

**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING  
CITY OF MARGATE**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

**Call Meeting to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

**Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Johanna Casey, City Clerk:** Reads the statement of compliance, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

**Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:**

Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Horn were present, and Mayor Collins was present via telephone. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Pat Power, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino, Ed Dennis, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, and Johanna Casey were also present.

**Engineer's Report:**

**Ed Dennis:** The bathymetric survey for the Citywide Dredging Project is to be scheduled for the beginning of March 2024. The proposal by Stockton Coastal Research Center to address comments made by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection was accepted during the commission meeting of February 1, 2024. Since the FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project is part to this year's capital funding, a resolution to accept bids will be put on the commission meeting agenda of February 15, 2024. The 2023 Road Program is in the engineering phase, and a bid opening will be scheduled this year. Field survey work has been completed and a structural evaluation of the underground vault is to be done for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project. Nothing to report on the Library Park evaluation, but have met with Margate City Library representatives to discuss their wish list of projects. The Flood Warning and Response Plan is ongoing. The engineering process for the NJ Department of Environmental I-Bank Assistance -Lead Service Line Replacement Program can be started.

**Chief Hankinson:** Gives an update on the Atlantic Avenue Alternate Traffic Timing.

**Ed Dennis:** State regulations are requiring the City's stormwater ordinances to be amended. Moving off the pending grant application list and into the engineering phase are the FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation Set-Aside - Washington Avenue Streetscape Improvements project, the FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation – Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue Safe Streets to Transit project, the FY2022 CDBG Sumner Avenue Street End ADA Access project and the FY2023 CDBG Benson Avenue Street End ADA Access project. Speaks on the pending capital projects list and the open maintenance bond list. Two new projects have been added to the projects in closeout list. The Municipal Building Interior Renovations project is one of the projects that was moved to the projects in closeout list. The Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 is substantially completed. The netting for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project was delivered. Work on the Flood Proofing of Fire Station No. 1 and Historic City Hall is to start work next week. Work on the FY2022 State Aid -Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue continues.



**Department Head Reports:**

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on a public hearing required by Green Acres regarding an owner of a property on the beach end of Osborne Avenue wishing to purchase from the City beach property.

**Johanna Casey:** Inquires about all the City beach properties from Osborne Avenue to Quincy Avenue having the potential to be on the Green Acres list.

**Scott Abbott:** Recommends including all the City owned beach properties in the public hearing required by Green Acres. States reasons why to include these City beach properties in public hearing. Inquires if the state has sent a model of how the stormwater ordinances should be amended for updates required by the state. Speaks on the library having a responsibility to assist in covering the costs associated with library park improvements.

**Ed Dennis:** Will get the state's draft for stormwater ordinance amendments to Scott Abbott.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** States the Mayor has a meeting scheduled with the Margate Library Director to discuss working out a mutual funding agreement to cover costs of library park improvements. Speaks on the increasing costs to maintaining the library.

**Pat Power:** An additional 1800 meters to need to be replaced before the Water Meter Replacement Program can be completed. This should take about two months weather permitting.

**Jim Galantino:** Applauds Chief Hankinson for bringing back the final radio call for retiring officers.

**Roger McLarnon:** Important projects were approved at the January 25, 2024 Margate City Planning Board meeting. Temporary outdoor dining applications are being accepted by the City. Recommends scheduling a public hearing to explain the Washington Avenue Streetscapes project and the Citywide Dredging project.

**Chief Hankinson:** Alex Mann, Autism Advocate, spoke to police department personnel to give insight into dealing with people who have various disabilities.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on a company contracted by the City to take an inventory of City assets over \$500.00. John Voight in the finance department is assisting with the inventory project. Speaks on to Atlantic City Electric receiving the contracted for phase two of the replacing LED lighting throughout the City. Annual Debt statement is filed and uploaded on the City website. A draft of the Annual Financial statement is ready to be reviewed.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on Fred Feliciano, who recently retired from the police department. Speaks on the importance of calling 911, not the fire department's direct number.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to report.

**Public Comment:**

**Sheri Lilienfeld, 7809 Wellington Ave.:** Inquires about the stormwater ordinance coming down from the state.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on the state's regulations on storing salt.

**Kathy Heitzman, 22 South Adams Ave.:** Recommends the Margate Library use their own funds to cover costs of library park improvements.

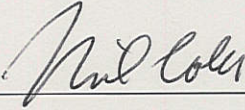
Seeing that there were no public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Blumberg, seconded by Commissioner Horn, with a vote of three ayes.




Adjournment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Horn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg, and seconded by Commissioner Horn, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

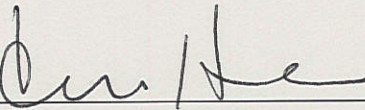
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

  
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Mayor Michael Collins

  
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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

  
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Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest:   
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Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

