

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Andrew Miles, Lisa McLaughlin and Johanna Casey. Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Proclamation:

Chief Adams: Reads into the record the proclamation for “Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day”, which is to be held on October 6, 2019.

Department Reports:

Fred Verna: In the process of getting buildings ready for Winter.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on the changing of District 1’s election entrance location being Monmouth Avenue.

Scott Abbott: Moving along on the dredging efforts.

Frank Ricciotti: Removing items from beach due to the end of season, water meter readings are being completed, and getting ready for this weekend’s FunFest. Anthony Edge is representing Margate City at a Clean Community Conference being held in Washington, DC this weekend.

Jim Galantino: 10-15 demolitions are slated. State building codes have been amended.

Scott Abbott: Inquires if a municipal amendment has to be done for the building code changes. Will look into this.

Rich Deaney: Have to see how Margate’s ordinance is worded.

Roger McLarnon: Only two applications are going before the planning board next week. Updated FEMA flood maps will be coming out in 2023.

Ed Dennis: Lists major projects discussed during the Capital meeting.

Rich Deaney: Receiving recommendations regarding a new utility ordinance proposed. The salary ordinance will be coming up in October.

Chief Hankinson: Plans in place for this weekend’s FunFest. Reminds drivers about school being back in session and residents should be keeping cars locked to prevent theft.

Andrew Miles: A mailing went out to residents regarding recreation department’s activities offered. Fall sport leagues and after school programs are starting.

Lisa McLaughlin: A budget status report will be sent out to all department heads. Health insurance renewal rates have decreased. Notified the broker that we will not be requesting their experience and going out to market. The annual employee health fair will be on October 22, 2019. Flu shots will be offered to employees at the health fair. The cost of the July 4th fireworks display was refunded by the Margate Mother’s Association.

Chief Adams: Reminds everyone that the beaches are no longer guarded. The beach patrol’s after hours alert team responded to calls this Summer. The Fire Department assisted Ocean City last week with a fire. Fire and EMS will be onsite at the FunFest. Fire Prevention week is October 6-12th.

Rich Deaney: Requests a report from the beach patrol.

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Chief Adams: Beach Patrol Chief Smallwood will provide a report.

Commissioner Amodeo: States the city is honored to have Chief Adams appointed to the Atlantic County Overdose Advisory Council. States the benefits of moving the polling entrance location of District 1.

Commissioner Blumberg: Nothing to report.

Mayor Becker: Invites everyone to attend FunFest this weekend.

Public Comment:

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Speaks on educating young people on drug use.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the importance of drug use education.

Steve Warner, 102 N. Sumner Ave.: More recognition should be given to the beach patrol. More education on the health risks of taking drugs is needed.

Chief Adams: States the purpose of the Overdose Advisory Council.

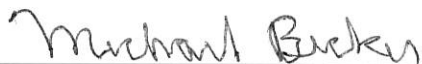
Chief Hankinson: States there are currently programs sponsored by the police department in the school about the dangers of taking drugs.

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.

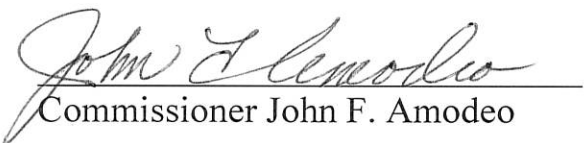
Adjournment:

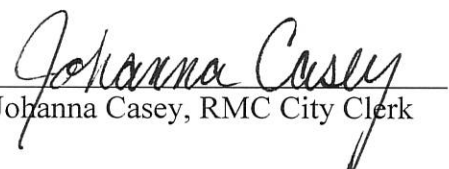
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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