

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

MAY 18, 2023

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 5:00 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 Collins, Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Horn were present. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Joe Johnston, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the property owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue requesting an easement so he may move a water line and build part of his foundation in the easement area. Owner of property would bare the expense to move the water line. Recommends giving the easement and allowing the property owner to move the water line.

Frank Ricciotti: Speaks on reasons why it is not recommended to give the owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue an easement and allow the water line to be moved. Cannot interfere with a public utility.

Roger McLarnon: No permanent structures can be built over an easement, so a foundation cannot be allowed to be constructed in an easement area. If you allow one person to build over an easement area, then you will have to allow others. Recommends the property owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue move the plans for the home, so the foundation is not over the easement area.

Johanna Casey: The title given to the property owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue when the home was purchased did not show the easement area.

Mayor Collins: Does not see an issue with the owner paying to move the water line, but questions the building of the foundation over the easement area.

Ken Mosca: Must consider the consequences if the City would allow the moving of utility lines for benefit of property owner. Agrees with moving the water line and allowing an easement.

Commissioner Blumberg: No comment. Will defer to the Municipal Administrator.

Commissioner Horn: Nothing to add.

Johanna Casey: Clarifies that the Commissioners and Mayor agree with allowing the property owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue be allowed move the water line and a one-foot easement be given.

Jim Galantino: Will make sure during construction that an as-built survey of the foundation be obtained.

Engineering Report:

Joe Johnston: Still waiting on an answer from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Citywide Dredging Permit request. Biological studies done by Stockton University, as to marine life in the Shelter Island Salt Marsh, were sent to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of sending the studies is to gauge the ability of getting approval from them to allow Shelter Island to be used as a dredge hole for citywide dredging material. Alternate bid specifications are being worked on, so the FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue may be re-bid. Funding for the FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue was received, so it may go out to bid late summer for construction in the fall/winter of 2023. The color painting of the bike lanes on Atlantic Avenue from Fredericksburg Avenue to Huntington Avenue will not be ready to go out to bid till early fall 2023. The 2023 Road Program will include portions of Bayshore Drive, Fremont Avenue and Nassau Avenue. The city wants to redevelop Well #8. Survey work will start early June 2023 for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction. Funding for construction of the Basketball Court

Reconstruction project is still be sought. The City's grant consultant is working on securing FEMA funding for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station. A revised quote for replacing the roof at the Margate Library is to be received from the Educational Services Cooperative in the next two weeks. Plans and specifications for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations-Phase 2 are being prepared. Speaks on projects being worked on to achieve an improved Community Rating System rate. A Flood Warning & Response Plan is one of the projects to improve the rating. The City Engineer is assisting with completing the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I Bank applications for funding for the Water Meter Replacement Phase 2 project.

Ken Mosca: Requests Jim Galantino to explain to the new commissioners the purpose of working on improving the City's Community Rating System.

Jim Galantino: The goal of achieving a Community Rating System Class 4, which would give a 30% discount on the city's flood insurance rate. Speaks on current projects relating to improving Margate City's Community Rating System.

Joe Johnston: Requests a roadway be chosen by the next commission meeting as the focus of the NJ Department of Transportation's FY2024 State Aid Application. Nothing new on any of the pending grant applications.

Ken Mosca: An email was just received today stating \$50,000 was awarded from the FY 2023 NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Recreational Improvement Grant to assist in funding for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex ADA Accessible Restrooms. Thanks Andrew Miles, Lisa McLaughlin and Joanna Casey for assistance in receiving this grant.

Joe Johnston: Inspections of eight projects with expiring maintenance bonds are being scheduled. Not receiving documentation from contractors is holding up projects in closeout phase. The replacing of the HVAC system at the Margate Library is to start May 23, 2023. A preliminary punch list has been completed by the contractor for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project. A walkthrough of the Municipal Building Interior Renovation project has to be scheduled. The 2021 Road Program is moving to closeout phase. The Water Meter Replacement Program -Phase 1 cannot move into Phase 2 until funding is obtained. The contractor for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Tennis Courts 1-4 Reconstruction is completing the punch list. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement has backordered materials. Give a status update of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame. A punch list is being prepared for the 2022 Road Program contractor. Flood barriers are to be installed at Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Election was certified by the City Clerk and no contest to the election were made. Speaks on the lawsuit against Mathis Construction over the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue Phases 1. Speaks on the application for the citywide dredging project and using Shelter Island as a dredge hole.

Frank Ricciotti: Parkway fountains have been uncovered and are now working. Flowers have been planted on public properties. Emergency water issues at two locations on Mansfield Avenue has been repaired. Beach mats have been put down, and next week trash and recycling cans will be put on the beaches. At the end of the last summer season all items attached to beach bulkheads were removed, but items attached to the beach bulkheads are reemerging again.

Chief Hankinson: A notice about not attaching beach chairs and other items to beach bulkheads will be distributed.

Frank Ricciotti: Fifty students from Lenape High School will be participating in a beach cleanup next week. Port-a-pots are being put back on the beach. Water heater at Beach headquarters and the Martin Bloom Pavilion were replaced. The Pier at Washington Avenue will be power washed.

Jim Galantino: There have been 300 applications for rental locations in May 2023. June 15 is the moratorium date for ceasing demolitions and installation of pools, till September 2023.

Chief Hankinson: June 15 also marks hours of construction changing for the summer season. Designated construction hours will be 7:30am till 5pm Monday thru Friday, Saturday 8am till 4pm and no hours on Sunday.

Jim Galantino: Pile driving may still be done Monday thru Friday, but not on weekends.

Roger McLarnon: Shelter Island is partly owned by Margate City and is listed as the secondary dredging site for citywide dredging. The primary dredging disposal site for the citywide dredging permit is off of Atlantic City. Speaks on two resolutions on tonight's regular meeting agenda, pertaining to the purchasing of electricity service and natural gas supply service. The April 28, 2023 Margate City Planning Board meeting was canceled due to the lack of a quorum. The applications that were to be heard at the April 28, 2023 meeting will be heard at the May 25, 2023 Margate City Planning Board meeting. A planning board hearing will be held on June 8, 2023 to hear applications, due to the June 29, 2023 Margate City Planning Board meeting being canceled.

Chief Hankinson: From Friday, May, 26, 2023 to Monday, September 4, 2023 the dollar per hour paid parking will be instigated along Amherst Avenue from Adams Avenue to Coolidge Avenue. Dumpsters must be off the streets starting Friday May 26, 2023 through September 4, 2023. No parking within the beach block signs are going up for the season. Reminds everyone that dogs are not allowed on the beach. Speaks on the police department partnering with the "Hero Campaign".

Ken Mosca: Speaks on the contract with Ocean Computer Services for information technology services. Reminds everyone that beach chairs are not to be attached to the beach bulkheads. Will be scheduling meeting with each commissioner to bring them up to date on what is happening in the city.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the 2023 Budget. Speaks on specific items on this meetings bill list. Speaks on the water meter project cost and funding. Some water meters have been purchased with money already set aside for this project, while an application is in progress with the I-Bank to assist in covering costs for remaining water meters needed.

Andrew Miles: Beach tags at discount till June 1, 2023. Beach tags are available at the Martin Bloom Pavilion. Registration for summer camps is filling up. Recreation staff is preparing for the Memorial weekend. The beach transport service will be available over Memorial Weekend.

Chief Adams: Thanks Jim Galantino and the building staff for giving a list of homes scheduled for demolition, and will be used for fire training before demolished. Beach patrol equipment being readied for summer 2023. Wednesday, June 28, 2023 is the annual fire department open house held at the Margate Library.

Johanna Casey: There will be a free rabies clinic and the ability to purchase Margate dog licenses on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10am to 12pm at Fire Station No.1. Primary election day is June 6, 2023. District 3 and 4 will again be voting at the Tighe School.

Mayor Collins: All the Commissioners look forward to working with everyone over the next four years.

Public Comment:

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

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about the impact on the neighboring house to 7403 Monmouth Avenue when the water line gets moved by the property owner of 7403 Monmouth Avenue.

Frank Ricciotti: The moving of the water line should only impact the neighboring house to 7403 Monmouth Avenue for an hour.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Johanna Casey for the great job running the municipal election. Speaks on the appreciation given to Margate by the owner of the newest restaurant opening on Amherst Avenue.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Collins called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Horn, and seconded by Mayor Collins, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:54p.m.

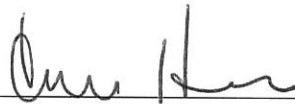
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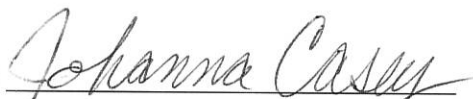
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk