

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

FEBRUARY 2, 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.

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, Frank Ricciotti, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Kenneth Mosca: Thanks everyone for making it a smooth transition for him becoming Municipal Administrator. Speaks on Atlantic City Electric installing new residential and commercial meters.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about making residents aware about workers being on their properties to remove old meters and install new meters. Recommends in addition to Atlantic City Electric notifications, the City also send notifications.

Chief Adams: Speaks on how these new meters have the capability of automatically shutting off during an emergency, then automatically restarting.

Mayor Becker: Asks that information about the installing of new meters be put on the municipal website.

Ed Dennis: Gives an update on the status to the Citywide Dredging Permit application. A pre-application meeting for the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration permitting is to be held on February 21, 2023. Speaks on the history of the Flood Proofing of Fire Station No. 1 and Historic City Hall Project, and on tonight's agenda is a resolution to authorize rebidding this project. The design of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame has been refined, and a resolution to authorize the accepting of bids for this project is on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda. Bids received for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway Replacement are still under review. A resolution is on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda to award a contract for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction project has a bid opening on February 9, 2023. On tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is a resolution to accept the rejection of the bids for 2022 NJ State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project. The bid opening for the 2022 Road Program is scheduled for February 9, 2023. The results of the nuclear scan of the Margate City Library roof are pending. The following projects have just started: 2023 CRS Update, Flood Warning & Response Plan, City Clerk's Record Storage Room Evaluation and GIS Hosting Services of Municipal Web Map Layers. Speaks on the pending grant applications for upcoming projects. Nothing to report under miscellaneous engineering. No maintenance bonds expiring. Speaks on the three projects in closeout phase. HVAC equipment for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library has a delivery date of February 24, 2023. Most of the work is complete on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project.

Commissioner Amodeo: There are issues with vibrations from the HVAC equipment installed as part of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project.

Commissioner Blumberg: Agrees that something has to be done to lessen the vibration noise.

Ed Dennis: 2021 Road Program will be completed in Spring 2023. Work is substantially complete on the 2022 Curb & Gutter Program and the 2020 & 2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue and Union Avenue projects. Continuing to work on getting funding for the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about how many more street ends require beach bulkhead access.

Ed Dennis: Some street ends cannot be done because the bulkheads are made of concrete. Sumner Avenue is the next beach bulkhead access project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the Margate Business Association requesting a flood warning alert system be put on the promenade.

Ed Dennis: Will take a look at this request by the Margate Business Association.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Adams: Fred Coane has retired from the Fire Department. Residents should make sure outside water is shut off to prevent water leaks when temperatures drop. The Fire Department is in the process of hiring.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the annual debt statement filed with the State. A new Capital Ordinance should be introduced at the February 16, 2023 meeting. Draft of the annual financial statement has been received for review. Speaks on the drafting of the 2023 budget. Speaks on a recent grant received to cover costs associated with the Lucy Playground.

Kenneth Mosca: Nothing to add.

Chief Hankinson: Remind everyone to remain vigilant against car burglaries. Speaks on having to replace a person who was hired as a Class II officer.

Roger McLarnon: South Jersey Industries was sold yesterday, but this should not affect our participation in the energy cooperative. Speaks on tonight's resolution for a pool of engineers as a shared service with Ventnor City. Margate Business Association was sent a reminder about the City requiring outdoor dining permits. Lucy Committee's Executive Director Richard Helfant is to give a presentation on the proposed upgrades to Lucy Park before the Margate Planning Board on February 23, 2023.

Jim Galantino: Jim Jarvis retired from the position of Electrical Inspector. New electrical inspector is Pat Backer. In January 2023 there were 75 building permits issued, and seven new houses. Will give an update at the next meeting regarding oversight of pool contractor's containing water runoff in streets.

Frank Ricciotti: Public Works Department has been working on the City's two Emergency Management rooms, getting the ballfields ready for the season, moving sand so beaches will be ready for 2023 beach season, and adding new boardwalks down at Decatur Avenue. Seven new electrical meters were installed at new homes.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the upcoming March 2, 2023, 6pm in the Court Room public hearing for the proposed upgrades to the Lucy Park. Speaks on North Wildwood suing the Department of Environmental Protection over the construction of sand dunes.

Johanna Casey: All wonderful in clerk's office.

Commissioner Blumberg: All good.

Commissioner Amodeo: Explains the reasons for a resolution on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda to codify the waiving of a permit fee.

Public Comment:

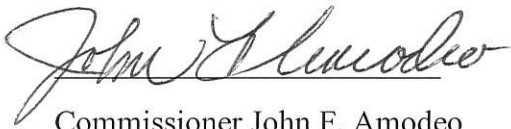
Seeing that there were no public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Commissioner Blumberg, with a vote of three ayes.

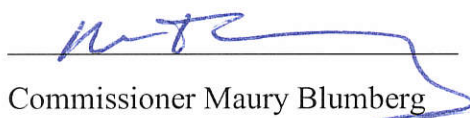
Adjournment:


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 3:37 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

