

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

MARCH 21, 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: Dawn Marie Bascelli, Chief Dan Adams, Captain Matt Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Items for Discussion:

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the Baycrest Court Street Moratorium. Requesting a permit be granted to the gas company to open up the street for milling and paving.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to how many residents will be effected and when is gas company looking to do this work.

Roger McLarnon: Three openings are to be done on the court, and 10 behind the curb, which will not affect the street. Gas Company is requesting sooner than later.

Commissioner Amodeo: Clarifies with Roger that street will be repaved curb to curb.

Commissioner Blumberg: Desires to minimize the disruption of residents.

Roger McLarnon: Suggests having the gas company patch before summer then have the gas company return after the summer to pave.

Mayor Becker: Asks for an update on the bike rack grant.

Roger McLarnon: Under review by the feds. Tentative start date in August. Once we get the money racks can be done quickly.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Roger explain the time frame of this grant:

Roger McLarnon: Explains what has been done over the past two years regarding the bike rack grant. 133 racks were requested.

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Gives a report on the T-Mobile request to update equipment. Not asking to modify lease.

Roger McLarnon: T-Mobile wants to swap out antennas and provide a generator. Need a zoning consent.

Scott Abbott: Edward Silverstein is going to donate lots, which are deemed wetlands, to the city. Resident Doug Pierce has requested a license agreement between himself and the city so he may put up a fence in an area adjoining city property.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requesting to see a blue print and visit the area before agree to this agreement.

Scott Abbott: Gives an update on The Two Daughter litigation. Goes over current work being done on Amherst Avenue.

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Frank Ricciotti: Brooms for track loaders were delivered this week. Fire Hydrant flushing is scheduled from April 1st through April 5th. A meeting with school representatives was held this week to plan the “Storm Water Project”, which would allow students to paint storm water drains.

Roger McLarnon: Wawa is submitting renderings of ways make the Ventnor Avenue entrance/exit safer. The next planning and zoning board meeting will be held next Thursday.

Ed Dennis: Nothing to add.

Rich Deaney: An auction for beach ice cream vending was held, but no bidders. Asking if the Commission would like to ask for bids or negotiate contracts for the ice cream vending.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if city has to accept the lowest bid or can city reject.

Roger McLarnon: When a bid goes out a minimum bid is stated.

Rich Deaney: Favors a written bid.

Mayor Becker: Suggest we go with the written bid.

Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: Okay with this.

Captain Hankinson: Recertification of the police department is on March 28, 2019.

Johanna Casey: Gives an update on the municipal election.

Chief Adams: SCBA update given.

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains the bench program and the plan to handle multiple requests for street location.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if possible to offer the purchasing of multiple plaques per bench.

Mayor Becker: States how it was decided to only allow one plaque per bench.

Commissioner Amodeo: Many benches already purchased. The problem is multiple requests for the same street location of benches.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks the captain for the updates he gave.

Dawn Marie Bascelli: Gives a report on information collected regarding offering trolley service during the summer season.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about trolley service offered in Ocean City.

Roger McLarnon: The one year they did not have it, it was not good.

Rich Deaney: Cautions not to make decisions based on Ocean City because is a different community from Margate's. Plus the trolley only runs on one street to bring people from one end of the island to the other end.

Dawn Marie Bascelli: More information is expected from the trolley company.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if the trolley company is flexible with scheduling and streets to be traveled.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Dawn speak to the Margate Business Association for feedback. Recommends looking into business's purchasing advertisements on the trolley to offset the cost of running the trolley.

Dawn Marie Bascelli: The cost of running the trolley varies according to number of days the city chooses to run the trolley. Has reached out to other municipalities to get feedback. Has already reached out to the trolley company to get advertising information.

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Commissioner Blumberg: Requesting to clarify if charging fares could offset the city's cost to run the trolley.

Dawn Marie Bascelli: There is a calculation adjustment if fares are charged.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Dr. Suggests having the Margate Business Association cover the cost of offering trolley services. Trolley services must be self-sustaining. Recommends bringing back the jitney people.

Marc Aulch: 20 S. Decatur Ave. Requests to speak about last commission meeting's Memorial Day discussion.

Mayor Becker: Explains that this subject needs to be brought up during the public comment portion of the regular meeting.

Steve Warner: 103 N. Sumner Ave. Asking for clarification of the cost and the location of the benches on the street and beaches.

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains where benches are to be placed, how they will be installed and the costs involved.

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 Commissioner Blumberg 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 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