

**MINUTES  
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING  
CITY OF MARGATE**

**JUNE 17, 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, Lisa McLaughlin, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, Jim Galantino and Johanna Casey were also present.

**Discussion:**

**Dave Miller,** Representative for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund: States Margate City is coming up for renewal with JIF. Speaks on new cyber liability requirements to be enacted in the upcoming year.

**Paul Minola,** Representative for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund: Gives a recap of Margate City's previous year's membership. Speaks on the benefits of municipal membership in the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on managing worker compensation claims.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the importance of implementing and updating employee policies and procedures.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on the positive aspects of working with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

**Ed Dennis:** Permit applications for the dredging project are being prepared. No updates on the Flood Proofing Project at Firehouse #1 and Historic City Hall, as well as the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Project. The risk and resilience assessment will be finalized by the end of June 2021. A summary report for the Minnie Creek Drainage Analysis will be issued the week of June 21, 2021. The 2021 Curb & Gutter Program will be ready to go to bid in fall 2021. On tonight's agenda is the awarding of the contract for the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5. Field survey work is complete and base plans are being drafted for the Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (North Side). The design of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 is in progress, so construction should start in fall 2021. Design plans for the Edgmar Circle Utility Extensions have been forwarded to the City. Anticipating the Renovation of the Municipal Building Project to start in September 2021. On tonight's agenda is the adoption of the Stormwater Control Ordinance. The 2022 NJDOT State Aid application will encompass the Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Exeter Avenue to Douglas Avenue. All caught up on maintenance bonds. Punch list is complete on the 2017 NJDOT State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. There are punch list items still open on the 2018 & 2019 NJDOT State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project. The Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West is still in closeout phase. Electrical work required on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project is contingent upon the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project.

**Mayor Becker:** Inquires about the delivery of the wood to complete the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project.

**Ed Dennis:** Gives an update on the wood delivery for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. The 2019 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Argyle Avenue will not be closed out till the City receives the reimbursement from Atlantic County Improvement Authority. Gives an update to the status of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I. The 2019 and 2020 Curb & Gutter Program and Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project are in closeout phase. The first round of lumber is to be delivered next week for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. A few items remain on the punch list of the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project. Some striping is left to be done on the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet and traffic signal retiming is to be done. Demolition work on Fire Station No. 2 Addition is tentatively scheduled to begin work the week of June 28, 2021. The contractor for the 600 Block of Clermont Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacement anticipates beginning work June 21, 2021.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Recommends looking for a signal contractor who can start work as soon as possible.

**Chief Adams:** States the fire department needs a two week notice to clear Fire House No. 2 before demolition is started.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on a curb repair on Atlantic Avenue that remains to be done.

**Roger McLarnon:** Speaks on the possibility of allowing front yard fencing.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Does not support front yard fences. Inquires as to how would previously approved variances for front yard fences and non-approved front yard fences be enforced.

**Roger McLarnon:** Explains how he would enforce these previously approved and non-confirming front yard fences.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the need to make a decision regarding front yard fences due to the rifts it is causing between neighbors.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Speaks on the state legislature's proposed law to make it required to have fencing if a dog is over a certain size.

**Roger McLarnon:** Planning Board's position is against supporting front yard fences. If front yard fencing is approved, then the Ordinance encompassing fencing would have to be amended. Personal opinion is not to support front yard fencing.

**Mayor Becker:** Speaks on passing ordinances a municipality cannot enforce.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** No questions.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Frank Ricciotti:** The lifeguard shack at Thurlow Avenue is complete, street signs identifying a beach are up, public works will be assisting with BeachStock and port-a-pots will be put on the beaches beginning June 21, 2021.

**Fred Verna:** The Municipal Building Roof Project is in closeout phase.

**Roger McLarnon:** Nothing to add

**Chief Hankinson:** Speaks on new traffic patterns throughout the City.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Nothing to report.

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

**Miles Andrew:** Reservations will be required for tennis and pickle ball courts starting June 19, 2021. Beach inspectors are starting for the season on Saturday, June 19, 2021. The gaming area at the new playground should be completed in the next two weeks and Lucy the Elephant's playground equipment should be delivered mid-July. On tonight's agenda is getting authority to order new equipment for the playground at Union Avenue.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on barbeque safety, the fire department assisting with BeachStock, the within opening of all the beaches with lifeguards, and fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on tonight's presentation by the Atlantic County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund. Speaks on the absence of front yard fence history in Margate and recommends looking into at possible compromise. Speaks on an upcoming meeting with Ventnor to discuss the Shelter Island Dredging Project.

**Public Comment:**

**Rich Patterson,** Planning Board Chairperson, 8 Bayshore Court: Speaks on people disregarding the no front fencing rule due to lack of enforcement. Supports no fencing in the front yard rule.

**Mayor Becker:** Inquires if this is the position of the Planning Board or Mr. Patterson.

**Rich Patterson:** States he is speaking on behalf of the Planning Board.

Seeing that there were no more comments, a motion to close Public Comments on Resolutions was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Mayor Becker, 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 Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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



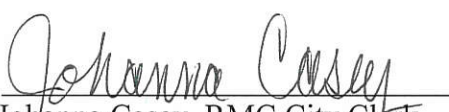
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:   
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk