

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

JUNE 21, 2018

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING 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: 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.

Department Reports:

Mr. Abbott: Mr. Abbott reported that they have reconstructed the bulkhead against Amherst Avenue. He thinks it is 175 feet. They have built it to meet the cities specifications and standards. It is at elevation 8 and it looks wonderful. We are obligated to move forward on the understandings that we had to arrange for parking. The bulkhead is brand new and hopefully will last a long time.

Mr. McLarnon: Mr. McLarnon reported that ordinance revising the house numbering and it makes our ordinance comply with the fire code.

Mr. Walberg: Mr. Walberg reported that the contract is complete for the street end storm drainage. Two out of the three streets still need steps put back, but there is access through the handicap openings. The tennis courts have all been recoated, so all six courts have a fresh coat on them. The color has been changed at the request of the recreation director. The transportation grant that we put in for the Ventnor/Washington Avenue intersection has been forwarded to the chief. Lifeguard headquarters is complete. They are currently working on Burke Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Mr. Deaney reported that Kelle Amodeo has revised the website. The Facebook page has also been updated. They both have gotten positive feedback and reviews.

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

Ms. McLaughlin: Ms. McLaughlin reported that there is a resolution to incorporate the 2018 Clean Communities Grant to the budget. The Atlantic County accepted their JIF. Everything is in good condition. Anticipation note is due on August 8th, the amount is 6,750,000.00. It was to fund various improvement authorizations for the school or the utility for the general capital.

Fire Department: Deputy Chief Winneberger reported that next Thursday, July 8th there is an open house at the library. Fire equipment will be on display. This is a fire prevention program for the children. It will be starting at 6:30. Friday, June 29th, the firehouse will be sponsoring a wellness day. It will begin around 9-9:30. The mammogram bus will be there. There will be skin cancer screenings. Shore Memorial is sending someone over to do health checks. It will be going till 3:30. There will be refreshments and donuts. 7311 will be sending healthy food. Bocca is donated \$200. There will be t-shirts that will be getting sold and the proceeds will be getting donated to an organization, which they have not decided yet.

Mr. Verna: Mr. Verna reported that the website was asked to be modified through the Commission. The website will change depending on what device you are trying to use. For example, if you are viewing on your phone, it will shrink itself down to the size of the phone screen. The design of the website was designed by Kelle with my guidance on how to upload. It has mega-menus now. We added popular pages. It keeps track of the pages which are hit most often, and those selections will go into popular pages. It does what it is supposed to do.

Ms. Casey: Liquor Licenses will be distributed by July 1st.

Public Participation:

Ed Burger: 9402 Amherst Avenue: Mr. Burger said the website looks great. Beachstock is on the 30th. It will be a little more spread out than it usually has due to the new beaches.

Ray Romito: 9408 Amherst Avenue: Mr. Romito loves the website, especially the FAQ's. he supports the idea of "All Call" He believes that more people will attend the events.

John Sewell: 22 West Drive: Mr. Sewell speaks about the Municipal surplus. He requests this Commission to seriously consider following and emulating the Brigantine commission which had three property tax cuts. He believes that the city has been chasing the senior citizens out of the city with the high property taxes. He shared that he thinks it is unnecessary to have two principals and one superintendent for the number of students.

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 4:50 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