

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

JULY 1, 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, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Michael Garcia, Ford Scott & Associates-Gives the results to the 2020 Annual Audit Report.

Scott Abbott-Requests a decision be made on a request by an adjoining property owner to vacate an area between Clermont Avenue and Marshall Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on a report from the Planning Board regarding this request. City staff recommends declining this offer to vacate.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on a similar request made last years and the reason for declining this request.

Mayor Becker: Not in favor of this vacating.

Christopher Baylinson: Was not aware of last year's similar request and the reason for declining.

Commissioner Blumberg: No Comment

Scott Abbott: Confirms the answer to vacating between Clermont and Marshall Avenue is no.

Ed Dennis: A city dredge committee meeting with Stockton Research is to be scheduled and a meeting with Ventnor to discuss Shelter Island is tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2021. The contractor for the Flood Proofing Project at Firehouse #1 and Historic City Hall is continuing to hold their price. The risk and resilience assessment is complete and deadline was met. A decision as to whether the City will receive grant money for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station will not be known till the fall. The Minnie Creek Drainage Analysis is complete and will be issued to City officials on July 2, 2021. The 2021 Curb & Gutter Program's field survey will be starting the week of July 5, 2021. Design plans are being drafted for the Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (North Side) and the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2.

Rich Deaney: Inquires as to whether there are utilities under the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2.

Ed Dennis: Believes there are utilities under the area of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2. Design plans for the Edgmar Circle Utility Extensions have been forwarded to the City. Design plans for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project have been altered after meeting with two staff members. The 2022 NJDOT application was submitted for Winchester Avenue from Exeter Avenue to Douglas Avenue. No update to the NJDEP beach outfall bolt protrusions.

Chief Hankinson: There were three options given to the City by NJDEP regarding the beach outfall bolt protrusions. These options were tested and seemed to work, but nothing farther has been done by NJDEP.

Mayor Becker: Inquires as to how long the City should give NJDEP. Requests a reminder letter be sent to NJDEP.

Ed Dennis: Up to date on maintenance bonds. Curbing work is being added to the 2017 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project, then it will be closed out. The 2018 & 2019 NJDOT State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Project is complete and punch list is being done. The Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West is still in closeout phase. Electrical work required on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project is scheduled to be done when the electrician returns for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project. The City is three to four weeks out to receive reimbursement from Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the 2019 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Argyle Avenue Project. Final road paving of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I will be done in the fall.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the status of insurance companies investigating the issues with the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the issues with residents who have had issues with the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase I. Inquires as to the invoicing of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to the length of time insurance would continue to cover once a settlement is agreed upon regarding damages caused by the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the invoicing by Mathis Construction. Remington & Vernick Engineers will continue to stay on top of the repairs to be done to homes damaged by the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue –Phase I.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires as to when a payment voucher for Mathis Construction should be paid.

Rich Dennis: Inquires as to what work has been completed by Mathis Construction.

Commissioner Amodeo: States the Mathis Construction invoice should be paid in next billing cycle.

Ed Dennis: The 2019 and 2020 Curb & Gutter Program-Phase 2 is in closeout phase. The first round of lumber was delivered for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project, so work on project has restarted.

Commissioner Amodeo: The second delivery of lumber was delivered Monday, June 28, 2021 and final load of lumber is to be delivered Tuesday or Wednesday of the week of July 5, 2021.

Chief Hankinson: A limited number of parking spots will be available to allow the continuation of work on the Amherst Promenade Project.

Ed Dennis: Waiting for some paperwork from the contractor of the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project before project can be closed out. The punch list and extra items added to the Ventnor Avenue and Washington Avenue Intersection Project are complete, so project may be closed out. Some striping is left to be done on the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet and traffic signal retiming on Atlantic Avenue is tentatively scheduled for mid-July.

Chief Hankinson: Police have tried to time lights. The Police Department has also contacted the traffic signal contractor. If there would be an accident, lower speed limits will cause less damage.

Commissioner Blumberg: Recommending flashing the traffic light at Douglas Avenue.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on the long stretch on Atlantic Avenue without a traffic light.

Commissioner Amodeo: Has received many compliments from Margate residents on the Road Diet.

Mayor Becker: Safety has been accomplished with the Road Diet. Has received positive feedback on the Road Diet.

Ed Dennis: Demolition work on Fire Station No. 2 Addition is scheduled to begin July 6, 2021. The emergency work of the 600 Block of Clermont Avenue Water Main Replacement has been completed. The contractor for the Redevelopment of Well #5 has signed the contract.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires how reimbursement from FEMA occurs when a project has not started.

Ed Dennis: As long as the contractor agrees to hold the price, there should not be a problem.

Department Head Reports:

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the 2020 Audit Report. Gives credit to Linda Morgan and Tara Mazza for the job well done with tax collection.

Chief Hankinson: Reminds everyone to plan accordingly to get places over the holiday weekend.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the increase in visitors over the July 4th holiday.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on a letter being sent to high rises requesting them to check the safety of the buildings in light of what happened in Florida. Checking construction sight barriers. Speaks on the problems arising from the dewatering of pools.

Fred Verna: Speaks on the lease with T-Mobile and T-Mobile is upgrading services.

Scott Abbott: The letter going out to the high rises is a precautionary measure.

Chief Adams: Fire Department is in preparation for the holiday weekend. Fireworks are to be held on July 4, 2021.

Chief Hankinson: Reminder that on July 4, 2021 the beach will be closed from Granville to Huntington Avenue due to the fireworks.

Mayor Becker: Compliments the Fire Department on the event they held at the library June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Blumberg: Has heard many compliments on the Ventnor Avenue Parkway flower upgrade.

Commissioner Amodeo: All good

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 Amodeo and seconded by Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

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



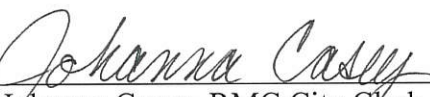
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk