

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

**FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS AND THE STAR LEDGER 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 4:05 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 also present: Chief Dan Adams, Chief Dave Wolfson, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Chief Adams:** Gives the JIF loss control report. No definitive answer as to the problem of the protruding bolts.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Recommending bolts be cut and capped for safety.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquiring about a plastic coating being used to preserve bolts after being cut. Recommends contacting the JIF attorney to compose a letter to the Army Corps stating safety concerns if bolts protruding, and needing the Army Corps to find a solution.

**Chief Adams:** There is already rust on ground level uncut bolts. Will contact David DeWeese, JIF lawyer, about a letter.

**Rich Deaney:** Suggests getting together with Ed to compile information to present to the JIF attorney.

**Scott Abbott:** Makes a suggestion on what to do with the bolts.

**Chief Adams:** Will get together with Ed Dennis on proposing a letter to send to David DeWeese.

**Department Reports:**

**Chief Adams:** Recommending residents turn off water outside water to prevent pipes from bursting. Brought back 80 fire detectors from the “Save A Life” program he attended last week in Philadelphia.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Gives an overview of all the financial projects she has worked on since the beginning of the year. Explains the new law regarding increasing minimum wage.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Wolfson:** Nothing to report.

**Rich Deaney:** Master License Agreement with Verizon is complete. Discusses beach chair and umbrella rentals. He does not see the benefit in renting of chairs and umbrellas on the beach this upcoming season.

**Roger McLarnon:** Asking Chief Adams his thoughts on residential sprinklers. Residential sprinklers are not required by the state therefor we cannot require them.

**Chief Adams:** Give reasons why he is in favor of residential sprinklers. Suggests putting on the agenda to state the city’s recommendation of residents installing.

**Roger McLarnon:** Police Department roof meeting is next week. Updating the planning board application with Johanna Casey. Once completed it will be accessible on the city website.

**Scott Abbott:** Gives possible reasons it may not be passing.

**Jim Galantino:** State building officials have been trying to get residential sprinklers passed. Great attendance at today’s Coastal Coalition meeting hosted by Margate. 16 new zoning permits and 6 new houses.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Bayside Court and Seaside Court drains are working. No flooding in these gutters.

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**Rich Deaney:** Recommending a letter to the Interlude Homeowners Association stating what work was done to solve the drainage problem.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** The homeowners association in this area especially needs to be notified. Suggests the letter include asking these residents to assist in monitoring these drains.

**Mayor Becker:** supports doing this.

**Ed Dennis:** His office will compose a letter to attach stating the outcome and findings.

**Scott Abbott:** Master Agreement with Verizon will help in better service and support growth. Other cell services are now requesting the same type of agreement. Attended the coalition meeting too. Margate is a leader in getting our residents discounts on flood insurance costs due to the efforts of Jim Galantino. Ocean City was able to get the licensing of dredging material at the recent Tidelands Council meeting, paving the way for Margate to request the same.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Nothing else to report

**Fred Verna:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** The DEP is in communication with the Margate Pier to extend the pier by 125 feet. Should start October 2019 and be completed by March or April 2020. Part of pier will allow public access. Requesting discussion on the liability of public access on the pier. States how proud he is of the Margate City police department and fire department and their great training.

**Mayor Becker:** Nothing else to add.

### Public Participation:

**John Sewell:** 22 West Dr. Speaks on how Margate is running seniors out of Margate due to tax increases. It should have been common sense for the engineers to use a bolt that can withstand salt water. Requesting cost estimates be done now on the dredging project.

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

### Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

  
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Mayor, Michael Becker

  
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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

  
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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:   
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Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk