

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

MARCH 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:

Ed Dennis: A response to comments given by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection concerning the dredging application was sent back on March 1, 2023. Speaks on the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting pre-application meeting held on February 21, 2023. The Fire House No. 1 and Historic City Hall Flood Proofing project is re-bidding on March 9, 2023. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame has a bid date of March 9, 2023. Specifications for the FY 2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project are being revised, so it may be re-bid for a start date in fall 2023. Results of the nuclear scan of the Margate City Library roof has been received and a new cost estimate is being done. The first Community Rating System meeting was held on March 2, 2023 to discuss steps to improve the municipality's rating. The Flood Warning and Response Plan is in progress. A site visit to the existing city clerk's records room has been completed, and an evaluation report is being prepared. The GIS Hosting Services of Municipal Web Map Layers is being implemented. The application for the 2023 CDBG grant will be submitted for ADA street end access at Benson Avenue. No updates on the pending grant applications list or miscellaneous engineering. Nothing to update on the open maintenance bond list. Before the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting project can be closed out, Allied Painting will have to take care of replacing a roof manway hatch. Speaks on the delay of receiving the HVAC equipment for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library. Gives an update on the status of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations.

Mayor Becker: Inquires about the noise coming from the new HVAC system installed in the front office on the Municipal Building.

Ed Dennis: CM3 Building Solutions, Inc., who installed the HVAC unit, is working to improve the noise and project contractor, H. Maxwell Construction Company has a proposal to lessen the noise.

Ken Mosca: Has been informed by Fred Verna that there is a broken part inside the HVAC unit causing the loud noise.

Roger McLarnon: Give an explanation on the issue with the part inside the new HVAC unit.

Ed Dennis: The 2021 Road Program is on hold till Spring 2022. The 2022 Curb & Gutter Program is substantially complete, so the project's contractor, RA Walters & Son, Inc., has been given a punch list. The FY2020 & FY2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue and Union Avenue is substantially complete, except for the reconnecting of street lighting that needs to be coordinated with Atlantic City Electric. Speaks on moving forward with the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1, while awaiting finding out about funding for Phase 2. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Reconstruction of Tennis Courts 1-4 was awarded to Shore Top Construction. The 2022 Road Program was awarded to L. Feriozzi Concrete Company. Seeks approval from the Mayor and Commissioners to allow L. Feriozzi Concrete Company to complete the 2022 Road Program before the 2023 summer season. The 2022 Road Program contract states that the contractor of the project must start the job in spring of 2023, cease work during the 2023 summer, then complete the project in fall 2023.

Commissioner Amodeo: States why it would be beneficial to have the 2022 Road Program done in one segment.

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg: In favor of allowing L. Feriozzi Concrete Company to complete the 2022 Road Program in one segment before the 2023 summer season.

Ed Dennis: The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement pre-construction meeting with Command Company will be scheduled.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires if capital needs to be raised to cover what is not covered by a grant for painting the bike lanes on Atlantic Avenue.

Ed Dennis: Explains the options available for painting the lanes and lane painting projects, which will decide if additional funds are needed. Availability of paint to be used for painting the lanes can be an issue in timing of paint projects.

Chief Hankinson: States the recommendation on the painting of the bike lanes.

Kenneth Mosca: Lists the schedule of the emergency alert testing. Social media will be used to notify residents of the testing.

Chief Hankinson: Recommends doing a phone blast for notification of emergency alert testing.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on how the debt for the bike lane painting will be offset by the Capital Ordinance. Two Capital Ordinances are being introduced during tonight's regular commission meeting. Both Capital Ordinances along with the Supplemental Dept Statement will be submitted tomorrow to the State. It should be another month till the City hears if being awarded the \$50,000 recreation grant for the upgrading the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Bathrooms. Speaks on the new system for receiving job applications and onboarding of new employees. This new system will be beneficial especially with seasonal workers applying.

Kenneth Mosca: Speaks on Resolution #62-2023 and Resolution # 72-2023, both of which are on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda. Both resolutions do not obligate Margate to participate in shared services. Also on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is Resolution #69-2023, authorizing Remington & Vernick Engineers to update municipality tax maps.

Chief Adams: Resolution #62-2023 and Resolution #72-2023 allow only feasibility studies to be done to find out if shared services would benefit Margate City.

Chief Hankinson: Speaks on things being done now to get ready for the 2023 summer season. Traffic diversions will be in place for the Cherry Blossom Festival on March 26, 2023.

Ed Dennis: Nothing else.

Roger McLarnon: A Zoning and Construction report is done every month. Requesting homeowners whether full time or part time to maintain property. At 6pm tonight there will be a public meeting on the proposed changes to Lucy Park. Recommends awarding the second year of the three-year beach vending license to the same vendor, WC Ice Cream, Inc. Speaks on the resolution on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda for authorizing the usage of Camden County Educational Service Commission contract vendors.

Jim Galantino: Atlantic City Electric Smart Meters are being installed. Speaks on how new software used by the building department will allow people to access construction documents and view status of construction projects via the municipal website. On March 6, 2023 new building codes go into effect. Floodplain development permit application is now available on the municipal website.

Frank Ricciotti: Four surplus vehicles be auctioned next week through govdeals.com. Ballfield trees are being trimmed and lights will be replaced. Electrical work being done at Fire House #1. A wall was built to house an air conditioner unit and electric work was done at Fire House #2 Cedar Grove Avenue beach steps were fixed. Over the past two weeks three water leaks were repaired, 2 new meters installed, and 5 asphalt and 2 cement jobs completed. Snow fencing installed in front of the high rises to prevent wind damage. Two sweepers will be put back on the street.

Chief Adams: Recent opportunities to utilize homes being demolished have made it possible for fire training. People may smell smoke due to controlled burns in the area. Thanks, public works for taking care of the fire stations. Speaks on the quick response time to a house fire this past Sunday. Fire fighters will be assisting with tonight's dodge ball tournament at Thighe School.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on tonight's public meeting presentation of the proposed changes to Lucy Park. Comments on Margate allowing restaurants to expand dining to include outside areas during specified periods of time.

Johanna Casey: The municipal election will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Closing time for submitting petitions to run for Commission is Monday, March 6, 2023 at 4pm. District 3 and District 4 voters will again be voting at Thighe School for this municipal election.

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.

Commissioner Blumberg: States the traffic light at Brunswick Avenue and Atlantic Avenue is not working.

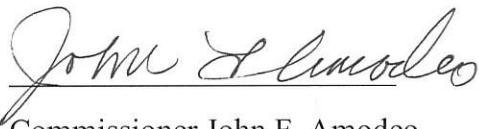
Adjournment:

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 3:43 p.m.

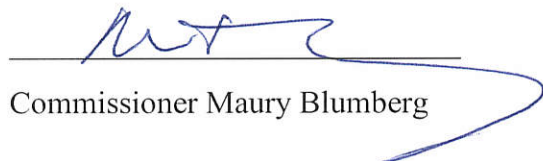
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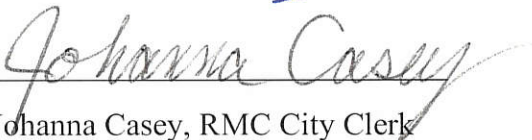
Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk