MINUTES WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING CITY OF MARGATE

JUNE 15, 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 and Commissioner Horn were present. Commissioner Blumberg was absent. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Andrew Miles, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

AWARD OF THE KEVIN O'HARA- MCCORMICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

The awards of the scholarship was presented by Margate City Firefighter Danyl Loyle to the following recipients.

Alexandra Forte

Paul Swift

Samantha Siligsohn

Gavin Grant

Eva Blanco

Bryn Swift

Mary Wagner

Edward Leeds

Joseph Pepe

Will Robertson

Grace Gaskill Clair Brooks

Chief Adams: Speaks on the ability of the fire department to offer this scholarship with the support from the public.

Item for Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on NJ Department of Environmental Protection stating new surveys must be done of the requested dredging area due to the submitted surveys being outdated. Still waiting on the results of the NJ Department of Environment and USACE review of biologic studies of Shelter Island. Plans and specifications for the FY2022 NJ Department of Transportation Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue are being revised to be re-bid. FY2023 NJ Department of Transportation State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue survey work is completed, so base plans will be drafted. The FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund allows for the starting of the color painting of the bicycle lanes on Atlantic Avenue. Survey work for 2023 Road Program will start, and a bid opening will be scheduled this summer or in fall 2023. The 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 will go out to bid sometime this summer, so work is to begin early October 2023. Survey work is completed on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction project, so work to start in fall 2023. The Basketball Reconstruction project and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restroom Reconstruction project will be coordinated to start construction at the same time. Grant Consultant, Jim Rutala, is working on obtaining funding from FEMA for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station project, while Remington & Vernick Engineering is working on the engineering plans. A cost estimate still has not been received through the Educational Services Cooperative for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project. Final plans and specifications for the Municipal Building Renovations -Phase 2 are being finished for it to go out to bid. A structural evaluation of Library Park was done, with other evaluations to follow for the purpose of improving and developing this site.

Ken Mosca: Recommends a meeting with all who are involved to look at the plans for Library Park.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the work being done on the Community Rating System. There will be a meeting with FEMA on July 19, 2023 to discuss the Flood Warning and Response Plan, which will benefit Margate's Community Rating System points. Speaks on the funding for the Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase 2 through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on Resolution #143-2023, which is on tonight's regular meeting agenda This resolution pertains to authorizing a contract for the purchasing of new meters, radios and the installation of updated water meters for residential and commercial sites, where new meters have not already been changed out. The municipality will continue to seek I-Bank funding for Phase 2 of the Water Meter Replacement project.

Ed Dennis: The Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue-Brunswick to Clermont Avenue has been chosen for inclusion in the FY2024 State Aid application. Speaks on pending grant applications and awarded grants. Speaks on the maintenance bond for the Reconstruction of Thurlow Avenue and Bayshore Drive West project. Goes over the status of projects in closeout phase. The contractor of the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library project has been given a punch list of items to complete before the project can be closed out. A final punch list will be given to the contractor of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project. The Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1 project was mentioned earlier in this meeting. Some minor adjustments have been made to the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project. Decisions on how to move forward with the the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Wall of Fame will have to be made. The contractor of the 2022 Road Program is working on a punch list before the program goes into closeout phase. The Flood Proofing of Fire House No. 1 and Historic City Hall is on hold till materials are delivered.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Inquires about the estimated cost to re-survey and availability of survey companies for obtaining an updated survey of the proposed area to be dredged in the back bay as required by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for approval of the dredging permit.

Ed Dennis: There are multiple options for companies could do a new survey, and at this time there is no estimated cost. It is unsure if sampling of the area will have to be done as well.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the stages and time it has taken in trying to get approval by the State to dredge the back bay.

Mayor Collins: Inquires if providing a new survey for the dredging permit application guarantees that within six months the NJ Department of the Environment will turn the survey around, and movement with the dredging permit application will be made.

Roger McLarnon: The City knew when the surveys were submitted with the dredging permit application, that the surveys may not be accepted due the age of the surveys.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the seven plus years the municipality has been working on achieving a citywide dredging permit from the State.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on aspects of the dredging permit application that have been accomplished. Once permit awarded it would take a few months to implement.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the Court Order settling the issue of Ventura's Greenhouse Restaurant occupying part of the beach. Recommends the City sign the CAFRA permit giving temporary consent for Ventura's Greenhouse to set up tables on the beach till the end of November 2024.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the State statute which gives the Zoning Officer authority to sign off on a zoning permit allowing extension of service onto a contiguous property. In this case it concerns the beach, which is considered a public park, in front of Ventura's Greenhouse Restaurant.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the introduction of Ordinance #08-2023 and Ordinance #09-2023, both of which deal with the issue of the testing of lead paint in residential and rental properties. Speaks on revising the property lease with the Save Lucy Committee.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the dredging permit application. Looking into a shared service with Ocean City, NJ for beach port-a-pots. Subdividing the current Sunny Sunoco property is two years out, and recommends a bond be required.

Chief Hankinson: On tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is Resolution #145-2023 to authorize a public auction of abandoned bicycles and miscellaneous items. Police are working with code enforcement to get dumpsters off the streets. Free parking will be offered at the Decatur Avenue municipal parking lot on Friday, June 23, 2023 and Saturday, June 24, 2024 for Beachstock events held at Huntington Avenue Beach.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on Resolution #148-2023 approving the submittal of a grant application to fund municipal cybersecurity, which is on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda. Thanks Frank Ricciotti and Pat Power on the how quickly public works completed a job in the 100 block of North Fredericksburg Avenue.

Andrew Miles: The recreation department off to a great start to the summer season. There will be beach transport for those with physical challenges again this summer. Full service starts this weekend.

Chief Adams: Live burn training for firefighters took place on June 6 & 7, 2023 at the Atlantic County Canale Training Center. On Wednesday, June 28, 202, starting at 6:30pm, is the annual fire department open house at the Margate Library. Tuesday, July 4, 2023 is the only day people may grill on the beach till 6pm. Fireworks will be held on July 4th at Huntington Avenue Beach at 9:00pm (rain date is July 8, 2023). New fire extinguishers have been placed in the municipal building.

Public Comment:

Kathy Heitzman, 15 S. Washington Ave.: Shares the phone number of the beach transport, 609-517-5245.

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

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 6:09p.m.

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

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