

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

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

Item for Discussion:

Tim Kreischer, Atlantic County Shared Services Coordinator: Speaks on grants and services available through the Atlantic County Shared Services. And the benefits of sharing services.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the submission of the Best Practices Survey, required by the state. Commissioners have each received a copy of the survey.

Ed Dennis: No comments have been received back from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on the Citywide Dredging Permit application. A joint meeting will be held on November 9, 2022 with the NJ Department of Environment and the US Army corps of Engineers to get direction on the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Permit application. Shelter Island Tidelands License has been submitted already. Flood Proofing of Fire Station No.1 and Historic City Hall Project is still waiting to hear about additional funding from FEMA. A conceptual plan of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame is to be presented to the City for review. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Cage Replacement Projects are both close to being ready to go out to bid. Working with Recreational Director, Andrew Miles, on finalizing the types of tennis court surfacing for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction Project. Final plans are being completed on the 2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue, so it can go out to bid. The 2022 Road Program's base plans are in progress. Speaks on the Washington Avenue Streetscape Design being part of the Margate City Master Plan. A grant to receive funds for the Washington Avenue Streetscape project has been applied for. Maximizing points for the CRS Assistance program. Reviewing options for the Margate Library Roof Replacement Project due to all received bids being over the estimated cost. Gives an update on grant applications pending. Working on engineering projects that will be proposed for 2023. Recommending release of the two open maintenance bonds left in 2022. Speaks on the three projects on the closeout list, Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting, 2021 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2 and the 2020 Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 1. New estimated delivery date for the HVAC equipment for the Margate City Public Library HVAC Replacement is December 7, 2022. Progress is being made on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations Project. Gives an update on the 2021 Road program. The Curb & Gutter Program and the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Access-Knight Avenue and Union Avenue are scheduled to start in early November 2022. Additional funding is being sought to complete the Water Meter Replacement Program.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on proposed Ordinance #23-2022, which is on tonight's regular meeting agenda for adoption. A judge ruled in favor of Margate City regarding an OPRA request. Speaks on the litigation over the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 1. An Ordinance will be on the next agenda regarding inspection of lead paint in rental units.

Frank Ricciotti: Public works flushed fire hydrants, installed five new water meters at newly constructed homes, planted crape myrtle plants in Marvin Gardens, put up a ramp at Thighe School for ADA access on election day, and maintenance of the dog park.

Jim Galantino: Lots of construction going on. Streets looking good with pool installations. House was removed on Thurlow Avenue.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the proposed ordinance on third floor decks and the planning boards consistency report on third floor decks.

Rich Deaney: Start of gathering information on putting together the 2023 budget. Working on contracts for 2023. Beach Patrol contract is up in 2023. Inquires as to whether house liens are covered by any Margate ordinance.

Scott Abbott: There is no Margate ordinance that covers house liens, so he will be working on developing an ordinance on this subject. Currently a municipality refers to state laws on house liens.

Chief Hankinson: Thanks Detective Erin Borrelli and the Margate Mothers Association for the great Trunk or Treat event. Thanks, the public for assisting with the Atlantic City Marathon running through Margate. Margate Police Department is participating in the "No Shave November" fundraiser to raise money for Treasure the Moment Fund. December 16, 2022 is annual holiday toy drive. Reminds people of doing their due diligence with it getting darker earlier.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on Resolution #216-2022, which is on tonight's regular meeting agenda for adoption. Notes that municipal offices will be closed January 2, 2023.

Andrew Miles: Residents have requested lights be installed at the Lucy Playground.

Commissioner Amodeo: Supports adding lights to Lucy the Playground.

Mayor Becker: Requests Andrew Miles speak to Mike McElroy about adding lights to Lucy the Playground.

Commissioner Blumberg: Suggests getting better lighting around the whole recreational complex.

Andrew Miles: Estimates for lighting are being compiled. Seniors went on a bus trip today to Cape May. Monday, November 7, 2022 is Veteran's lunch at the Martin Bloom Pavilion.

Chief Adams: Reminds people to change out batteries on smoke detectors. Fire department will assist with installing residential smoke detectors. Thanks, the police department for directing traffic on Halloween. Working on getting the quote for fireworks and finding out about financial support from Margate Mother's Association for 2023.

Johanna Casey: Reminds residents to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 and voters from District 3 and 4 will be voting at Thighe School. Expansion of premises for liquor licenses has been extended by the state till November 30, 2024.

Chief Hankinson: Liquor license holders have already put requests in with the police department for the expansion of premises.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Mr. Kreischer Atlantic County Shared Services coordinator for his presentation. Inquires about what is the next step to partake in the shared services he spoke on at tonight's meeting. Speaks on the Sustainable New Jersey program. A Shredding Event for residents is coming up on November 19, 2022.

Commissioner Amodeo: Mentions about a note received by Marge Rosenblatt of the Jewish Community Center, thanking the City for helping with the Atlantic City Marathon. Speaks on the success of the annual Trunk or Treat.

Mayor Becker: Nice to be part of Margate.

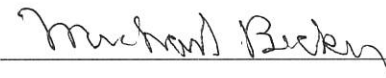
Public Comment:

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


Adjournment:

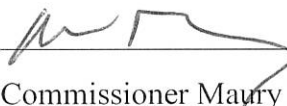
There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg, and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

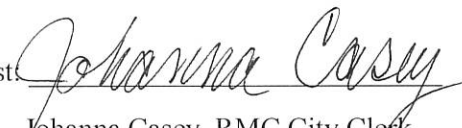
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker


Commissioner John F. Amodeo


Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

