

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

JULY 15, 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 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, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Tim Kreischer, Coordinator, Atlantic County Shared Services-Speaks on availability of shared service grant money for Atlantic County and the different groups that can qualify as a shared service.

Ed Dennis: A citywide dredge permit application is being prepared and the meeting with Ventnor City is being coordinated. The contractor for the Flood Proofing Project at Firehouse #1 and Historic City Hall is continuing to hold their price. Submission of the Emergency Response Plan is being coordinated with Public Works. FEMA's decision as to whether the City will receive grant money for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station will not be given till the fall. Reviews the Minnie Creek Drainage Analysis.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to the estimated cost to put in place ways to reduce flooding.

Ed Dennis: Looking into grants to cover the cost of reducing flooding.

Rich Deaney: The purpose of doing recent studies is to compile cost figures which will be used to apply for state and federal grants.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the correlation between Hurricane Sandy and current flooding issues.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the recommendations made in the Minnie Creek Analysis to ease flooding. The field survey for the 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is nearing completion. Base plans done, design in progress for the Ventnor Avenue Bike Path Reconstruction (North Side). The 2021 State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase 2 will be a fall 2021 project. Meeting have been held with the architect for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project, a fall 2021 project. No update on the outfall bolt protrusion matter. No maintenance bonds are due till November. Additional curb work and punch list items are being done on the Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Projects. Punch list work is complete, so the Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West Project is in closeout phase. When lighting work is done on the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project, the final electrical work on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project will be finished. In one to two weeks Atlantic County Improvement Authority's reimbursement for the 2019 CDBG Beach Access at Argyle Avenue Project should be received. A site visit of

the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I is to be done by Mathis Construction. Speaks on the issues the home owners in the area of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase I have.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the issues being resolved with the residents who suffered damage due to the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Project.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the issues being resolved with the residents who suffered damage due to the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Project.

Jim Galantino: Inquires as to who is the current engineer for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Does not know who is the current engineer for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue. The 2019 & 2020 Curb and Gutter Program –Phase 2 is on the closeout list. The last load of lumber for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project has no definite delivery date.

Rich Deaney: Inquires if a portion of the Amherst Avenue Promenade can be opened.

Commissioner Amodeo: Gives an update as to what has and needs to be done to make it possible to open up a partial portion of the promenade.

Ed Dennis: Benson Avenue Tank Interior Painting Project is in closeout phase. Gives an update on the Ventnor Avenue/Washington Avenue Intersection & Ventnor Avenue Streetscape Project. The traffic signal contractor is working on the timing of Atlantic Avenue traffic lights.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the improvement of Atlantic Avenue's traffic flow due to the re-timing of traffic lights.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the flashing of traffic lights during the off season, and how it will affect the timing of the traffic lights come next season. Demolition of Fire Station No.2 has started. Water service replacements involved with the 600 Block of Clermont Avenue Emergency Water Main Replacement are on-going. A pre-construction meeting for the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5 is scheduled for July 21, 2021.

Department Head Reports:

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the City's Finance Status Report dated June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to comparing current financial figures to 2019 figures.

Chief Hankinson: Reports on the July 4th holiday and seasonal traffic. Asks people to be patient when traveling.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the salary ordinance being introduced at tonight's regular Commission Meeting.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on what is being done to control the installation of new pools.

Fred Verna: Nothing to add.

Frank Ricciotti: Perna Finnigan will be running a new main to the street from Well #7. Updating the curb & gutter project list. Public works is assisting with the Lucy the Elephant's birthday event. The fence is up around the public works yard where building was taken down. The Public Works Department received a clean community grant.

Scott Abbott: The issues with the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I have already been touched on at this meeting. Speaks on the refunding of local taxes to a resident who is a veteran, and just awarded 100% disability. States the City is obligated by the DEP to control the dune area in relation to those storing beach chairs in the dune area.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on a way to give notice to those who store beach chairs and other items in the dune area.

Mayor Becker: Inquires if there is problem with allowing people to still lock their items to the street end bulkheads.

Frank Ricciotti: Does not foresee locking items to a street end bulkhead as causing problems.

Chief Hankinson: Has a name of a company that can print the stickers to notify those locking items in the dune area. Inquires as to where would the removed items be stored and who would handle returning to owners. Inquires as to the City's liability in removing and storing items.

Commissioner Blumberg: Recommends leaving items removed from the dunes at street end bulkhead and leaving it up to owners to retrieve.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the City's liability to unlocking items and leaving at street ends. Recommends the governing body consider designating a specific area to store items removed from the dunes, if leaving at the street ends causes issues.

Commissioner Amodio: Recommends an area by the Bloom Pavilion to store the removed items.

Frank Ricciotti: Reviews on how this situation was handled twenty years ago.

Public Comment: None

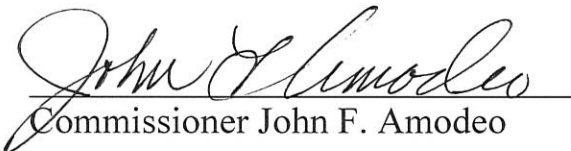
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodio 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. Amodio

Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk