

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

AUGUST 15, 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 Matt Hankinson, Fred Verna, Frank Ricciotti, Jim Galantino, Chief Dan Adams, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin and Johanna Casey. Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Proclamation:

Mayor Becker: Reads the proclamation recognizing Jerry and Myra Greenberg.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on Margate's ability to weather storms due to the preparations put in place by Jerry Greenberg. Recognizes the volunteering and contributions done by Jerry and Myra.

Mayor Becker: Now that Jerry has time he can find out how they are related.

Swearing –In Ceremony:

Commissioner Amodeo: Swears in Ronald Kashon as Margate City's Police Captain.

— **Captain Kashon:** Gives thanks to those who have supported him.

Items For Discussion:

Bob Swisher of Supplee, Clooney and Company: Gives an overview of the annual audit report. States the city is in very good financial shape.

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Construction on the bulkhead in front of Lamberti's has started. For the record he would like it known that he has no personal interest in the outcome of the promenade, contrary to what is posted on the internet.

Frank Ricciotti: Next week will end the Atlantic County Utilities Authority recycling audit. The "Clean Communities" course offered by Rutgers's University will be ending this week. Utility work is being done around town.

Jim Galantino: Demolitions will be starting again on September 16th. Hours of allowing construction by the general public are Monday thru Friday 7am to 6pm, Saturday 8am to 4pm, and no work on Sunday.

Roger McLarnon: There are a flurry of inspection requests. Next planning board meeting is on August 29.

Ed Dennis: Nothing more to add.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the starting of city construction projects after September.

Ed Dennis: Notifications will be given out to residents in areas where construction is going to be done.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the two Capital Ordinances being presented at this meeting. The employee health fair will be held on October 22, 2019. Beach badge revue is up.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on making the entrance to the polling location at Tighe School ADA compliant.

Chief Hankinson: Received a formal document from the NJ Police Association stating the Margate Police Department is accredited for another three years. The "Annual Law Day" at the library was recently held. The

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Police Department now has a Facebook page, so residents have another way to access current events and emergencies.

Fred Verna: An air quality test was done at the municipal building. Nothing was found to raise concern.

Chief Adams: Call volume up fifteen percent. All staff will be trained on the new air packs through the SCBA training. The public should be aware that some beaches may be closing due to decrease in available staff.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Bob Swisher and his team for the time spent doing the audit. Recognizes Lisa McLaughlin and her staff for their work. Congratulates the Margate Hurricanes Baseball Team for winning the Atlantic County Baseball League Championship.

Commissioner Amodeo: Thanks the police department, fire department and lifeguards for the work they are doing this Summer season. Longport's American Legion has requested Margate's participation in their "Wounded Warrior Parade" that will be held on September 10, 2019.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on how happy and proud he is of Margate City.

Public Comment:

Maryann Whitesman, 9608 Amherst Ave.: Inquires about the height of the bulkhead on Amherst Avenue.

Scott Abbott: Elevation Eight.

Maryann Whitesman: Seeking to clarify if the promenade is included in the Capital Ordinance being presented.

Mayor Becker: Believes it is not.

Commissioner Amodeo: States the promenade is just in a discussion phase. Explains the proposed plan. Only part included in this Capital Ordinance is the repair of the bulkhead.

— **Maryann Whiteman:** Purpose of speaking was to make sure the bulkhead is the correct height.

Dr. Ira Spector, 82 Ventnor Ave.: Happy to hear revenue is up for beach badges. Has not seen a single beach tag checker on the beach this Summer. Comments on how people are coming to Margate beaches because they think it is free.

Commissioner Amodeo: On Thursday's there is no charge to go onto the Margate beach.

Barry Sherman, 9510 Amherst Ave.: Inquires as to the start and end date for the Amherst Avenue bulkhead construction.

Commissioner Amodeo: Tentative start date beginning of November and done before Memorial Day 2020. Then the following Fall complete the promenade.

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 4:40 p.m.


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



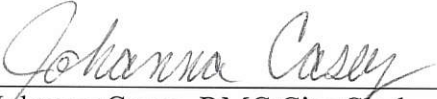
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk