

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

JUNE 7, 2018

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

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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: Mayor Michael Becker, Commissioner John Amodeo and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Rich Deaney, Chief David Wolfson, Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

Acknowledgement and Presentations:

Presentation of The O’Hara-McCormick Memorial Scholarship:

Firefighter Brian Duffey awarded the Margate FMBA Mutual Benevolent Association Local 41 O’Hara-McCormick Memorial Scholarship to six outstanding high school students who will be attending Higher Education Institutions; the recipients were Katia Naame, Olivia Marrone, Christopher Bradley, Elizabeth Gitto, Rachel Olivo and Giuliana Leotta.

Proclamation: Robert Hiltner:

The Board of Commissioners presented and read into record a Municipal Proclamation to commend and congratulate Robert Hiltner, upon his retirement from the City of Margate Public Works Department, thanked him for his years of public service to the City of Margate City and in his honor, proclaimed Thursday, June 7, 2018, Yogi Hiltner Day.

Best wishes on his retirement with tremendous thanks from the Board of Commissioners, staff and citizens of the City of Margate.

Presentation: JIF (Joint Insurance Funds) Report:

Dave Miller and Paul Miola spoke on JIF’s Wellness Program and the MEL Cyber Risk Management Program established to protect the city’s interest in cyber threats, they are currently working with Fred Verna to make sure that they are in compliance. The MEL is offering a deductible reimbursement program to incentivize members’ investments in the cybersecurity standards detailed in the guide. The current program deductible is \$10,000 per claim. The reimbursement is based on the tier of minimum technology standards.

Department Reports:

Mr. McLarnon: McLarnon reported that all is well in The Planning and Zoning Department. He also stated that there should be a minor change in the Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance #11-2018; the year listed for the FIRM Maps should be 2018, not 2019.

Mr. Galantino: Mr. Galantino reported that the Building Department has been trying to keep a lot of the job site areas cleaned up and their grass cut. He also reported that Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Schwartz, transitioned to the Police Department and that code enforcement calls are now also being answered by the Police Department. Mr. Galantino also shared that he attended a Coastal Coalition meeting today. Commissioner Blumberg asked Mr. Galantino to confirm the date that dumpsters need to be off the streets for the season, to which he responded that dumpsters should be off the streets the Friday before Memorial Day every year.

Mr. Ricciotti: Mr. Ricciotti reported that the Public Works Department has been very busy on the beach. The beach maintenance has grown tremendously and they have been able to keep up. He also shared that a local resident offered to donate LED lighting for all of the city’s fountains located in the parkway and asked for The Board’s permission to contact the resident to discuss further.

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Abbott shared his support of the introduction of Ordinance #13-2018, which will amend chapter 242, to permit wireless communications facilities in the public rights-of way and where permitted by easement, scheduled to be considered for introduction today. He also shared with The Board that there is an important meeting scheduled on June 15, 2018, with the NJ DEP and the US Army Corps to discuss future plans which will include permits for 5 locations, hydraulic pumps, pipes and Shelter Island.

Chief Adams: Chief Adams reported that the Fire Department is in preparation for the upcoming season and have been in constant communication with Chief Smallwood regarding several factors; the most precedent one is asking for the public's help in staying off the city's pipe structures and not climbing on them. He also asked the public to please make sure that they maintain at least a 48 inch clearance around any combustible materials when operating their BBQ grills.

Ms. McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin followed up on the JIF presentation and reported that the City of Margate's renewal date would be January, 2019, for a period of three years, and added that a resolution should be placed on the next agenda for The Board's approval. Ms. McLaughlin also reported that she and Rich met with the auditors for the exit conference of the 2017 audit report and that the report should be presented to The Board on June 21. In addition, Ms. McLaughlin expressed her concerns about the 2018 Ice Cream Vending License that was awarded to Paul Van DeRijn, and the outstanding balance due. She has contacted the vendor and no payment has been made to date, payment in the amount of \$34,000 was due in April. Mr. Deaney went over the contract agreement and considered that if the vendor does not pay in the next 48 hours, the vendor is declared to be in default. Mr. Abbott agreed with Mr. Deaney and per the Board's instructions, Mr. Abbott will be sending out a default letter tomorrow. Mr. Deaney asked The Board for authorization to re-advertise for an open ice cream license bid; authorization to re-advertise was granted.

Chief Wolfson: Chief Wolfson reported that all is well in the Police Department.

Rich Deaney: Mr. Deaney had nothing to report.

Commissioner Amodeo: Commissioner Amodeo had nothing to report.

Commissioner Blumberg: Commissioner Blumberg had nothing to report.

Mayor Becker: Mayor Becker had nothing to report.

Ms. Casey: Ms. Casey reported that the Clerk's Office is busy with liquor licenses renewals and hopes that she is able to get everything in by the next meeting. There are a few outstanding licenses that expire on July 1st.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Drive: Mr. Sewell followed up on the dunes remarks from earlier and expressed his opposition to the dunes.

Martin Mantell: 126-B N. Jefferson Avenue: Mr. Mantell shared his concerns about the lack of railings at the Jefferson Avenue Beach entrance. The Commissioners explained to Mr. Mantell that there will be Mobi-Mats installed at every beach until the project is complete, and shared with him details about the trial run program that the city has implemented this summer, which involves passengers ATV that will be available to pick-up and drop-off disabled individuals or any individual that has difficulty going over the crossovers to gain access to the beach.

Dr. Donald Krachman: 7603 Atlantic Avenue: Dr. Krachman asked for clarification regarding how far the Mobi-Mats will extend going over the dunes to the beach. Commissioner Amodeo gave Dr. Krachman a detailed explanation of the long term outcome of the Army Corps project and asked for his patience on the ongoing project.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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

Mayor, Michael Becker

Commissioner John F. Amodeo

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: _____
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk