

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

**March 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 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mayor Michael Becker and Commissioner John Amodeo were present. Commissioner Maury Blumberg was absent. The following department heads were also present: Chief Dan Adams, Chief Dave Wolfson, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, and Johanna Casey. Ed Dennis, Ed Walberg, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Frank Ricciotti:** Gives update work begin done at Lucy the Elephant, the Tighe School and the dog park.

**Jim Galantino:** Updating building department's permits, inspection information and rental applications and requirements on the city website. Focusing on making sure construction sites are kept clean and safe.

**Roger McLarnon:** Planning board updating definitions in zoning ordinances. Next meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 Washington Avenue at 6:30pm.

**Ed Dennis:** States working on the beach thoroughfare dredging action plan. Still waiting to hear from NJDOT if awarding us the grant for Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection Streetscape Project. Needing to go out into the field to compile data to fill in information for the GIS mapping. Bidding for the Beach Bulkhead Access at Lancaster Avenue was done and contract awarded to KG Marine Contracting. Looking to get bid opening and awarding of contract done by April 4 for the 2019 Municipal Playground Upgrades. The Water System Asset Management Plan is being prepared. The Beach Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal has a deadline of May 2019.

**Mayor Becker:** Inquires as to when pickle ball courts will be done.

**Ed Dennis:** Explains what has to be done to complete the courts. Base paving on Winchester and Burk Avenues, with final paving to be done by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Still working with Atlantic City Electric, so Benson Avenue Water Tank Painting postponed till Fall 2019. The contractor for Curb and Gutter Project is working on multiple sites.

**Roger McLarnon:** Gives an update to the Bicycle Rack Program.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires as to seeing bicycle racks this summer.

**Ed Walberg:** States it depends on how long it takes the feds to authorize going to bid.

**Roger McLarnon:** Hopeful to see bike racks this summer.

**Ed Walberg:** States instillation of bike racks is easy, so possible to see this summer.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Requests Ed Dennis to give an update on Safe Routes to School Program.

**Ed Dennis:** Have not received federal authorization to go to bid yet, but did receive approval of the environmental. Amherst Avenue Bulkhead is making progress.

**Chief Wolfson:** Four new police cars are in service and six police cars were taken out of service. The future the plan is to also put out of service two utility trucks.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Working on reducing the number of vehicles to save on costs associated with keeping vehicles.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Gives a report on the tax office collection. Water and Sewer bills sent out, and rate remains the same. There is not a date yet for the state sending out Homestead Rebate applications. Budget is being introduced tonight. Municipal tax rate going down. City surplus is strong so helping to stabilize the budget.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on the Margate City "Operation 6 Save a Life" program and providing smoke detectors through Atlantic County and Atlantic City Electric. Stresses the importance of home owners have carbon monoxide detectors.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to report.

**Fred Verna:** All good.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Gives an update to the Lamberti bulkhead replacement. Now accepting applications for the beach bench program.

**Mayor Becker:** A resident asked him to put before the commission the consideration of having an earlier start date to requiring beach badges starting earlier.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires as to what is the start date the resident is requesting.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Clarifies current beach tag protocol.

**Mayor Becker:** Need to consider if this would drive people away.

**Public Participation:**

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 public comment, with a vote of two ayes.

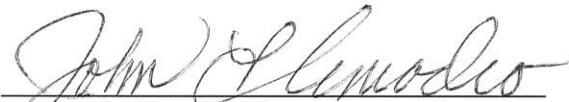
**Adjournment:**

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 vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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



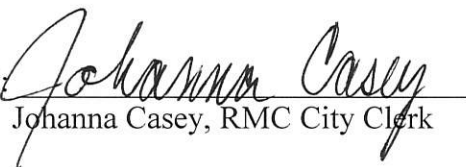
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:   
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk