

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING CITY OF MARGATE**

JUNE 3, 2021

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 3:00 p.m.

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Annual Meetings Notice was sent to the Atlantic City Press, and the Star Ledger, posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, the Municipal Website, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Johanna Casey: Reads the statement of compliance and the procedure for in person and telecommunication meeting, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Fred Verna, Chief Hankinson, Chief Adams, Andrew Miles, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Gives a synopsis of the emergency repair of the water main break in the 600 Block of Clermont Avenue. Answers inquiries regarding solving problem, type of pipe being used and how both bidding contractors were notified of the importance of getting this project done.

Rich Deaney: There is a resolution on tonight's agenda to authorize this emergency repair.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the dredging project and the delay of the Flood Proofing Project at Firehouse #1 and Historic City Hall. The Risk and Resilience Assessment is almost complete.

Rich Deaney: States the County is updating their hazard mitigation plan, which could make the City eligible for more grant money.

Ed Dennis: Minnie Creek analysis is complete. The survey required of the 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is complete. The bid opening for the 2021 Redevelopment of Well #5 is scheduled for June 10, 2021. Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (Northside) field survey is complete. The 2021 State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase 2 should be a fall 2021 construction project. Progress is being made in the design of the interior renovations of the Municipal Building. Speaks on the proposed Ordinance #10-2021 which updates the Municipality's Storm water Control Plan.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the proposed Ordinance #10-2021.

Ed Dennis: Recommending to utilize the next phase of Winchester Avenue when applying for the annual state aid application, which is due July 1, 2021.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on giving great thought as to what road project should be included in the state aid application.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if the City could apply for the Amherst Avenue -Phase 2 Project thru the state aid application. Speaks on other streets needing reconstruction work.

Ed Dennis: The City could apply for Phase 2, but this would delay the Amherst Avenue-Phase 2. The 2017 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access maintenance bond has been released. The remaining item of settlement on the road is on the punch list for the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue

Project. The 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue is nearing completion. Minor punch list items are left on the Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West Project. Electrical work for the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead is still not done due to it being associated with the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. Still waiting for ACIA reimbursement for the 2019 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Argyle Avenue Project. Gives an update as to the status of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I, which will be completed in the fall.

Rich Deaney: Requests Ed Dennis coordinate with the Chief's to review safety of Amherst Avenue till final paving is completed.

Ed Dennis: 2019 & 2020 Curb and Gutter Program is in closeout phase. From Washington to Coolidge Avenues along Amherst Avenue is now a one-way street. Tentative completion date of the Amherst Avenue Promenade is mid-July, dependent on the delivery of lumber.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the one-way street now in effect on Amherst Avenue from Washington Avenue to Coolidge Avenue.

Ed Dennis: The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project and the Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection Project are both in closeout phase.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on drivers going the wrong direction when exiting Wawa.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet.

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Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet.

Ed Dennis: The Fire Station #2 Addition should be starting as soon as permits are approved.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to who is responsible for street repairs caused by new construction.

Mayor Becker: Responsibility of Margate City's Public Works.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on infrared systems used to manage street repairs.

Department Head Reports:

Andrew Miles: Speaks on beach badge sales, the resumption of the Martin Bloom Pavilion senior activities, and summer camps. Gives an update on the Lucy the Elephant playground.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the activity over Memorial weekend, the Thigh School's bike rodeo, and bike lanes.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the annual audit report.

Lisa McLaughlin: There were no findings on the annual audit report.

Fred Verna: Nothing to report.

Frank Ricciotti: The Public Works Workshop and Police Department Sign Shop are scheduled to be demolished starting Monday. Beaches and parks ready. Public Works will assist with trash and recycling for this weekend's La Tour Downbeach Family Bike Ride. Speaks on the summer

schedule for public works starting next weekend and employees leaving but new employees starting. A program involving the public assisting with trash pickup on the beach is going to have a trial period.

Scott: Abbott: Thanks Ed Dennis for his efforts to rectify the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase I issues. Speaks on the proposed Ordinance #08-2021 and Ordinance #09-2021.

Chief Adams: The Fire Department was also part of the 5th and 6th grade trips. Speaks on recent fire training. Speaks on the opening of the beaches and the July 4th fireworks.

Chief Hankinson: Inquires as to the cordoning off of the area where fireworks are set off.

Chief Adams: Explains about the area to be cordoned off. Speaks on the recent response to a call.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on the Primary Election, June 8, 2021.

Public Comment:

Shelly Kaputson, 7809 Ventnor Ave.: Inquires if this is the time to comment on Essex Avenue.

Fred Verna: Advises that her public comment is to be spoken about during the Regular Meeting's public comment session.

Seeing that there were no more comments, a motion to close Public Comments on Resolutions was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Commissioner Blumberg, 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 Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:00 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