

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

FEBRUARY 6, 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, Andrew Miles, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna and Frank Ricciotti. Johanna Casey, Bob Smith, Joe Johnston, Scott Abbott and Rich Deaney were also present.

Swearing In of Officers:

Commissioner Amodeo: Reads two letters received from homeowners about the Margate City Fire Department. Swears in Firefighter Natalie Carlucci.

Items For Discussion:

Chief Adams: Presents a short history of the Margate City Fire Department and Fire Chiefs. An exhibit of the history of fire chiefs in Margate will forever hang in Firehouse #1. The same exhibit will be available at the Margate Library and eventually will be moved to the Margate Historical Society.

Charles Featherer, Library Representative: Appreciates being a part of gathering information for this exhibit.

Chief Adams: Customer service and quality of service are vital parts of the Margate Fire Department.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Adams: Asks the community to support the fire department and police department's "Dodging Drugs with Dodgeball" event being held tonight.

Lisa McLaughlin: Reviews the proposed Capital Budget, which she hopes to introduce at the next commission meeting. Goes over upcoming projects to be covered in the Capital Budget. Looks to clarify if an inspection needs to be done on the Benson Avenue Water Tank Exterior Painting Project.

Frank Ricciotti: An inspection still has to be done.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the amounts requested to cover the water tank's exterior and interior painting.

Joe Johnston: Explains the issues that have arisen with the Benson Avenue Water Tank.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if the inside of the water tank was repainted at the same time as the exterior.

Frank Ricciotti: Only the exterior was done. The interior is to be done next fall. Valves related to the water tank would also be done in the fall.

Rich Deaney: Explains why doing the water tank is in two phases as opposed to three phases.

Lisa McLaughlin: Requests the commissioner's to review and comment on the Capital Budget.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the Capital Budget. Requesting it be introduced at the next commission meeting.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo, and Commissioner Blumberg: All agree to it being introduced at the next commission meeting.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on needing authorizations and purchase orders even if a project is already funded. There is a reserve to offset some costs. Working on the 2020 Operating Budget.

Chief Hankinson: Goes over what was discussed during the capital meeting regarding increasing the number of available municipal parking spots this Summer. Speaks on Margate's police officers ability to handle a multitude of issues.

Andrew Miles: The 20th Annual Margate Madness Tournament is coming up. AARP's free tax preparation program starts this month. This Saturday the Marine Mammal Stranding Center is offering a free presentation at the Bloom Pavilion. Seventy-five people are signed up to have lunch and play cards at Johnny's Café next week.

Rich Deaney: Thanks Lisa McLaughlin for her hard work on the budget this past month. Meeting with the auditor on Tuesday. Not sure when the operating budget will be introduced. Introduces Tom Ciccarone, who will be Acting Business Administrator while he is on vacation. Speaks on tonight's resolution for sharing court services with the Borough of Longport. Speaks on this Summer's ice cream vendor bidding.

Roger McLarnon: Sealed bids will be required to bid on the ice cream vending in March.

Jim Galantino: Lamberti's broke ground this week. Job site notices were sent out for non-compliant lots and the city will start issuing summonses. The Coastal Coalition meeting was held today at the municipal hall.

Frank Ricciotti: Filling in low spots with dirt at Tighe field and started landscaping along the ballfield fence.

Roger McLarnon: The next planning board meeting is February 27, 2020. A proposal for the municipal building corridor was received. The bid opening for the police department façade and roof upgrades will be scheduled in March 2020.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on steps being taken to move forward with the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project. Speaks on the cooperative efforts with the Borough of Longport. Speaks on proposed Ordinance #01-2020 for the vacation of Union Avenue.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the development of the Union Avenue lot on the bay side.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if this vacation of Union develops another buildable lot.

Scott Abbott: Explains that a subdivision would be created.

Roger McLarnon: Even without an authorized vacation, the property could be subdivided.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the positive outcome of allowing the vacation and subdivision of the property.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on specific conditions the city has put in place requiring the developer to provide and cover in order for this vacation to be approved.

Roger McLarnon: This is a By-Right subdivision, which is handled administratively. Variances would have to go before the planning board.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on a resident requesting the vacation of Union Avenue at the beach and offering to replace the bulkhead on the beach. It is the decision of the Department of Environmental Protection to allow the moving of the bulkhead due to the beach area currently in front of the home is covered by Green Acres Open Space.

Rich Deaney: It is his understanding that the homeowner is seeking written approval from the city to apply for a permit through the Department of Environmental Protection to move and rebuild the bulkhead.

Amodeo: Suggests the homeowner come before the commission with a letter of request to apply for the Department of Environmental Protection permit.

Roger McLarnon: Suggest the homeowner investigate changes to designated Green Acres Open Spaces before they make a request to the city or apply for a permit.

Commissioner Blumberg: Nothing

Commissioner Amodeo: Great honor to recognize former Fire Chiefs. Welcomes Tom Ciccarone.

Mayor Becker: Thanks the employees of the City of Margate.

Public Comment:

Jody Rosenberger, 603 N. Delevan: Requesting specified bike lanes be identified on the streets. Need more bike stations.

John Sewell, 22 West Drive: Speaks on saving money by doing projects in house. Requesting transparency of costs for the dredging project. State the Margate population is dwindling.

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to close public portion. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg, and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo 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 5:11 p.m.

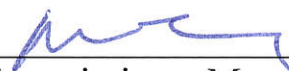
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk