

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

OCTOBER 20, 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. Chief Dan Adams, Captain Ron Kashon, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Roger McLarnon, Rich Deaney and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on Ordinance #23-2022 and Ordinance #24-2022, both of which pertain to third floor decks and are being introduced at tonight's regular commission meeting. Speaks on the constructive effect the updating of the city codes to include third floor decks will have on the planning board.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on third floor decks being brought before the planning board for the past few years and being approved, without formal details in an ordinance..

Mayor Becker: Inquires about the design criteria of third floor decks.

Roger McLarnon: Lists the criteria for third floor decks.

Commissioner Blumberg: Asks for confirmation that homes in Margate will not be able to be built any higher or wider than currently allowed.

Roger McLarnon: Confirms that homes will not be able to be built any higher or wider than currently allowed.

Engineers Report:

Ed Dennis: The citywide dredging application was submitted last month and is in review phase with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. A meeting with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Permit application is scheduled for November 9, 2022. Speaks on the funding for the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1. On tonight's agenda are resolutions to authorize the receiving of bids for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement. A conceptual plan for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame is nearly finished.

Rich Deaney: Requests explanation of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement Project.

Ed Dennis: Gives the details to what is involved with the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement Project. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction Project should be completed before the summer of 2023. The engineering design of the 2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid -Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue is complete, so it should go out to bid in the near future. Survey work on the 2022 Road Program is complete, so it has moved into the design phase. Conceptual design plans of the Washington Avenue Streetscape Project are almost completed, and will be submitted with the NJ Department of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant application. States work is being done to improve the City's CRS rating. Speaks on the status of the Margate Library Roof Replacement Project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to how close the lowest bid was to the estimated cost of replacing the Margate Library roof and if there is urgency in replacing the library roof.

Ed Dennis: Answers the estimated cost of replacing Margate Library roof and roof cannot be replaced until the Margate Library HVAC replacement is completed. A meeting is coming up with Grant Planner James Rutala regarding the potential funding through the Ocean Wind Pro-NJ Grant fund for the Adams Avenue Stormwater Pump Station. Recommends releasing of the 2020 Redevelopment of Well No. 10 maintenance bond. Releasing of the 2019 & 202 Curb & Gutter Program-Phase 2 maintenance bond is due in December 2022. The Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting Project has an anniversary inspection scheduled for October 25, 2022. NJ Department of Transportation paperwork is being worked on to closeout the 2021 State Aid-Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue -Phase 2. Items on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 1 Project punch list are done, so it is moving into the closeout phase. Still waiting on deliver of HVAC equipment for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library. Progress is being made on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project, but the project cannot be completed until the HVAC system is delivered. The 2021 Road Program Phase 1 punch list is complete, and Phase 2 of the 2021 Road Program should be done before cold weather sets in. The 2022 Curb & Gutter Program and the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access -Knight Avenue and Union Avenue will commence work in November 2022. The Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 is waiting funding before it can start.

Mayor Becker: Inquires about the time frame of work being done on Mansfield Avenue through the 2021 Road Program.

Ed Dennis: Work on Mansfield Avenue is to be completed before winter.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about solving the issue of cracks in the tennis courts related to a creek running under the tennis courts.

Ed Dennis: Tennis courts 1-4 will be completely reconstructed and there is an option of an underdrain system.

Andrew Miles: Speaks on how tennis courts 5 & 6 were repaired, and the types of courts that can be constructed.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on awaiting the opinion by the court on the lawsuit Rise Against Hate has instigated against 30 government entities, which includes Margate City. Speaks on a new state law requiring municipalities to collect insurance policy information from all owners of rental properties and businesses. Speaks on new NJ Department of Environmental Protection building codes that are going to be enacted.

Jim Galantino: Inquires as to who in the municipality will be responsible for collecting the insurance policies.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on property owners being concerned about fines for not filing an insurance policy. Recommends not collecting a fee to collect insurance policies. Working with Scott Abbott on how to enact in the municipality the new state law on gathering rental property and business insurance certificates.

Commissioner Amodeo: Reads an article on the proposed NJ Department of Environmental Protection updates to municipal building codes.

Frank Ricciotti: Work has been done on the Fulton Avenue playground. Street lights on Washington Avenue are now working. The last of the gas street lights was removed from Quincy Avenue. Maintenance issues at the dog park will be taken care of starting next week. Handicap walkways through the bulkhead and don't have steps, have been closed for the season. Winterized beach headquarters and the municipal sprinkler system. Bathrooms at the ballfields will be closed once sport teams cease playing on the fields.

Jim Galantino: Thanks Frank for keeping the port-a -potty at the pickle ball courts. Speaks on an upcoming flood conference. 21 demolitions are in progress. The Margate City Electrical Inspector has been inspecting the newly installed traffic light at Ventnor and Jerome Avenues.

Roger McLarnon: Met with Ventnor City and Atlantic County officials to discuss some issues involved with the county traffic lights along Ventnor Avenue. On tonight's regular meeting agenda are resolutions to accept receiving bids for the 2023 landscaping of public properties and the 2023 cleaning and televising

of the sewer system. Speaks on needing to clarify if homes that have been recently raised or built will not be deemed non-compliant if new DEP standards are enacted.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the possibility of homeowners not being in compliance with upcoming DEP standards.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the possibility of homes becoming higher and consideration of reducing the height limit on homes. Requests the planning board discuss the possibility of the height of homes increasing.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the list of concerns by residents regarding the upkeep of the dog park. Has invited Tom Kreischer, Atlantic County Shared Service Coordinator, to the next Commission meeting to discuss other shared services opportunities.

Captain Kashon: Trick or Treat will be on October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. The Police Department is participating in AtlantiCare's fundraiser "No Shave November".

Andrew Miles: Public Works did a great job at the Fulton Avenue playground. Gives an update on the installation of the new playgrounds at Fulton Avenue and Vendome Avenue.

Johanna Casey: Besides trying to decipher how to comply with the state on obtaining insurance verification from landlords and business owners, all else is good.

Chief Adams: Had a great fire prevention week. Speaks on a recent house fire in Ocean City that had a positive outcome with the home's residents unharmed because of a fire exit plan. Reminds home owners to shut off the home's water if no one is occupying the home for a long period of time. Trunk or Treat will be held Friday, October 21, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8pm behind the Performing Arts Center, off of Monmouth Avenue.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on being witness to this fire in Ocean City and how quick it spread.

Johanna Casey: Reminds Margate voters, the general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. District 3 and 4 voters will again vote at the Tighe School for this election.

Commissioner Blumberg: The AC Marathon will be coming through Margate this Sunday, October 22, 2022.

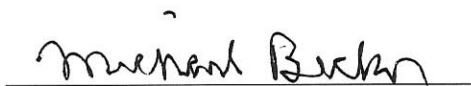
Public Comment:

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

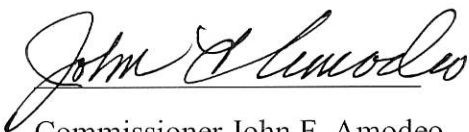
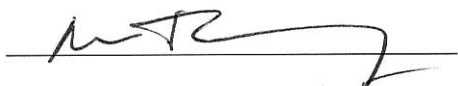
Adjournment:

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 3:55 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

