

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

**JUNE 6, 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: Captain Matt Hankinson, Jim Galantino, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Chief Dan Adams, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles and Johanna Casey. Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

**Department Reports:**

**Scott Abbott:** The New Jersey Appellate Court upheld Margate's decision about allowing residents to raise their homes to meet current flood elevations without requiring a variance. This verdict sets precedence in the state of New Jersey. Next Thursday there will be a meeting with the Ventnor Commissioners to discuss dredging to Shelter Island. Inquires if Commissioners are good with meeting with Ventnor.

**Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo, and Commissioner Blumberg:** Yes to meeting.

**Scott Abbott:** Requesting wording be added to Ordinance #06-2016 to state there is a \$50 fee associated with having a temporary hydrant.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Work is still be done on the water fountains. Gives an overview of projects being worked on by the public works department. Gives a report on water use over Memorial Day weekend.

**Jim Galantino:** Gives his support to Ordinance #06-2019. Building department is very busy.

**Roger McLarnon:** Requesting a one way sign be installed at the end of Union Avenue at Atlantic Avenue. The D-Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is today. Planning board slowing down. Nothing new on bike racks. Regular applications are steady. Says a few words about a landscape contractor who recently passed.

**Ed Dennis:** Nothing to add

**Rich Deaney:** Refers to the finance report to be given.

**Captain Hankinson:** Gives a report on the Memorial Day Weekend crowds.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Gives an update on the FEMA grants to raise houses. Still waiting for the audit report. Speaks on the bond sale resolution being presented at this meeting. Asking for reports from departments to help substantiate our high rating with Standard and Poor.

**Rich Deaney:** Requests Jim Galantino send a report to Lisa on the amount of new construction in the city.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Agrees that this is report would assist with the rating. Speaks on employees participating in Foodstock in July. The Fire Department, Beach Patrol and Public Works have sent in their capital improvement requests.

**Chief Adams:** There were thirty more calls over the Memorial Day weekend compared to last year. Became a grandfather over Memorial Day weekend. Gives a report on the SCBA training. Met with Shaffer Pyro Techniques about setting up for fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks public works for working on issues at the Fire House Station 2.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Praises the public works department on the cleanliness of the beaches. States how well the police handled of the crowds over the Memorial Day Weekend. Thanks the fire department for their quick response a fire that occurred on top of the JCC. Reads a residents letter extolling the police and fire departments for their assistance with her husband, who suffered from Dementia. There is going to be an annual bike rodeo for 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Ross School to prepare children for riding bikes on the street.

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**Commissioner Blumberg:** Preseason beach badge sales were up this year. Thanks the Margate Mother's Club, the police and fire departments for their help with the Memorial Day parade. Gives recognition to Commissioner Amodeo, Jim Galantino and Captain Hankinson for making sure construction sites are kept clean.

**Mayor Becker:** Thanks all the departments and individuals who got the city through Memorial Day Weekend with very few incidents.

### **Public Participation:**

**John Sewell**, 22 West Drive: States how he feels it is dangerous for anyone to ride a bicycle in the street. Calls attention to the potential high costs of a dredging project.

**Art Cantilli**, 114 N. Lancaster Ave.: Speaks against a pre-K class in the public school.

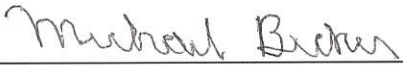
**Fred Weinstein**, 15 S. Cedar Grove: Suggest marking bike paths on Atlantic Avenue to make one way only on each side of street.

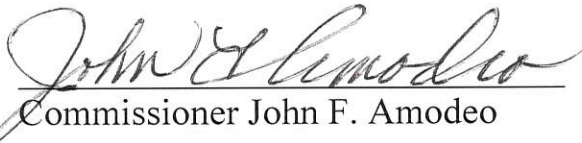
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to close public portion. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo, and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn public comment.


### **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 4:38 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