

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

**FEBRUARY 16, 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:**

Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Mayor Becker is absent. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Frank Ricciotti, Jim Galantino, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Item for Discussion:**

**Kenneth Mosca:** Speaks on a meeting with Margate Wawa Manager, Laura Banks, on the issue of noise from delivery trucks and trash pickup at the Washington Avenue Wawa location. The installation of Atlantic City Electric's new meters is going well.

**Chief Hankinson:** Atlantic City Electric has reached out to the police department about assisting with traffic safety during work done on primary electrical feeder lines.

**Ed Dennis:** Dredging project plans are being reworked based on comments from the NJ Department of the Environment. The meeting with the NJ Department of the Environment to discuss the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration permit will be held on February 21, 2023. The Flood Proofing of Fire House No.1 project and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame project have bid openings on March 9, 2023. Bids received on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Walkway project exceeded the estimated cost, so it is recommended to have on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda a resolution to reject the bids and rebid. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with the contractor of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement. There is a resolution on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda to award the contract for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction. Speaks on the FY2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue Project. The 2022 Road Program contract is to be awarded during tonight's regular commission meeting. Waiting for results from the nuclear scan of the Margate City Library roof in order to price out an alternate roofing system. Work continues on improving the Community Rating System. There is no update on the flood warning and response plan. An evaluation of the clerk's storage room is upcoming. GIS hosting is being implemented. No updates on any pending grant applications. Requests approval to move forward with preparing the FY2023 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access grant application to include Benson Avenue.

**Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg:** Approve the applying for the 2023 CDBG grant application.

**Ed Dennis:** There are no open maintenance bonds due at this time. Gives an update on projects in closeout. The shipping date of the HVAC equipment for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library is now March 25, 2023. The Municipal Building Interior Renovation project is nearing completion. The 2021 Road Program is on hold till spring 2023. The contractor for the 2022 Curb & Gutter program has been given a punch list of items to complete. The contractor for the FY2020 & FY2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue and Union Avenue has completed the punch list. The reconnecting of street end lighting at Knight Avenue and Union Avenue is being coordinated with Atlantic City Electric. Funding for the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 is still being sought.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Inquires about the completion date of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Court 1-4 Reconstruction and if the municipality has worked with this contractor before.

**Ed Dennis:** The Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction project is timed to be done by Memorial Day. This project's contractor, Shore Top Construction, has previously done work for the City.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Inquires if the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 may commence work due to the substantial funding already encumbered for Phase 1.

**Ed Dennis:** Will check if allowed to start the project.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on the 2022 Municipal Budget. Budget should be introduced April 6, 2023, with adoption on April 20, 2023. Grant money for two completed projects was received. Speaks on interest earned on liquid investments.

**Kenneth Mosca:** Nothing to add.

**Chief Hankinson:** Speaks on the equipment upgrades to the communication dispatch center. Network upgrades to the police department headquarters will be done next. Speaks on the meeting with the Margate Business Association to go over upcoming events.

**Chief Adams:** Applied for FEMA AFG Firefighter's Assistance grant for a generator at Fire Station #2. Speaks on training going on at buildings being demolished.

**Ed Dennis:** Nothing to add.

**Jim Galantino:** There were four demolitions and three final inspections of new homes this week. Speaks on reminding contractors about keeping job sites clean.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Speaks on getting the beaches ready for the 2023 summer season. The public work's electrician installed LED lights at the Lucy Playground. A wastewater problem at the municipal building was fixed. A water leak at 12 S. Colmar Avenue was repaired. Top soil was put down at the ballfield. Loose boards at Lucy Park were secured.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on the refreshment stand at Lucy Park is to be rented out for the 2023 summer season. Recommends the Commissioners have no objection to the Save Lucy Committee renting out the refreshment stand.

**Commission Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg:** No objection.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquires about proper insurance being in place by the renters of the refreshment stand.

**Scott Abbott:** In the rental lease it states that Margate City and the Save Lucy Committee must be listed on the insurance. Planet Network, an internet provider, desires to expand into Margate City. Comcast is ready to renew the contract with Margate City.

**Kenneth Mosca:** The Comcast contract is not up till 2024.

**Johanna Casey:** Election Districts 3 & 4 will again be voting at the Tighe School for the May 9, 2023 municipal election and the June 6, 2023 primary election.

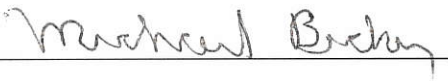
**Public Comment:**

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 two ayes.

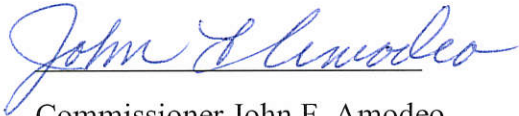
**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Commissioner Amodeo 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 3:29 p.m.

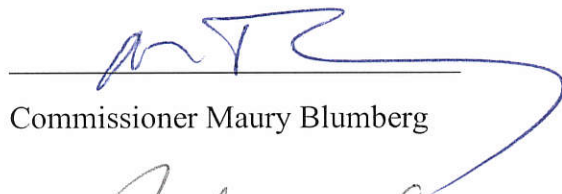
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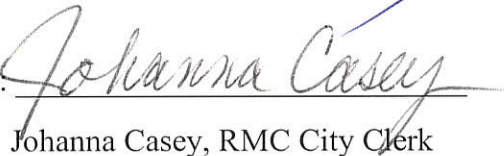
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk