potential for records storage on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, OEM, command center in emergencies

Chief Tabasso: Fire Dept. has asked to use 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall and a small space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor since the renovations did not include extra space; serious issues with power and heating of Fire Station #2 need to be addressed – Mr. Walberg seeking grant money to purchase new generator to service entire UAS with estimated cost of \$500,000 – UAS will become a shelter and emergency management headquarters during emergencies

Mr. Becker: Historical Society should work well in UAS due to extended hours, etc.

Mr. Deaney: Jim Cahill, Library Director expressed interest in using some space in UAS 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as office, storage, and possible classroom; Historical Society is officially part of the Library & Mr. Deaney has asked Mr. Cahill for input in writing; Recreation Dept. is interested in moving into UAS; small window of opportunity to get FEMA money to restore Historical Society in another location if Washington Avenue site demolished since FEMA approved of demolition

Ms. Taube: Working with a committee on facility usage and will bring Mr. Verna in with his plans

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Galantino: \$48,000 fees collected last month; meeting with Dr. Farrell next Thursday in Ventnor regarding flood maps

Chief Wolfson: AC Electric working on Margate Bridge Road electric poles tonight

Mr. Ricciotti: Remediation in Public Works, carpenter shop, and mechanic garage; working to restore Pavilion playground and bocce courts; sweeper back out on streets; DEP survey boat checking for debris in lagoons and back bay areas along the entire coast and will present each municipality with the findings

Chief Tabasso: Reminder to change smoke detector batteries on Sunday when changing clocks

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; 2 rooms in UAS needing remediation – contracts signed and pre-con meeting will be scheduled; from Mr. Blumberg: bulkhead height survey should be completed by end of next week & will be sent to Dr. Farrell for mapping

Mr. Deaney: Operating Budget will be available after tonight's introduction – budget increases mostly due to Hurricane Sandy but no increase in taxes on local level (unless changes in assessments); Standard & Poor's (AA-) rating did not change from last year & no change is expected within the next 2 years – bond refinancing saved approximately \$430,000; summer basketball camp RFP award will be made tonight (\$3,100 to city); lifeguard contract settled

Mr. Abbott: Working on flood ordinance – state has sent a model but city trying to get a consensus with Longport and Ventnor and also hoping to have V zone removed or at least reduced; continuing discussions with homeowner regarding land exchange/new street end at Rumson Avenue and the beach

Mr. Blumberg: Thanks to all for good budget & AC Electric for cooperation & assistance with yesterday's power outage; requested Mr. Walberg prepare estimate for fencing at UAS parking/playground area (commissioners agreed)

Ms. Taube: Thanks to all for work on budget, Public Works Dept. for preparedness of recent storm, Ms. McLaughlin for all FEMA work; "Don't Feed the Seagulls" brochure created by school children will be distributed with beach badges; July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display will be sea-based rather than land-based this summer

Mr. Becker: AC Electric great job contacting and communicating with city on the recent outages – Marven Gardens substation to be replaced which should make a big difference in frequency of outages; thanks to all for work on budget

Public Participation: John Sewell questioned government process. Sharon Simon: UAS discussions should have started upon closing of the school rather than at this point; possible rentable income in the school; suggested work session time 4-5:30 p.m. with Regular meeting following. Steve Altman commented on need for central phone number for AC Electric inquiries as to possible length of time of power outages; unified fire station in the future  
On motion by Mr. Blumberg this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.  
On motion by Ms. Taube the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.