

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

JANUARY 2, 2020

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 Blumberg were present. The following department heads were also present: Chief Matthew Hankinson, Chief Daniel Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino and Pat Powers. Johanna Casey, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Department Reports:

Scott Abbott: Appellate court is moving forward on their determination of the Two Daughter's appeal.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there is any way to request expediting the appeal review due to public safety concerns.

Scott Abbott: The court's original determination was in the city's favor, but Two Daughters appealed.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the appellate court having issues with documents submitted in the Two Daughters appeal.

Scott Abbott: The appellate court has clarified with Two Daughters on how certain documents have to be submitted in the appeal.

— **Pat Powers:** There were four water main breaks on the street, water service was cut off to eight houses over the holidays.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the continuing issues with a house at Mansfield Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. Demolitions are continuing. The city is now requesting vacant lots to be covered with grass.

Ed Dennis: A number of projects are moving along and pivoting towards next capital budget.

Rich Deaney: Asks the Clerk to clarify when ordinances #12-2020, #13-2020 and #14-2020, which were introduced on December 19, 2019 and then referred back to the Planning Board, will be heard for adoption.

Johanna Casey: The ordinances are to be presented for adoption at the next meeting, January 16, 2020.

Rich Deaney: No financial surprised in 2019. Thanks department heads for keeping to their budgets. Speaks on tonight's resolution to authorize a temporary budget. There are many annual professional appointments to be authorized at tonight's meeting. The capital ordinance and annual budget will be introduced in February. Employment contracts are all in order.

Chief Hankinson: Last two weeks have been quiet in the police department.

— **Chief Adams:** Mutual aid to surrounding communities has been up. Through Operation 6, free smoke detectors are available. The fire department is available to assist people with making fire prevention plans and providing fire detectors.

Commissioner Amodeo: Wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Dr. Geigerich and the Margate Public Library for the New Year's Eve Bay Atlantic Symphony concert, which was free to the public. Looks forward to similar events being held in the future.

Rich Deaney: Thanks the public works department and Pat Powers for the temporary lighting in the parking lot that evening.

Public Comment:

Steve Worner, 103 N. Sumner Ave.: Wishes everyone a Happy New Year and a better decade.

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Speaks on a state legal brief on school segregation that will have a financial impact on all municipalities.

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, with a vote of three ayes.

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 4:15 p.m.

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



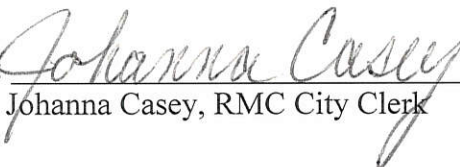
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk