

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

APRIL 18, 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, Captain Matt Hankinson, Jim Galantino, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles and Johanna Casey. Bob Smith, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Department Reports:

Chief Adams: Thanks Atlantic City Electric for providing a four day program for each departmental shift to attend a program on new upcoming electric company changes.

Lisa McLaughlin: Gives highlights from the quarterly financial status report. JIFF is stressing the importance of making employees aware of cyber-attacks. Due to more cyber-attacks, cyber liability premiums are increasing.

Chief Wolfson: States Captain Hankinson will now be attending the commission meetings. Requesting the support in passing the ordinance amending towing. Plan is to move the tow lot to Atlantic City.

Andrew Miles: Spring recreation programs are underway. Accepting applications for the Summer recreation programs.

Rich Deaney: Finishing up capital improvement projects. Regular budget is finished. Lisa did a great job on the first quarter financial status report. States for the public “investments are made in very safe places”.

Lisa McLaughlin: All investments have to be approved by the state.

Rich Deaney: States the city has the responsibility of overseeing money for the school system and the county as well.

Jim Galantino: Contractors are now required to have either a hydrant permit or get a truck with water for dust control at demolition sites. Construction sites are being kept up. Working on making sure dumpsters are emptied.

Frank Ricciotti: Rec lot has been cleaned up. Sprinklers were added and sod was laid at the Tighe Field. Sod laid and a split rail fence installed at Fire House 2. On Monday students were out painting the storm drains, which is part of a program organized by Jessica Cuevas and Anthony Edge. Anthony Edge attended Saturday’s Clean Community Program. Paper shredding was held at the public works building this past Saturday. Anthony Edge will be receiving the “Clean Community Counsel Enforcement” Award on May 23, 2019. In good shape this summer with mobi-mats. Lucy’s deck is completed.

Scott Abbott: The DEP has scheduled coming here next Thursday to discuss ideas on dredging the back bays. Goes over two possible marine study grants brought to the attention of the city by the Coastal Research Center. These grants would require matching funds. Requesting approval to proceed with applying for grants. City of Ventnor to also attend meeting with the DEP.

Mayor Becker: Okay with it.

Commissioner Blumberg: Okay with this as long as it does not commit the city to match money at this time.

Commissioner Amodeo: Okay with this.

Rich Deaney: Confirms there will be no commitment to any matching money at this time.

Lisa McLaughlin: No money in budget to match.

Commissioner Amodeo: Everything we've done in the past four years has been testing without answers.

Scott Abbott: Has followed other municipalities and seen how strict the DEP requirements are to follow.

Rich Deaney: Receives a yes to proceed.

Scott Abbott: There is a contract proposal from Remington and Vernick for dredging plans. All is good with the amendment to the towing ordinance. Jim Galantino has asked for assistance with putting in place a mandatory water requirement at demolition sites. Due to a recent issue with a tractor tearing up a street, the city may want to mandate rubber treading.

Mayor Becker: I thought this was already in place.

Scott Abbott: This contractor has said he will repave the area damaged.

Commissioner Blumberg: Praises the school principals, public works and Ms. Cuevas for the education given to students on keeping the water systems clean. Has received many compliments on the cleanup of the dog park. Clean Communities and Sustainable Margate did a great job with the cleanup along the beach.

Commissioner Amodeo: A baby turtle was found the day of the cleanup and brought to the marine mammal stranding center: Wants to meet with Ed Dennis next week to visit the impound yard to discuss it becoming a parking lot. The Coastal Coalition has offered Margate at no charge to install a camera system to monitor flooding in specific areas. There would be a monthly service charge to this program.

Rich Deaney: Requests getting input from the police department before a decision is made to accept this camera program.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requests Fred Verna have input too.

Mayor Becker: No report. Very nice and heartwarming to serve the people of Margate.

Public Participation:

John Sewell: 22 West Dr., Inquires as to where money would come from to support dredging. Commission has a fiduciary responsibility.

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 Amodeo and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

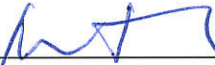
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:


Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk