

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY

JANUARY 3, 2019

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 were present and Commissioner Maury Blumberg was absent. The following department heads were also present: Chief Dan Adams, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Ed Walberg, Ed Dennis and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Items for Discussion:

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Gives a history of the changes to Amherst Avenue. An update to the Amherst Avenue bulkhead and promenade project is given. Speaks about tonight's agenda is a proposal by Author Ponzio Company regarding the promenade. Requests the dredge committee meeting to be held next week to discuss dredge holes.

Rich Deaney: Requests an update to dredging. Inquiring if a dredging project being done in Ocean City is in experimental stage.

Roger McLarnon: Ocean City project is currently under construction and give synopsis of this project

Scott Abbott: Anticipates progress in the dredging plan this year.

Jim Galantino: Since October 4, 2018 there have been 64 zoning applications, 66 new construction permits requests, 62 demolitions done and the city received a class 5. A letter from CRS should be received giving a 25% reduction in flood insurance. 4000 inspections done last year. Redoing of fee schedule being done.

Mayor Becker: Requests Jim to give an explanation of the CRS discount.

Jim Galantino: On individual homeowner insurance policies there is a premium line item for the Community Rating System's reduction on flood insurance. This year homeowners should see a reduction in flood insurance due to the city's class 5 rating

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains how recent improvements done in and by the city have improved the city's CRS rating. City will continue to make improvements to keep high rating.

Roger McLarnon: Requires base flood to plus 3 to maximize discounts from FEMA and CRS rating system.

Ed Walberg: All capital improvements goes into the CRS rating system. Army Corps no longer requesting to use Grandville and Douglas Avenues to allow vehicle beach access, so the money saved can now be used for increasing handicap beach access areas.

Commissioner Amodeo: Vehicle beach access will be a benefit to the public works department's collecting of beach trash. City now has ability to construct five more handicap beach access areas for a total of 27 handicap beach access areas.

Ed Walberg: State funding in place for two of these five handicap access areas.

Ed Dennis: Amherst Avenue project making progress. 2017 Atlantic Avenue project from Fredericksburg to Clermont in design and will go to bid in March. Safe Routes to School federal grant preliminary plans submitted to DOT for approval, and has a bid authorization deadline of February 15th. Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West survey done and base plans to be done by mid-month. GIS Mapping meeting held December 18th and will schedule a follow up meeting. There are some additional hazardous mitigation funds so looking into doing more projects at Fire House No.1. A list of open maintenance bonds is kept noting expiration dates.

Ed Walberg: Trying to get inspection of Historic City Hall done within this month before the bond expires.

Ed Dennis: Winchester Avenue contractor is to return on Monday to finish utility work, concrete to follow. Historic City Hall emergency generator housing is to be ready end of February. Reconstruction of Burke Avenue is moving along with concrete being done. Well #8 cleaning is complete. Water Tank painting to start in March. Curb and Gutter Program preconstruction meeting held today. Punch list updated and given to South Jersey Gas.

Ed Walberg: Spoke to Winchester Avenue contractor about displeasure with progress.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests an update to the Safe Routes to School Program.

Ed Walberg: Gave update to Safe Routes to School Program.

Rich Deaney: Questions if a change order has to be done regarding the paving added to the Burke Avenue Project. Requesting reevaluating the costs involved.

Ed Walberg: Yes it would require a change order. Suggestions as to other ways to rework the paving will be proposed.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the process and options for attaining a beach ice cream vendor. Recommending it go out to bid in March.

Mayor Becker: Good with this recommendation.

Commissioner Amodeo: Good with this recommendation

Johanna Casey: Rich covered all that needed to be discussed. All else is good.

Fred Verna: Everything is fine.

Chief Adams: In process of preparing the 2018 yearend report. Call volume up from 2017. Stresses residents to call 911 if they hear anything unusual and not to ignore.

Rich Deaney: States Margate was called in to assist in a recent fire in Ocean City.

Chief Adams: Speaks on mutual aid reciprocal agreements and guidelines with local municipalities.

Commissioner Amodeo: There are request from residents to donate benches with memorial plaques at the dune overpass. Recommending moving forward with these requests. Thanks the Margate Library and others who were involved with the New Year's Eve concert.

Mayor Becker: Agrees with moving forward with this. Nothing else to report.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Dr. Tax payers have the right to know how much will be covered for the dredge project through grants and tax payer dollars. Expresses concern over the increasing costs involved with the Little League parking lot paving.

Ray Rameto: 9408 Amherst Ave. Thanks the fire department for their recent response assisting a family member.

Mayor Becker: Thanks the fire department for their response to his need for transport.

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to close public portion. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting.

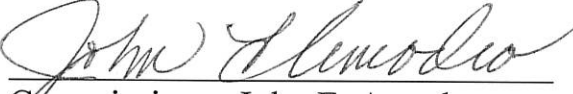
Adjournment:

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 Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:45 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