

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

AUGUST 1, 2019

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

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

Department Reports:

Lisa McLaughlin: Recaps the results of the bond sale. States if the city plans to take ownership of the fishing pier, then insurance will have to be purchased.

Chief Hankinson: Since last meeting the police have had 1100 calls. On August 8th at 6:30pm there will be a “Meet the Police Night” at the library.

Andrew Miles: Summer camp participation has grown over the past four years. The Summer basketball league is ending this week. Reviews the list of camps activities available in August.

Rich Deaney: Due to the growth of the recreational program, there is going to be some reorganization done this year. Margate is a family oriented town. Looking for feedback from commissioners regarding the telecommuting policy.

Ed Dennis: Updates the dredging project. The Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue Intersection Plan has been updated, so now ready to seek input from departments.

Rich Deaney: Would help if Wawa would agree to participate in the planning.

Ed Dennis: Amherst Avenue improvements already covered. The 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue was awarded and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019. Survey work and base plans are complete, and utility notifications have been sent regarding the 2018/2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue. The NJDOT approved the acceptance of the one bid for the 2016 Safe Routes to School Program, so will be awarded tonight to L. Feriozzi Concrete.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to a start date for the 2016 Safe Routes to School Project.

Ed Dennis: Anticipates October 1st of 2019 as the start date. On tonight’s agenda is a resolution to put the Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West project out to bid. Striving to beat the schedule for completing the GIS Utility Mapping field work. Fire House No.1 Upgrades are included in the upcoming Capital Ordinance. The Beach/Dune Maintenance Permit Renewal cannot be submitted till the base plans are received from the Army Corps to include. The 2016 and 2018 Pembroke Avenue and Monroe Avenue CDBG project will be going out to bid in mid-August. Still waiting on the Adams Avenue vault video to proceed. The 2020 NJDOT grant application was submitted on July 17, 2019. The cutting of the bolts was already discussed. Tomorrow morning there is a meeting to get the Traffic Study Project started. The repair of the boiler is moving forward. Gives an update on the Winchester Avenue project. Coordinating a possible inter local funding of Jerome Avenue project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to this job could be done at night to help with time and costs.

Commissioner Amodeo: Feels it will not be a substantial cost savings. Raises the issue of noise at night in a residential area.

Ed Dennis: Contractor will not be able to answer the noise question, but could give a price for doing the project at night.

Commissioner Amodeo: Due to size of project, contractor may not consider this request.

Ed Dennis: The Reconstruction of Burk Avenue is closed out. The Benson Avenue painting contractor will start in the Fall. The punch list for the 2017 and 2018 Curb and Gutter Project still has to be done. The 2017 CDBG-Lancaster Project was closed out at the last meeting. There are a few things left on the punch list of the 2019 Municipal Playground Upgrades. The one year anniversary inspection of the Gladstone Avenue Water Tank Painting will be done in the next few weeks. Looking to get prices on doing paving on Granville Avenue, then the Beach Vehicle Access Points Project can come off the list. A final item on South Jersey Gas punch list will be completed next week.

Lisa McLaughlin: Requesting Ed Dennis provide a contact with South Jersey Gas to refund an escrow.

Ed Dennis: Yes will get.

Roger McLarnon: The planning board meeting this month and in September will be busy.

Jim Galantino: Thanks Chief Hankinson for helping a contractor with getting deliveries down a challenging street. Emails went out to departments with an updated rental occupancy list.

Chief Hankinkson: Will make sure each shift supervisor gets.

Jim Galantino: Will be sure to send to Chief Hankinson every two weeks an updated list.

Johanna Casey: Inquires if the landlord tenant paperwork has been filled out for those listed. Needs copies of this paperwork.

Jim Galantino: Says he will find out.

Frank Ricciotti: A recycling audit is being done along with the ACUA, Rutgers's University Environmental and members of the Margate Green Team. The NJ Clean Community Council will be holding a three day recycling coordinator training. Playground equipment was delivered today to replace equipment in need of repair.

Scott Abbott: Received a proposal to repair the leaky boiler at Old City Hall.

Fred Verna: There is still a manufacturer's warranty. Raises the question of what is still covered under the warranty and the maintenance bond. Suggests making Wilkinson bring in and pay for a contractor to repair.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests contacting the boiler manufacturer to send a person to check for damages.

Fred Verna: This was already done

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about the outcome of this inspection.

Fred Verna: A visual inspection found a damaged gasket. It was suggested to have a dye test run to check for cracks.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires who is paying for repair.

Fred Verna: Wilkinson will have to pay for the repair. Question is who will be the repairing contractor.

Ed Dennis: Agrees to contact Wilkinson about the damage.

Commissioner Amodeo: Questions what is the process for finding damage.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about the terms of warranty.

Fred Verna: There is a list procedures to find any damages. Warranty states 10 years on iron and two years after installation. Two years is done. We are covered if there is a crack.

Scott Abbott: Revisions are being made to the proposed agreement with the Angler's Club of Absecon Island regarding public access on a portion of the Margate Fishing Pier. The agreement is contingent on the NJDEP funding the expansion of the pier.

Commissioner Amodeo: Requesting Mayor Becker and Commissioner Blumberg review the agreement and comment. Inquires as to what will be the responsibilities of the city.

Scott Abbott: The draft was sent to the Mayor and Commissioners already. Basic maintenance to the public access area would be required by the city.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if this would be considered a lease agreement.

Scott Abbott: It is an easement agreement.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about insurance for the public access area.

Scott Abbott: General liability insurance has to be obtained with an easement agreement.

Fred Verna: Nothing more.

Johanna Casey: All's good in the clerk's office.

Commissioner Amodeo: Nothing more.

Commissioner Blumberg: The Margate Hurricane's Baseball team made it to the finals.

Mayor Becker: Nothing more.

Chief Adams: There has been an increase in calls to the fire department. Reminds everyone about the upcoming road construction in Ventnor that is going to effect the roads bordering on Ventnor. The Margate Memorials are tomorrow night.

Public Participation:

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Speaks on the financial responsibility of the mayor and commissioners for the dredging project and the school system.

— **Brian Teasdale, 305 N. Wilson Ave:** Thanks everyone for work on the flood valve. Speaks on how unsafe Amherst Avenue is and the need for bike lanes. Recommends shutting down the intersection of Amherst Avenue and Jerome Avenue so construction can be done in one week and save money.

Commissioner Amodeo: Not our decision since Jerome is a county road.

Brian Teasdale: If the county can save money, they would agree to this. The company who installed the boiler is responsible.

Mayor Becker: Changes to Amherst Avenue were discussed at the previous meeting.

Brian Teasdale: Wants to attend meetings where Amherst Avenue is discussed.

Commissioner Blumberg: Lists some of the ideas the commission is discussing about Amherst Avenue.

Thomas Harris, 507 N. Union Ave.: Follows up on the comments made by Brian Teasdale and the ideas being discussed.

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Ave.: Looking to clarify if no parking on Amherst Avenue was discussed and will the whole length of Amherst Avenue be included.


— **Mayor Becker:** Ideas are just in the open for discussion phase.

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 4:45 p.m.

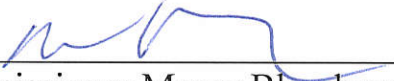
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk