

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

MARCH 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:

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Andrew Miles, 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: No update on the Citywide Dredging project nor the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting project. Speaks on the awarding of the contract for Firehouse #1 Flood Protection project to Palermo-BFS at tonight's regular commission meeting. It has been recommended to reject the bids received on March 9, 2023 for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame project. Plans are being revised to re-bid the FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglass Avenue to Exeter Avenue project. The Margate City Library Roof Replacement project will be re-bid once the revised estimate is completed through the Educational Services Cooperative. Work is in progress to improve the Community Rating System rating. The Flood Warning & Response Plan is being worked on for the purpose of achieving an improved Community Rating System level. The Clerk's Record Storage Room evaluation is nearly finished. GIS hosting services of the City's web map layers is being implemented. The FY2023 CDBG Beach Bulkhead ADA access at Benson Avenue application will be submitted by May 1, 2023. Speaks on pending grant applications. Inspections related to open maintenance bonds will be taking place. The final closeout of the Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting project will occur after the roof manway hatch is replaced. Working with the NJ Department of Transportation on finalizing the closeout of the FY2021 NJDOT State aid Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 2. No update on the closing out of the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phase 1. The delivery of the HVAC units for the HVAC Replacement at the Margate City Library remains April 15, 2023. The Municipal Building Interior Renovations project is nearing completion. The 2021 Road Program is on hold till Spring 2023. The 2022 Curb & Gutter Program is complete and the contractor is working on the punch list. The FY2020 & FY2021 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Knight Avenue and Union Avenue project is nearing completion, except for the reconnecting of the street lighting which is being coordinated with Atlantic City Electric. Speaks on the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 and Phase 2 funding. Good progress is being made on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Reconstruction of Tennis Courts 1-4. A pre-construction meeting for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement will be scheduled.

Andrew Miles: States a pre-construction meeting was held this morning for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement.

Ed Dennis: At the Commission Meeting of March 2, 2023 the Commissioners approved L. Feriozzi Concrete Company to complete the 2022 Road Program by June 20, 2023.

Department Head Report

Chief Adams: Nothing new to report in the fire department. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, in conjunction with the Margate Mother's Association, will be held on April 1, 2023 at Fire Station #2.

Andrew Miles: The trees around the ballfield have been trimmed. Beach badge sales are off to a good start. Speaks on the Martin Bloom Pavilion Senior Program events.

Lisa McLaughlin: Gives an update on municipal investments. Speaks on the municipal property auction held through govdeals.com. The municipal budget will be introduced at the regular commission meeting on April 4, 2023. The Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund has asked her to be Atlantic County's Cyber Coverage Representative. Staff who have a city email, have a cyber security course to take on-line.

Ken Mosca: Resolution #76-2023 is being pulled from tonight's regular commission meeting, so he may look into a few things. Additional comfort stations are being built on the beach.

Frank Ricciotti: Speaks on the three comfort stations built along the beach.

Chief Hankinson: Reminds people about traffic detours for the first Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on March 26, 2023. A movable speed display sign will be placed in different neighborhoods and new fixed speed display sign is now located at Winchester Avenue and Brunswick Avenue. Both types of speed display signs are part of the traffic calming program. Be mindful of more people and bikes being out with the nicer weather.

Roger McLarnon: Margate's Planning Board and Planning Department have been busy. Speaks on the request for four bi-rite subdivisions. Will be submitting to NJ Department of Environment the findings of the environmental investigation of the Public Works Complex. All street lights are being converted to LED lighting. Speaks on zoning approval applications not slowing down.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on structural analysis reports being done by high rises located in Margate City.

Scott Abbott: Inquires if the structural analysis report is required by the State.

Jim Galantino: A structural analysis report is not required by the State. The Margate City Building Department is doing this for the benefit of Margate residents and visitors.

Ken Mosca: Commends Jim Galantino for instigating this structural analysis report by high rises.

Frank Ricciotti: The construction of an Emergency Management office is nearing completion. Recent storms have caused beach erosion. Cleaning of beaches started this week. Street cleaning by street sweepers started this week. Ballfield trees were trimmed and new lights will be installed around the ballfield by the public works department. The new speed display sign at Brunswick Avenue and Winchester Avenue was installed by public works. Fire hydrant flushing will occur between March 27 through March 31, 2023.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the public hearing held on March 2, 2023 to present the proposed changes to Lucy Park. Speaks on businesses asking for right of way permission. Speaks on items that need to be addressed associated with the building of Lamberti's Restaurant on Amherst Avenue.

Commissioner Amodeo: Speaks on Lamberti's Restaurant's handicap ramp location not impeding parking spaces next to it on Amherst Avenue.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the plans submitted for Lamberti's Restaurant's handicap ramp.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about landscaping plans Lambert's Restaurant agreed to provide and pay for.

Roger McLarnon: Lamberti's Restaurant has not yet submitted landscaping plans. The constructing of a flood gate to the bulkhead also needs to be addressed by Lamberti's Restaurant.

Johanna Casey: Speaks on changes to the timeframe of legal advertising through the Atlantic City Press. Speaks on the May 9, 2023 municipal election. The next commission meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023; 3:00pm workshop meeting and 4:00pm regular meeting.

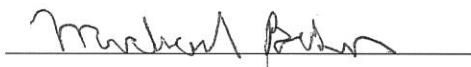
Public Comment:

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 three ayes.

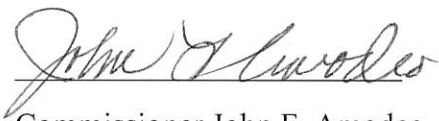
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg, and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

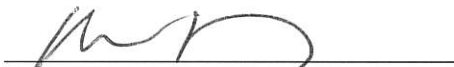
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey




Mayor, Michael Becker



Commissioner John F. Amodeo



Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: 
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

