

October 17, 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 AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mr. Becker & Mr. Blumberg were present. Ms. Taube was absent. The following department heads were present: Mr. Deane, Mr. Abbott, Chief Tabasso, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Larkin, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Galantino, Mr. Rubin, & Mr. Ricciotti.

#### **Discussions**

An item to discuss the questions posed by the *Margate Citizens Questioning the Beach Project* re: ACOE Dunes Project was not addressed due to the Governor's statement on this matter today.

**Mr. Deane** recommended adoption of agreements for (1) Management/Professional employees (*less vacation days for some, cap on longevity for new management employees*) and (2) Non-Management/Non-organized employees (*should be included in MCEA contract but will match the terms of that contract*) which are both on tonight's agenda; part-time personnel contract should be completed by year's end (*Mr. Becker extended thanks to Mr. Deane*)

**Mr. Abbott:** a revised lease with Little League has been agreed upon by all parties & will be sent to Green Acres Division for approval (*new lease is less than 25 years, the field is not for LL exclusive use*)- Mr. Gallagher, representing LL, thanked city officials for cooperative spirit in resolving this matter & tried to clear up some misconceptions which have appeared in the local newspaper regarding the League and the batting cage facility (built with money raised by LL)

#### **Department Reports**

Mr. Galantino: Complaints from residents regarding high premiums for flood insurance –Mr. Galantino offered to assist in seeking relief

Chief Tabasso: All went well with Fire Prevention Week scheduled programs

Mr. Walberg: Bid opening November 14<sup>th</sup> for Gladstone Avenue Well Painting & pre-con meeting scheduled with school officials & bidders; 10 years old emergency generator at Police Dept. failed & recommendation made to declare emergency to purchase new one (*Mr. Hiltner suggested doing that tonight and then get funding information from CFO & BA & quotes for the purchase*); Benson Avenue Water Tower paint failing & contractor notified; bulkhead repairs punch list; beach stairs replacement complete except for Kenyon Avenue; 2012 Road Program ongoing with Douglas & Essex Avenues beach blocks having work done

Ms. McLaughlin: Beach badge inventory completed yesterday by auditors; year to date payments from FEMA, JIF, & insurance for Hurricane Sandy losses/work provided (*State rep helping with the reimbursement process*)

Mr. Ricciotti: Recent paper shredding event - much more than last year; Clean Ocean Action Saturday at Granville Avenue 8:30 a.m.; winterizing irrigations systems and trucks; considerable beach erosion from recent storm

Mr. Deane: Money for emergency purchase of generator can be found in other ordinances rather than enact a new ordinance; DEP requested dates for meeting to discuss DUNES

Mr. Abbott: Recommended going forward with Rumson Avenue & the beach home owner to allow purchase of 7 ½' piece of city owned land for bulkhead & street end replacement (*approved by commissioners & Mr. Abbott to draft ordinance*)

Mr. Hiltner: Added assessment bills sent out & continued ratable growth shown in the city; award of lease to Verizon on tonight's agenda since original bid rejection was immaterial deficiency & did not impact outcome of bid (*Mr. Abbott & Mr. Walberg concurred that it was only a paperwork issue*)

Mr. Blumberg: Commented on Governor's executive order regarding referendum question on November ballot; asked that Planning Board review Holy Trinity Parish request for zoning change of its property & then make recommendation to commissioners (*Mr. Becker agreed and item will be placed on tonight's agenda*)

**Public Participation:** John Sewell: city should stand up to Governor on DUNES issue & join any legal challenge made. Sharon Simon asked that Ms. Taube set up meeting in conjunction with citizens group opposed to DUNES project rather than schedule a separate meeting the night before (*neither Mr. Becker nor Mr. Blumberg were aware of any confirmed meeting made by Ms. Taube*). Anne Pancoast asked for explanation of damaged bulkheads (*Mr. Walberg provided*). Steve Woerner expressed the opinion that the DUNES project will be enacted and the referendum vote has no meaning (*Mr. Blumberg disputed this opinion*)

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of two ayes.

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Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, NJ

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Hiltner, City Clerk