

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

DECEMBER 15, 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, Lisa McLaughlin, Pat Power, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Rich Deaney and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the new state mandate stating businesses and rental property owners must furnish to the municipality certification of liability insurance. Speaks on initiating a municipal lien on a property located on Nassau Avenue due to the condition of the property. Attorney Keith Bonchi, has been asked to consult on this particular municipal lien. States Ed Dennis will give an update on the city-wide dredging permit application. Announces that the NJ Green Acres Program has approved the required legal notice necessary to make the public aware of a public meeting to discuss a proposed interpretive center on the beach side in the Lucy the Elephant Park. Green Acres requires a sign be placed on the park grounds with information on the public meeting to discuss the proposed interpretive center.

Johanna Casey: Chief Hankinson has already been contacted about the sign to announce the public hearing on the proposed interpretive center.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the signage for this public meeting notice.

Rich Deaney: Suggests Save Lucy Board of Trustees representatives and professionals involved with the proposed interpretive center attend the January 5, 2023 Commission Meeting to speak on what they are expecting of the City to see that the interpretive center is built.

Engineer Report:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the dredging committee responding to comments returned from the NJ Department of the Environment on the city-wide dredging application. Speaks on mitigation issues raised by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection with regard to the city-wide dredging project. A decision was made to proceed with including in the dredge hole application a proposal to fill the Shelter Island Dredge Hole to the adjacent bay floor elevation. Gives an update on FEMA funding the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex's Wall of Fame, Walkway Replacement, Batting Cage Replacement and Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction will be funded through the 2022 and 2023 budgets. The 2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project final plans are being drafted. The 2022 Road Program is in the engineering design phase to see if minor drainage issues should be included before it goes out to bid. Seeking alternative roofing system for the Margate City Library Roof Replacement project. Speaks on Margate City being awarded \$162,000 from the 2023 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Safe Streets to Transit Grant Program for upgrades to Washington Avenue curb ramps and installing new benches and signs in the area of Washington Avenue and Ventnor Avenue. A structural evaluation of the Martin Bloom Pavilion is going to be done. There are no outstanding maintenance bonds. There are only three projects on the closeout list. Delivery of the HVAC equipment for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library has a new delivery date of December 31, 2022. Gives an update on the progress of the Municipal Building Interior Renovation project. Gives an update on the 2021 Road Program. An extension will be needed for the 2022 Curb & Gutter Program. Construction of the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Knight Avenue and Union Avenue continues to be done. Funding for the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 remains to be sought.

Scott Abbott: Inquires as to why the Curb & Gutter program needs an extension.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the 2022 Curb & Gutter Program work schedule.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the importance of the 2022 Curb & Gutter Program contractor finishing the job.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Adams: Thanks Nanette Galloway on her holiday safety article. Working to get safety tip information out to residents especially during the holiday season.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on City investments. Working on the 2023 budget.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the "Fill the Cruiser" annual toy drive to be held on December 16, 2022 at the Jerome Avenue Ballfield parking lot from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Recognizes Shane Conesky and Larry Dickerson, two long time police officers, who will be retiring soon. Reminds everyone about being conscious of packages being delivered when no one is around to accept the delivery

Rich Deaney: Speaks on the 2023 budget, the 2023 capital plan and funding of projects in 2023.

Roger McLarnon: The Union Avenue cul-de-sac project is nearing completion. The tank found on the public works site was registered with the Department of Environment and will be removed, and the site will be monitored. Speaks on annual contracts being awarded. Gives a synopsis of the upcoming planning board meeting, and this past year's highlights of the planning board.

Jim Galantino: Thanks Rich Deaney for working on the employee contracts on tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda. Speaks on building sites being kept clean.

Pat Power: Over the past few weeks there has been a water main break and three water service breaks. Public works employees donated money to buy toys for the annual "Fill the Cruiser" toy drive. The public works yard will be closed Christmas Day, the Monday after Christmas, New Year's Day and the Monday after New Year's Day.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on a property on Seaside Court.

Commissioner Blumberg: States his appreciation to all employees, department heads and everyone who has worked to make Margate City great in 2022.

Commissioner Amodeo: Complements all the toy drives in Margate City for benefiting so many children. Speaks on the quick response by the fire and police departments to a recent fire in Margate City. Thanks all the employees and professionals in Margate City for their work.

Mayor Becker: Margate is a great place to live. Wishes everyone happy holidays.

Public Comment:

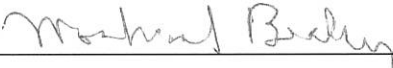
Kathy Heitzman, 22 S. Adams Ave.: Inquires about what is needed for property owners to list their property as a rental.

Scott Abbott: Refers Kathy to call the Margate City Building Department for the appropriate paperwork required to rent a property.


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 3:40 p.m.

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



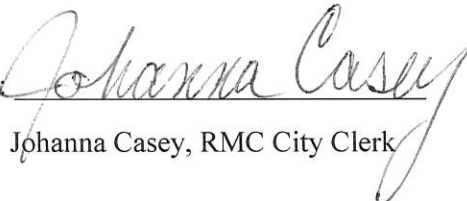
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk