

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

**AUGUST 19, 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, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

**Discussion:**

**Ed Dennis:** Gives a synopsis of the meeting held with Ventnor City to discuss using Shelter Island as a disposal site for dredge material and dredging permits.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on using Shelter Island as a dredging disposal site and the meeting with Ventnor City.

**Rich Deaney:** Requests Scott Abbott to put a memo out regarding the steps still required before dredging can start. Speaks on updating the agreement on dredging with Ventnor City.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Inquires if this project would qualify for federal infrastructure money.

**Ed Dennis:** Resiliency money is an option to cover a dredging project.

**Rich Deaney:** Will add this dredging project to the list of projects proposed for a new FEMA grant.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on the delay of the Fire House No. 1 and Historic City Hall Flood Protection Project.

**Chief Adams:** Speaks on the delay with getting an answer from the state's OEM approving FEMA money for the Fire House No. 1 and Historic City Hall Flood Protection Project.

**Ed Dennis:** The Emergency Response Plan Certification form has been completed by Public Works and was submitted. There are parts to this plan that will need to be implemented. No word yet on the FEMA grant application applied for last year for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Project.

**Rich Deaney:** Jim Rutala recommends applying again this year for a FEMA grant to cover a second phase of the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station Project.

**Ed Dennis:** Speaks on the budgetary aspects proposed in the Minnie Creek Drainage analysis.

**Rich Deaney:** Inquires as to where the Minnie Creek Drainage Project is on the priority list.

**Ed Dennis:** 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is going out to bid on August 20, 2021. The Ventnor Avenue Bridle Path Reconstruction (North Side) is in design and construction would be in fall 2022. A meeting is scheduled with school district officials to discuss the impact the 2021 State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 will have on daily school operations.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires as to when bids will be received for the 2021 State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2, and the projected time frame of this project.

**Ed Dennis:** Getting close to going out to bid. Will have to get back to the Commission on an estimated project time frame for the 2021 State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2. Drawings of the municipal building interior renovations have been approved, and the next step is to get estimated costs. No update on the beach outfall bolt protrusions. The final striping along Atlantic Avenue, in order to close out the 2017 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue and the 2018 & 2019 Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue, will be done the week of September 13, 2021. No new update on the Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Project.

**Jim Galantino:** Electrical service at Madison Avenue and the bulkhead is approved.

**Ed Dennis:** Next week Mathis Construction will be addressing road concerns that have been brought up regarding the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue- Phase I.

**Jim Galantino:** Public Works has gone out to cut weeds in the right of way area next to a property effected by the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue- Phase I.

**Ed Dennis:** When Zone Striping, Inc. comes out to complete the striping involved with both Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue Projects, they will also complete the striping for the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet.

**Chief Hankinson:** The City is going ahead with the traffic signal synchronization system.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires if the synchronization system is coming from the same company that has been working on the timing of the traffic signals.

**Ed Dennis:** Yes, it is the same company. The lumber for the Amherst Avenue Promenade Project is to be delivered tomorrow, so work on the project will restart next week. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project and the 2019 Safe Routes to Transit Downtown Traffic Calming Projects are both in closeout phase. The roof trusses are scheduled to be delivered on August 23, 2021 for the Fire Station No. 2 Addition Project.

**Jim Galantino:** The gas company came to turn off the gas line located under the Fire Station No.2 Addition.

**Chief Adams:** States the hot water heater was the only item connected to the gas line and that it was disconnected from the gas line previous to construction starting. New gas lines were verified.

**Ed Dennis:** Work on the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5 is to start October 2021.

### **Department Reports:**

**Roger McLarnon:** The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021.

**Chief Hankinson:** Law Day held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 was successful.

**Rich Deaney:** Speaks on the new state law, Danielle's Law. New municipal COVID-19 guidelines have been put in place for employees and the public coming into the municipal building.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on Danielle's Law.

**Jim Galantino:** Testing of the citywide emergency alert system will occur on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. There are various ways the public is being informed about the emergency alert system test. The Atlantic County Hazard Plan is completed.

**Fred Verna:** Everything is good.

**Frank Ricciotti:** A new street sweeper is being delivered. Keeping eye on the storm Henri coming up the coast.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on Ordinance #12-2021 being introduced tonight.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Clarifies about not allowing dewatering to continue after June 15<sup>th</sup> and holes dug for pools would have to be filled in after June 15<sup>th</sup> once a time moratorium is in place.

**Rich Deaney:** Inquires about dewatering permits cited in Ordinance #12-2012.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Speaks on the reasons why the time frame for allowing dewatering benefits the City in the summer season. Gives examples of situations where a dewatering permit would be needed.

**Jim Galantino:** Clarifies that the permit Mr. Deaney is referring to pertains to dewatering existing pools.

**Chief Adams:** The Heart of Surfing event has been rescheduled to September 4, 2021 due to the storm Henri coming up the coast this weekend. The Margate Fire Department will be assisting the Atlantic City Fire Department tomorrow, so they may attend a funeral for an Atlantic City firefighter.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Nothing to add.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Nothing to add.

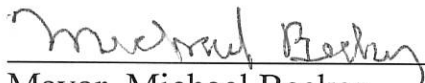
**Public Comment:**

Seeing that there were no comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Blumberg, seconded by Commissioner Amodeo, 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 3:45 p.m.

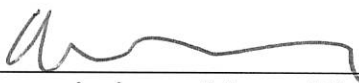
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:   
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk