

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

July 20, 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, via phone call in, and Commissioner Horn were present. Chief Adams, Chief Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Ed Dennis: It was determined that a new survey of the back bays has to be submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the citywide dredging permit application. The survey originally submitted was done right after Hurricane Sandy, and was paid for by a grant to see the effects of the hurricane, not for dredging purposes. This new survey will be the first time the City will have to pay for a dredging survey. Still waiting for comments from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Shelter Island Dredge Hole permit application. As soon as the NJ Department of Transportation gives the green light to proceed with the revised plans, the FY2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue will go out to bid. Preparing plans and specifications for the FY2023 Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, Clermont Avenue to Douglas Avenue, as well as the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting to go out to bid for fall 2023 construction. The 2023 Road Program plans and specifications will be prepared for either fall or winter construction. 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 is being scheduled for work to begin in mid-October 2023. Plans and specifications are being prepared for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction project for fall 2023 construction. Funding for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station has been confirmed. The City will find out from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers as to what permits and evaluations are required for repurposing the underground vault, which is part of the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump project. Speaks on the receiving of the cost estimate for doing the library roof nuclear scan, and the options for re-bidding the replacing of the library roof. The Municipal Building Office Improvement project has a bid opening of July 26, 2023. Once all architectural and evaluations are completed in August 2023, the Library Park Evaluation report will be written and submitted to municipal officials. Speaks on the meeting held on July 19, 2023 between city officials and FEMA, where Margate City's Flood Warning & Response Plan was discussed. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank Assistance program has required submission of information from the water meter manufacturer before a final determination on funding can be made on Phase Two of the Water Meter Replacement Program. Margate City has been successful in obtaining grants recently. The Washington Avenue Streetscape Improvement project is moving forward after receiving a grant of \$1,500,000.00. A recommendation to release the 2021 Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting project maintenance bond has been made. There is a list of projects in closeout. The HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library will be moving to the closeout list soon. A final punch list for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project is being worked on by the primary contractor, along with subcontractors. Phase One of the Water Meter Replacement Program continues to move forward. Finishing touches are being done on the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project. Still waiting for delivery of material needed for the Flood Proofing of Fire Station No. 1 and Historic City Hall project.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the introduction of Ordinance No. 10-2023 taking place during tonight's regular commission meeting. Speaks on the need for dredging the lagoons and finding out the cost of dredging the back bay.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on Ordinance No. 10-2023 being introduced at tonight's regular commission meeting. Once ordinance No.10-2023 is introduced, it will then go to the Margate City Planning Board for comment. New construction plan submissions are slowing down. There is still lots of activity with home improvement permits.

Mayor Collins: Has reviewed Ordinance No.10-2023. Looking forward with what the Margate City Planning Board has to say about Ordinance No. 10-2023.

Chief Hankinson: The public auction of bicycles and miscellaneous items will be held this Saturday, July 22, 2023. Previewing items for auction starts at 9:30am, and the auction starts at 10am at the Margate City police garage on Benson Avenue. Reminds the public about locking up bikes to prevent being stolen. Annual Law Day will be held on August 9, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Margate City Library. Reminds the public about motor vehicle thefts occurring.

Ken Mosca: Funding will be in place for covering the cost of the survey for the citywide dredging permit application.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the 2022 audit report done by the municipal auditor. Speaks on moving investment funds to Ocean First Bank.

Andrew Miles: Between the recreation department's day camp, tennis camp and "At the Top" Basketball camp over 200 children participate each day. 550 people have used beach transport so far this season. The Bloom Pavilion serves roughly 100 seniors per day. There are 700 daily members daily and 500-600 seasonal members signed up for pickle ball.

Chief Adams: Over the past two weeks the number of calls to the fire station has doubled from normal call numbers this time of year. There was a minor grill fire last night. Speaks on fire safety when grilling. Lifeguard responses have increased due to ocean waters being really rough recently. The Junior Lifeguard Program had 170 children attend. Two upcoming lifeguard races will be held at Decatur Avenue starting at 6:30pm: August 4, 2023 Margate Memorials and August 11, 2023 South Jersey Championship Lifeguard Race. The Heart of Surfing event will be held on July 29, 2023 at Coolidge Beach from 9am to 12pm.

Johanna Casey: Noting to report.

Public Comment:

Kathy Heitzman, 22 S. Adams Avenue: Inquires about the evaluations being done at Library Park.

Ed Dennis: Explains what is being looked at, the possibility of updating the site and putting into place a master plan.

John Pitts, 413 N. Huntington Ave.: Inquires how bikes may be purchased at the public auction. Will seek information and comment on Ordinance No. 10-2023 at the Margate City Planning Board meeting when review of the proposed Ordinance is presented.

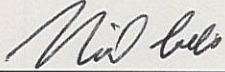
Chief Hankinson: Bikes and the other items may be purchased by cash or check.

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 three 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 5:30p.m.

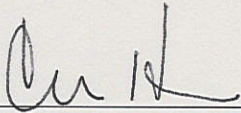
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Mayor Michael Collins

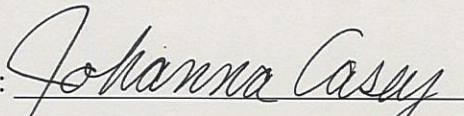


Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn


Attest:


Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

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 roll call vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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


Mayor Michael Collins


Commissioner Mary Blumenthal


Commissioner Catherine Horn


Attorney
John Caskey, Esq. City Clerk

