

February 7, 2013  
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND WEBSITE

The work session of the Board of Commissioners was called to order on the above date by Mr. Becker. After the flag salute a roll call was taken: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube. Also present were: Mr. Abbott, Mr. Deaney, Mr. Rubin, Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson, Ms. Larkin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Galantino, Ms. Freed, Mr. Verna.

**Joel Fleishman, Esq.**, city bond counsel explained the refinancing and the two resolutions on tonight's agenda for same. The city should realize a savings of \$500,000 net as a result of the refinancing & that should this not to go forth no fees will be charged until deal is completed. Ed Berger, MBA president explained his proposal which is to be voted on tonight – no marketing involved with this contract, a September 11<sup>th</sup> tribute is planned, and “Celebrate Margate” is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Mr. Helfant**, SLC (Save Lucy Committee) requested approval to apply for SBA loan to repair Lucy from hurricane damages with the amount lowered by the amount of insurance received (\$99,600 – 3% for 30 years – approximately \$428 per month) – approval given; in negotiations with Ventura's to operate the Lucy Snack Bar for 5 years with a 2 year option (reminder that any changes in management to Snack Bar must be legitimized by the city. **Mr. Abbott** discussed request from homeowner on S. Rumson Avenue re: land swap for bulkhead – Mr. Abbott to review further for next meeting. **Mr. Blumberg** proposed a resolution by the city opposing the proposed FEMA mapping & Mr. Abbott offered supporting information about the inconsistencies and deficiencies in the maps. For approximately \$9500 Stewart Farrell will prepare a true map for Atlantic County to bolster claims that these maps are incorrect – lengthy discussion ensued with Ms. Taube opposed to the idea of a resolution awarding Mr. Farrell this money without knowing what the other municipalities in Atlantic County will be paying, therefore this was tabled until next meeting. Mr. Blumberg expressed his opinion that this will be money well spent on behalf of the residents & the resolution could include language regarding “fair share” by all municipalities.

**Department Reports:**

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects, Station #1 working on punch list items, FEMA application for Hazard Mitigation Grant letter of intent sent, meeting on Monday with contractor re: emergency bulkhead repairs, handicapped access for bulkheads at Adams Avenue completed and Thurlow Avenue under construction

Mr. Deaney: Increase in ratables from last year; Registrar replacement needed (Mr. Hiltner suggested shared services with Longport since already in one of our agreements); updated contract negotiations; 2013 goals are to change salary structuring for employees (longer period to max salary) and offer more opportunities for present employees to earn higher income

Mr. Hiltner: Board of Education will charge city for its Black Seal employee but since requirement waived at Union Avenue as it is not being used as a school & heating season will be over soon – advised not to accept - city employee working towards getting this certification; requested approval to purchase vehicle for building department through state contract (\$24,000) from Warnock Fleet (approved); discussion of parking for UAS – opening up gate on Vendome Avenue and one on Union Avenue to have traffic flow through but keeping recreation area & continuing to allow parking for residents during storms (Mr. Blumberg wants to review a schematic before approval)

Mr. Rubin: Hazard Mitigation list has grown to over 1300 names with more coming in (Mr. Walberg to contact county for approval to amend original list)

Ms. Larkin: All freeze-dried records returned today

Chief Wolfson: Attended Tuesday meeting re: closing of Longport Bridge (outcome – one lane of traffic will remain open during construction)

Ms. Taube: requested 15 minute parking outside UAS on Winchester Avenue & forming a committee to review making UAS permanent home to city offices.

**Public:** Steve Altman-look into raising height of bulkhead at bay. Sharon Simon - \$9500 well spent for Dr. Farrell; requested March meeting to discuss debt. John Sewell – city should purchase Margate Bridge. This portion was closed on motion with a vote of three ayes. On motion the meeting was closed with a vote of three ayes.

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

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Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk