

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

NOVEMBER 4, 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.

Lisa Hagan: 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, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, and Lisa Hagan were also present.

Discussion:

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the Best Practices Program report and an upcoming bond sale.

Ed Dennis: There will be a meeting with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on November 10, 2021 in reference to the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging application. Still working with Ventnor on the Tidelands Project. Additional funding is still needed for the Historic City Hall and Firehouse No. 1 Hazard Mitigation Project. The Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (North side) Project funding will be considered in the next Capital Ordinance. Ideas to decrease the cost of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project are being implemented. The Public Works Facility Master Plan has been completed along with a comprehensive site map. The state has approved a \$250,000 grant application for the 2022 NJDOT Winchester Avenue Project, which will be considered in the 2022 Capital Ordinance. There are three other applications still pending word on approval. The time clock synchronization of traffic lights has been completed. States there are projects in various stages of closeout. The Amherst Avenue Promenade and Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement Projects will be coming off the closeouts list shortly. Drainage work is complete and final paving is to be done the week of November 15, 2021 on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue- Phase 1 Project. Speaks on items that are being done to Fire Station No. 2 Addition.

Chief Adams: Speaks on the fire alarm system being installed as part of the Fire Station No. 2 Addition Project. Speaks positively on working with Aliano Brothers General contractors on this project.

Ed Dennis: A pump test and the videoing of the well were done as part of the 2021 Redevelopment of Well No. 5 Project. The 2021 Curb and Gutter Program is nearing completion. The NJ Department of Transportation needs to sign off on the contractor awarded the 2021 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 2 before this project can proceed. Speaks on what is being done to improve right hand turning along the Atlantic Avenue.

Departmental Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on what is being done to resolve the issues with home owners along Amherst Avenue affected by the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase 1 Project. Speaks on a request from AT&T on how they would like to upgrade their 5G reception in Margate by utilizing traffic light poles. Other carriers will also be requesting upgrades.

Roger McLarnon: The Margate City Planning Board has reviewed the AT&T proposal and found it satisfactory. Clarifies the use of existing traffic pole locations and traffic lights will not need to be replaced. Speaks on AT&T having to pay a monthly fee to use City poles.

Chief Hankinson: Inquires if new traffic lights will be required.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if the city's infrastructure will be affected.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the accountability if a pole should have to be replaced. Municipality, not the state, at this time has control over poles.

Fred Verna: Inquires if NJ Department of Transportation has any control over the poles.

Roger McLarnon: NJ Department of Transportation does not own the traffic light poles. Traffic light poles do need to meet the standards of the NJDOT.

Frank Ricciotti: From November 15, 2021 to November 19, 2021 hydrant flushing will take place. Parkway landscaping has been done for the cold weather. Holiday lighting at the Jerome Avenue Park is almost completed. Public work trucks are ready for winter. The new street sweeper is on the street. Inquires if signs stating no dogs on the Amherst Avenue Promenade will be put up. Benches and trash receptacles for the promenade have been ordered.

Commissioner Amodeo: Signs stating no dogs, no bicycling, no skateboarding and no smoking have been ordered for the promenade.

Chief Hankinson: Recent street sign order took over two months to receive.

Chief Adams: Speaks on the Joint Insurance Fund investigating damage being done by skateboarding in municipalities. Recommends signs be put up stating no skateboarding in parks.

Chief Hankinson: Call police if you see skateboarders doing damage. Small triangular grading can be put on items to prevent skateboarding.

Fred Verna: Skateboarders are still damaging the step railing in front of Historic City Hall.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the condominium at 9711 Atlantic Avenue being demolished. Per the Atlantic County Department of Health there is no oil tank on this property.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the cost per cubic yard of dredging material decreasing.

Ed Dennis: Nothing else to report.

Chief Hankinson: The annual "Trunk or Treat" was a success. Next event is the "Fill the Cruiser" for the holiday season. Police department is taking part in the "No Shave November" fundraiser.

Lisa McLaughlin: Nothing else to report.

Chief Adams: Reminds people to set back their clocks this weekend, test your smoke detectors, and check holiday lighting for safety.

Commissioner Blumberg: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the “Trunk or Treat” event and a job well done by public works.

Public Comment:

Seeing that there were no comments, a motion to close Public Comment was put forth by Commissioner Blumberg, seconded by Commissioner Amodeo, with a vote of three ayes.

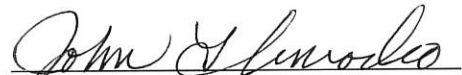
Adjournment:


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 3:35 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