

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

JANUARY 5, 2023

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.

Lisa Hagan, Assistant to 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, Andrew Miles, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Lisa Hagan, Rich Deaney and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Ed Dennis: The citywide dredging permit application was submitted on January 5, 2023. Speaks on completing the application for the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration permit to restore a dredge hole to bay floor elevation. The Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No 1 will be rebid, and working on reallocating Sandy Recovery funds to go towards this project. Compiling bid documentation for the Wall of Fame, Walkway Replacement and Batting Cage Replacement to be done at the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex. A resolution to go out to bid for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction will be requested soon. A resolution is on tonight's agenda to authorize going out to bid on the FY2022 NJDOT State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue. A request to go out to bid on the 2022 Road Program is upcoming. Speaks on the status of the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library. Most projects on the pending grant application list will be included in the next capital budget. Short term improvement projects at the Martin Bloom Pavilion are being identified.

Rich Deaney: The list of short-term projects required at the Martin Bloom Pavilion is needed, so these short term projects can be included in the upcoming operating budget or capital budget.

Ed Dennis: The next open maintenance bond does not expire till June 2023. Speaks on the three projects in closeout phase. Delivery of the HVAC units for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library has been pushed back to January 30, 2023. Gives a progress report on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project. Speaks on the advancements of the 2021 Road Program and the 2022 Curb and Gutter Program. Construction work on the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access at Knight Avenue and Union Avenue is nearing completion. Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 will start once funding is obtained and paperwork is completed.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the purpose of the Lucy Committee doing a presentation during tonight's Regular Commission meeting.

Chief Hankinson: He is assisting with obtaining pricing to erect a sign at the Lucy Park for the purpose of making the public aware of a public meeting to discuss the proposed interpretive center/gift shop at Lucy Park.

Pat Powers: The Public Works Department recently dealt with weather related issues.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on Ordinance #01-2023 and Ordinance #02-2023 being introduced during tonight's Regular Commission Meeting. There have been many requests for pool permits. Overseeing contractors keeping job sights clean. Chain link fences are now being used around job sights to prevent theft of construction tools and supplies.

Chief Hankinson: Very few contractors report thefts.

Roger McLarnon: Construction looks strong in 2023. Compliments the work done on Lucy the Elephant.

Rich Deaney: Speak on salary Ordinance #03-2023 being introduce at tonight's Regular Commission Meeting. Under contract negotiations for a next Business Administrator.

Chief Hankinson: Thanks, the Public Works Department for assisting with the "Fill the Cruiser" annual toy drive held on December 16, 2022. Thanks, Lisa McLaughlin, for her help procuring the 2022 Body Armor Grant. Speaks on hiring more officers for the 2023 summer season.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the resolution on tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda required by state statute for the temporary 2023 budget. 2022 bank accounts have been reconciled. Working on the first payroll of the year. Will be sending to Ford Scott Associates information required for the debt statement and financial statement due by the beginning of February 2023. The UCC statement will also be filed by the end of January 2023. Brings to the attention of Jim Galantino and Roger McLarnon a safety issue on the sidewalk at Amherst and Mansfield Avenue in front of new construction.

Andrew Miles: Speaks on the closing of the Martin Bloom Pavilion due to a pipe bursting. The two to five year old playground next to the Lucy Playground and the Vendome Avenue playground are now open. By end of 2024 all playgrounds should be updated.

Chief Adams: Speaks on the extraordinary amount of calls the fire department has responded to over the past two weeks, most of them cold weather related. The Margate City Fire Department responded to 2,100 calls in 2022. The fire department family welcomed two births recently. Speaks on getting out to all Margate homeowners preventive measures to take if not living in a home during cold weather months.

Chief Hankinson: Requests owners of second homes to provide the police department with year-round contact information.

Rich Deaney: Speaks on municipal departments working together.

Mayor Becker: Recommends doing a press release on the margate-nj.com website to remind residents how to prevent winter weather damage to their homes.

Commissioner Blumberg: Need to specify who in the police department a resident should contact to give a year-round emergency phone number.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on the benefits of residents giving emergency contact information to the police department.

Commissioner Amodeo: Tax Assessor's office has address information, so they could make a reference ledger to contact property owners.

Jim Galantino: The building department updates contact information with the police department as they receive new information.

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.

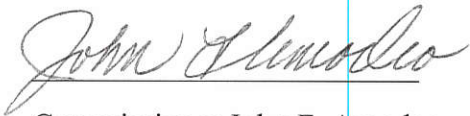
Adjournment:

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 3:35 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

