

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

SEPTEMBER 2, 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. Chief Hankinson, Chief Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: States there has been no report from Ventnor regarding Shelter Island and the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project. The contractor who has been holding the bid price for the Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1 Flood Prevention Project has notified the City that they can no longer hold the bid price. The project will have to be re-bid. The 2021 FEMA grant encompassing the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station concept has been resubmitted. Budgetary coast estimates for Minnie Creek Drainage has been provided to the City. Funding for the Minnie Creek Drainage Project will be sought through a FEMA grant. The bid opening for the 2021 Curb & Gutter Program was today, September 2, 2021 It is in the process of review and will be addressed at the next meeting. The Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (Northside) design is in progress.

Commissioner Amodeo: inquires as to the design. Is it road, drainage, curb and gutter with no utilities?

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if there is no drainage will it be much less expensive.

Ed Dennis: Revisions are being done to enhance air conditioning as part of the Municipal Building Renovations Project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires if this will eliminate the use of dehumidifiers throughout the building.

Ed Dennis: A meeting was held with Margate School District officials to discuss construction logistics during the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 Project.

Rich Deaney: Inquires as to enough time between advertising and receipt of bids.

Ed Dennis: The Public Works Facility has mechanical and structural inspections being scheduled. The maintenance bond is for the 2016 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue will be expiring on November 21, 2021. Striping for the 2017 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue and the 2018 & 2019 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue will be completed the week of September 13, 2021. The Amherst Avenue bulkhead's final electrical work is being coordinated with the promenade project. No update on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 1 Project. The final striping for the Atlantic Avenue Road Diet will be completed the week of September 13, 2021. Authorization has been sent for the synchronization of the traffic signals on Atlantic Avenue. The Amherst Avenue Promenade Project will be completed by next week and there will be a ceremony on September 18, 2021 to observe its completion.

Scott Abbott: States the previous bulkhead we installed in 1928. We have gotten our money out of it.

Ed Dennis: Both the Benson Avenue Water Tower Interior Painting Project and the 2019 Safe Streets to Transit-Downtown Traffic Calming Project are in closeout phase. Roof trusses and sheathing have been installed on the Fire House No. 2 Addition Project.

Chief Adams: Thanks the Commission for the new facility.

Ed Dennis: The 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5 will be starting in October.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to the possibility of enhancing the signage of the bike lane to warn drivers it is only a bike lane not a turn lane for vehicles.

Departmental Reports:

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on fraudulent unemployment claims not affecting the City's rating.

Chief Hankinson: The public needs to be aware of schools being open.

Mayor Becker: Requests an accident report for this summer.

Chief Adams: States the number of request calls is up. Fire Department is working cooperatively with the Police Department and Public Works when responding to these calls. Beaches will no longer be guarded for the season after Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Rich Deaney: The reevaluation ordered by the Atlantic County Board of Taxation has been extended until next year. The reevaluation would not take effect until 2025.

Andrew Miles: Reviews the summer 2021 recreational programs. Gives an update on the status of playgrounds being redone. Margate received 2023 NJ Department of Transportation grant money to cover the cost of a new senior bus.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the test of the citywide emergency alert system. Speaks on amending the ordinance pertaining to extermination on demolition properties.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the bike racks installed by the County, the removal and replacement of trees in front of Tighe School, and the utility easement for the transformers on Bayshore Drive. Planning Board will start requiring PDF files for their applications.

Chief Adams: Speaks on Margate lifeguards covering Cape May City lifeguards, so they could attend a funeral of a Cape May City lifeguard.

Frank Ricciotti: Speaks on trash containers will remain on some beaches mobile mats will be removed. Atlantic County Utilities Authority is having a great deal of trouble with staffing but still doing a great job with pickups.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the two resolutions on the agenda regarding the vacating of a portion of Amherst Avenue and the subsequent subdivision of a portion of Amherst Avenue. There is a resolution on the agenda for closed session.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Police Chief Hankinson for the guidance given in handling the influx of visitors this summer. Requests people riding bikes to follow the rules of the road.

Commissioner Amodeo: Thanks Frank Ricciotti, Superintendent of Public Works, for making sure the beaches were kept clean this summer. Also gives thanks for the great job done this summer by the Police Department, Fire Department and the Beach Patrol.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on bike safety. States Margate is a great place to live.

Public Comment: none

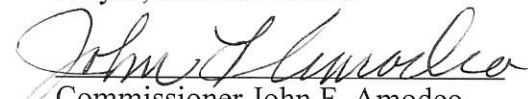
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

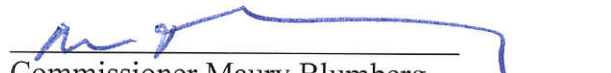
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:  _____ Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk