

MINUTES
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING
CITY OF MARGATE

March 3, 2022

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, City Clerk: 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 Adams, Chief Hankinson, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Charles LaBarre, Johanna Casey, and Tom Ciccarone were also present. Scott Abbott, Esquire, attends via teleconference.

Discussion:

Mayor Becker: States there will be discussion on a request by a veteran, who sells ice cream during the summer season, to be able to ring a bell on the walkway over the dunes.

Johanna Casey: Reads the letter from Gerald DeCicco, of Leo's Yum Yum Ice Cream, requesting his being able to ring a bell on the walkway over the dunes to allow people to know he is at the street end selling ice cream.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the outcome of a previous lawsuit Gerald DeCicco and two others had against the City pertaining to veterans being ice cream vendors. Speaks on how this request effects the current ice cream beach vending bid.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on the state law allowing veterans to be a vender without paying for a mercantile license.

Fred Verna: Speaks on specifics of the lawsuit, requirements needed by a veteran to receive a mercantile license at no cost and disclosure to those bidding on the current ice cream vending bid.

Commissioner Blumberg: Seeks to clarify the current status of where veterans may ring bells to sell ice cream. Inquires if there are other veterans selling ice cream.

Fred Verna: Veterans cannot sell ice cream in a motorized vehicle and they may only ring a bell at the street ends.

Commissioner Blumberg: States he is in support of not allowing Gerald DeCicco to ring his bell on the dune walkways.

Tom Ciccarone: Raises topics that need to be considered in determining the outcome of the request by Gerald DeCicco.

Commissioner Amodeo: Full disclosure to all bidding on current and future ice cream beach vending is necessary if the city should allow the change to where veterans may ring their bells.

Scott Abbott: Reads the provision in the court order agreement derived from lawsuit Gerald DeCicco was a plaintiff, that states those veterans that brought the lawsuit agreed not to enter onto any beach area.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the engineering perspective of where the beach starts and stops in relation to the dunes.

Roger McLarnon: States the current ice cream beach vending bid is substantial because it is for three years.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: Leave where veteran's may ring their bells as it is.

Engineer's Report:

Ed Dennis: An update on the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project is given. Fire Station #1 and Historic City Hall Flood Mitigation Plan still waiting for funding. Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Project will be part of a future capital budget. Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project will move forward with the capital budget being approved. 2021 Road Program was advertised to receive bids on March 10, 2022. Bayside Court and Seaside Court storm sewer video evaluation was done and a recommendation report will follow. Gives an update on grant applications. 2022 State Aid Renovation of Winchester Avenue, Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue, is scheduled for fall construction. HVAC replacement at the Margate City Public Library is bid opening is March 29, 2022. Reviewing and giving cost estimates on school district projects. Next maintenance bond release will be in May 2022. The 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Diet will be coming off the close out list. Speaks on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Project. Punchlist for the Fire Station #2 Addition is being worked on by contractor. Well #55 is moving in to closeout phase. Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase 2 is in progress.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires if liquidation damages are a part of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I contract.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the liquidation of damages and the withholding of payments to the contractor of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase I Project.

Departmental Reports:

Chief Adams: All going well in the fire department. Thanks Nannette from Downbeach.com for recent articles written about the fire department.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the police department going through its third accreditation for certification with the New Jersey Chief of Police.

Tom Ciccarone: All is going smoothly.

Jim Galantino: Inquires if a resolution is needed to have an agreement with Coastal Coalition for the emergency notification system weather app. Requests a list of participants who attended the special meeting to discuss emergency management policies and procedures. Building department is busy.

Commissioner Amodeo: Nine demolitions in the month of February 2022.

Charles LaBarre: Speaks on the reasons for needing the weather app.

Commissioner Amodeo: A resolution will be needed to approve the weather app agreement.

Fred Verna: Nothing more to add.

Frank Ricciotti: Landscaping around Fire Station #2 is being done. Plants will be planted along Circle Drive. Starting to set up a temporary office in the municipal building's multipurpose room. The beach looks good.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on research being done by Stockton in regard to the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project. Speaks on pool contractors needing to complete the installation of pools by June 15, 2022. Averaging eight to nine zoning applications per planning board meeting.

Scott Abbott: Nothing to add.

Commissioner Blumberg: Nothing to add.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if those applying for a pool permit receive a copy of the updated pool ordinance.

Jim Galantino: Believes the updated pool ordinance is given to each person applying for a pool permit.

Public Comment:

Sally K. Brahmman, 114 N. Monroe Ave.: Speaks on the increase of houses being built causing more traffic and lack of parking spaces. Suggests adding metered parking spaces.

Mayor Becker: Asks Chief Hankinson to speak to Sally Brahmman on her suggestion of metered parking and traffic safety.

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

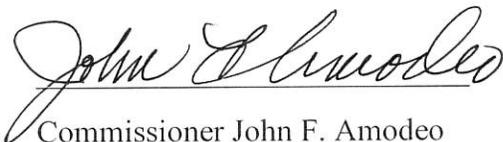
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

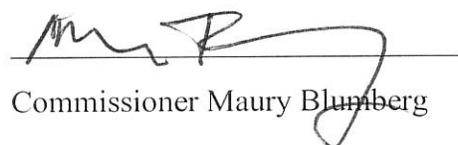
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk