

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

APRIL 4, 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; Commissioner John Amodeo and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were also present: Chief David Wolfson, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Deputy Chief Scott Winnerberger, Lisa McLaughlin and Johanna Casey. Ed Walberg, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Presentation:

Mayor Becker presents Ed Walberg with a proclamation for his 25 years of service as Margate City's Engineer.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on how Ed Walberg has left a great mark on Margate City and a pleasure to work with him over the years.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on Ed Walberg's great knowledge of engineering and his dedicated service to Margate City.

Items for Discussion:

Roger McLarnon: Recommending the City grant approval for Verizon to swap out modules on water towers.

Commissioner Amodeo, Commissioner Blumberg and Mayor Becker: Approve.

Ed Walberg: Says a few words about his time working for Margate City. Thanks everyone.

Rich Deaney: By motion it will allow the mayor to send a letter to Verizon stating approval.

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on what a great neighbor Ed Walberg has been. Recommending applying for the NJ Coastal Resiliency Grant and the National Fish and Wildlife Grant to assist with dredging the back bays. The Stockton University Coastal Marine Center will assist with applying for these grants at no charge. Asking for commission to approve asking for this assistance with applying for these grants.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: Approve.

Scott Abbott: Discusses the positive impact Margate has had on getting the DEP to focus on dredging the back bays. Explains what is needed to be included in the grant applications.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires if these are matching grants.

Scott Abbott: No they are not matching grants

Frank Ricciotti: States it has been a pleasure working with Ed Walberg, and he will be missed. Canopy over gas pumps is up. Starting to install beach walkovers and benches. Fire hydrant flushing done with few complaints. More fire hydrants have been replaced. Cleaning up of the dog park was done. Street cleaning is being done.

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Jim Galantino: Wishes the best to Ed Walberg. Building department is accepting rental applications for summer rentals and there are new requirements. Spike in demolition activity. Lamberti's officially gone as of today.

Roger McLarnon: Congratulates Ed Walberg on his retirement and outstanding job. Gives update on generator being installed at the municipal building. Going to sealed bids for ice cream vending license. Hoping to award on May 2nd in time for start of season. Asks if Rich Deane or Commissioners have any questions regarding the ice cream vending.

Rich Deane: Good with this.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: Not audible.

Roger McLarnon: Working with Wawa on the entrance/exit signs and lighting. Working on some minor zoning changes. Recommending 15 feet front yard setbacks on new constructions along Ventnor Avenue Parkway Section. Dredging needs to be a long term plan. States why the city is opposing the state legislative bill A-4221.

Rich Deane: Reviews details of the bill A-4221 and how it would affect beach towns. Time is critical to stop this bill from passing.

Ed Walberg: States he will still be available to answer questions.

Rich Deane: Reviews the budget and why Margate is able to remain stable. Requests the commissioners to support the budget.

Chief Wolfson: Congratulates and says it has been a honor to work with Ed Walberg. Very proud to announce the police department passed their reaccreditation process last Thursday. Emergency road work starting Monday at Jerome and Amherst Avenues.

Lisa McLaughlin: Reaccreditation incurs fees that will be reimbursed by JIFF. Auditors are in the municipal office this week and next week. Quarterly finance report will be done. Hoping budget will be passed. Wishes Ed Walberg good luck and will miss him.

Scott Winneberger: Training for busy summer season. Explains two upcoming fire fighter trainings. Department recently purchased a skid unit. Stresses everyone to be mindful of where they lay mulch because it is highly flammable when dry.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Lisa, Rich and Leon plus everyone else for developing the budget.

Mayor Becker: Tax appeals are down this year. All of us are proud to be here. Will miss Ed Walberg.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Dr., Encouraging commission to be transparent about dredging costs and what it will cost tax payers. Requesting the consolidation of schools next year. Comments on tax appeals.

Roselyn Tyman: 9413 Ventnor Ave., Speaks on the lack of parking. Recommends the city purchase the lot on Ventnor Avenue across from her store. States she was not contacted about a recent meeting regarding parking.

Mayor Becker: States in two weeks she will be contacted.

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.

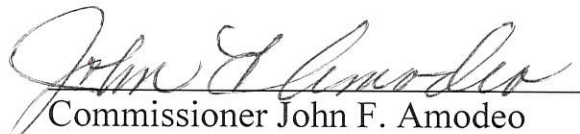
Adjournment:

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 Amodio to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

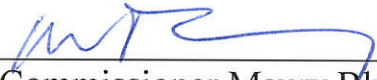
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey




Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodio



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk