

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

OCTOBER 6, 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, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Captain Ron Kashon, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Roger McLarnon, Rich Deaney and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Engineers Report:

Ed Dennis: Citywide Dredging Permit application was submitted September 15, 2022. A joint meeting with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corps. Of Engineers will be held on November 9, 2022 to discuss the Shelter Island Restoration permit application. No update on the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1 Project. Close to completing the engineering designs for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame, the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement, the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement and the Sigmund Rim Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction. Survey work is complete, so now the 2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue-Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue is in the engineering design phase. Survey work for the 2022 Road Program is done, and base plans are in progress. Conceptual plans for the Washington Avenue Streetscape Project are still being worked on for submission with the NJ Department of Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Grant Application. Speaks on continuing to find ways to increase the City's CRS class rating. The re-bidding of the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library will be held on October 13, 2022. Added to the list of pending grant applications, is a grant application for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station. The maintenance inspection of the 2020 Redevelopment of Well No. 10 will be scheduled. Two projects in closeout are the 2021 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2 and the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting. Items remaining on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase I Project are to be completed by the end of the week of October 3, 2022. Still waiting for equipment to be delivered for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library. Gives an update on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project.

Rich Deaney: Inquires about the status of receiving heat in areas of the municipal building that will not be serviced by the new HVAC system. The new HVAC system has an estimated delivery of January 2023.

Ed Dennis: Does not believe this should affect the current heating system in the municipal building. Phase One of the 2021 Road Program was substantially completed in Spring 2022 and Phase Two (Mansfield Avenue and the Police Department parking lot) is scheduled to be done in mid-October. A pre-construction meeting for the 2022 Curb & Gutter Program was held today, October 6, 2022. The 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access -Knight Avenue and Union Avenue will be having a pre-construction meeting on October 13, 2022. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1.

Commissioner Blumberg: Requests getting estimates for installing a bathroom facility at the Lucy Playground due to the number of people utilizing the playground.

Andrew Miles: Bathroom facility at the Lucy Playground was previously discussed, and a few estimates were received a year ago. These estimates will have to be redone.

Rich Deaney: By end of this month, wishes to have updated estimates as well as new estimates for the bathroom facility at Lucy Playground.

Department Head Reports:

Johanna Casey: All is good in the Clerk's office.

Andrew Miles: Speaks on the recreation department's sports programs and programs for children after school.

Lisa McLaughlin: The City will hold holiday beach tag sales. Speaks on the City's interest rate and City bonds. Payroll has converted to the PrimePoint Payroll System. Department heads will be receiving budget sheets to assist in configuring the 2023 budget. 2022 best practices inventory is due November 3, 2022. Employee Open Enrollment for health insurance is due by October 31, 2022. Speaks on the increase in the state's health insurance plan.

Captain Kashon: The Community Policing Unit will be holding the Annual Trunk or Treat on October 22, 2022 and the Annual Fill the Cruiser Event on December 16, 2022.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on Bond Ordinance No. 20-2022 and Ordinance No. 19-2022, amending the Floodplain Ordinance, that are both being introduced during tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Ed Dennis: Nothing to add.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the benefits of a floodplain sub-committee. Margate is in a good position to prevent flood damage. The annual landscaping contract and the annual cleaning & televising of the sewer system contract will both be coming up for bid soon. Speaks on the recent planning board meeting, and all the applications at the next planning board meeting requesting third-floor decks. Work on the county traffic signals is nearing completion. Installation of a cell node on the traffic signal pole at Atlantic Avenue and Douglas Avenue will be done by November.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to market value regulations by the state in regard to raising properties and construction permit approval.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the Floodplain Sub-Committee using assessed values along with appraised value.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on recent storms and flooding. Speaks on fifteen homes being demolished and homes are also being raised.

Frank Ricciotti: No issues for the public works department with Funfest. There were no problems with the pump stations and beaches during recent storms. Parkway fountains will be shut off and covered the week of October 10, 2022. Speaks on planting of fall flowers and landscaping that will be done in the Marvin Gardens section.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the proposed resolution on tonight's agenda to continue the shared municipal court services with the Borough of Longport. Speaks in favor of having a floodplain subcommittee.

Commissioner Blumberg: Requests the police department to make sure parked dumpsters are covered. Thanks everyone who was involved with the Funfest.

Commissioner Amodeo: States it should be celebrated and appreciated how far Margate has come since Hurricane Sandy. Speaks on the response by City departments during and after hurricanes.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on how the drainage system at the beach street ends aided the City during recent heavy rains.

Mayor Becker: Speaks on a recent conversation with a resident who praised the quick response by the City's EMT.

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.

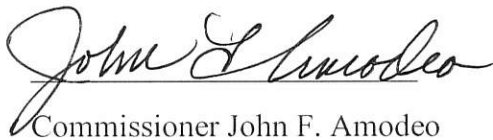
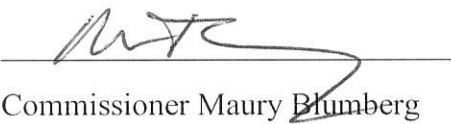
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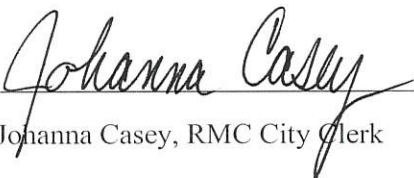
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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

