

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

DECEMBER 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 and Commissioner John Amodeo were present. Commissioner Maury Blumberg was absent due to picking up daughters from college. The following department heads were also present: Chief Matthew Hankinson, Chief Daniel Adams, Andrew Miles, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino and Fred Verna. Johanna Casey, Bob Smith, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Recommends authorizing the acceptance of tonight's resolution #275-219, which accepts the completion of the conditions of the construction of the bulkhead done by 9707 Amherst Marina and approve the vacation of a portion of Amherst Avenue to 9707 Amherst Marina. Nothing farther to report.

Jim Galantino: New construction is strong. Footings blankets need to be down and barriers need to be put up at new construction sites. Coverage in the building department will be good next week.

Roger McLarnon: The Planning Board Reorganization meeting will be held on January 9, 2020, and the regular Planning Board meeting will be held on January 30, 2020. Speaks on the reasons for amending ordinances on land use. At tonight's meeting Ordinances #12-2019, #13-2019 and #14-2019 all introduces land use amendments.

— **Scott Abbott:** States why it is important to make ordinances clear and concise through amendments.

Roger McLarnon: States these ordinances will go before the planning board after tonight's meeting to confirm consistency, then final approve for adoption will be at the January 2, 2020 Commission Meeting.

Bob Smith: Appreciates the public's patience with ongoing projects.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the resolution on tonight's agenda regarding updates to employee policies on drug & alcohol, domestic violence and overtime compensation.

Andrew Miles: The New York City bus trip was held a few weeks ago. The adult basketball season has ended and the youth basketball season is starting. Reminds everyone that 2020 beach badges are on sale at the Martin Bloom Pavilion Monday thru Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Chief Hankinson: A Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant for approximately \$3000 was awarded to the department to replace vests. The police department raised \$7000 for Atlantic County's "Heroes Who Care No Shave November". Margate Police raised the most in Atlantic County.

Chief Adams: Speaks on safety during the holiday season. Holiday safety tip handouts are available at tonight's meeting. Working with Atlantic City and Ventnor on upcoming AFG FEMA grants.

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

Fred Verna: Inquires if the commission would like the annual robo call on preventing frozen pipes to go out to residents.

Mayor Becker and Commissioner Amodeo: Agree that it should be done.

Commissioner Amodeo: Thanks the PBA and Fire Department for holding toy drives and breakfast with Santa for local children. States the Margate Business Association's 2020 calendar has important city information for residents. The Margate City newsletter will be coming out monthly.

Rich Deaney: Requests Fred Verna to explain how residents get on the list to receive Margate City's newsletter.

Fred Verna: Resident may request to receive the newsletter by emailing newsletter@margate-nj.com.

Mayor Becker: Wishes everyone happy holidays.

Public Comment:

Jodi Rosenberger, 603 N. Delevan: Speaks on the bicyclist signage on Winchester Avenue and Monmouth Avenue.

Mayor Becker: There has already been discussion regarding changing the bicyclist signage.

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Speaks on drug testing results.

Rich Deaney: Per the city's drug and alcohol policy employees are to let supervisors know when they are on certain medications.

Steve Worner, 103 N. Sumner Ave.: All are blessed who live in Margate. States doctors are not prescribing opioids as frequently.

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 Mayor Becker to adjourn public comment, with a vote of two ayes.

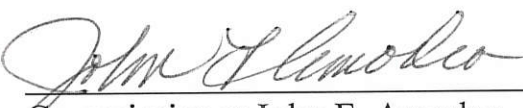
Adjournment:

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 4:27 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