

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

AUGUST 3, 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 Adams, Chief Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Item for Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Moving forward with having a new survey done for the Citywide Dredging Application. Still waiting on comments from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on the biologic studies done by Stockton University as part of the application to use Shelter Island as a dredge hole site. The re-bid opening for the FY2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue will be held on August 24, 2023. Bid specifications are being prepared for the FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Clermont Avenue to Douglas Avenue, the FY 2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting and the 2023 Road Program. The 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 project is being prepared so work may begin mid-October 2023. Upcoming projects at the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex are the basketball court reconstruction and restrooms. The NJ Department of Environment Protection and the US Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted to find out what types of permits will be required for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project. A recommended course of action on how to proceed with the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project will be submitted. On tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is a resolution to reject the bids received for the Municipal Building Office Improvements. The Library Park findings and recommendation report will be completed once the last evaluation is done in early August 2023. The Flood Warning and Response Plan is being revised based on feedback from FEMA.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the meeting held with FEMA to discuss the Flood Warning and Response Plan. Purpose of plan is to assist in achieving a better Community Rating System rating, which in turn helps in lowering a property's flood insurance cost.

Ed Dennis: A determination on funding is still under review by the NJ Department of Environment I-Bank Program for the Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase 2. The Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase One is still moving forward. No updates to the pending grant application list. The 2024 State Aid application has just been submitted. A maintenance bond is coming up for release in September 2023. A few projects in closeout will be coming off the closeout list over the course of upcoming meetings. Speaks on the closing out of the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library project and the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project.

Ken Mosca: Inquires about the status of the Municipal Building's front vestibule doors not working properly.

Ed Dennis: R. Maxwell Construction, the contractor awarded the Municipal Building Interior Building Renovation project, has reached out to the door manufacturer for direction on how to repair and reinstall the doors. Holes above doors are just an ascetic issue and may be addressed at the same time as the door repair. Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase One is in progress. Additional work will be added to the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project. Modifications were made to supplies ordered for the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No.1 project.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the importance of receiving a better Community Rating System rating to lessen insurance increases. Endorses the adoption of Ordinance No. 10-2023.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the importance of installing and regularly checking smoke detectors. Speaks on the Ordinance which states if a property sits vacant for six months with no construction activity, then natural vegetation must be planted.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on Land Use Ordinance No. 10-2023, which is up for adoption at tonight's regular commission meeting.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about proposed Ordinance No. 10-2023, change in setbacks.

Roger McLarnon: Explains the change in setbacks.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the need to preserve commercial zones.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the current status of what is allowed in the commercial zones, and the need for making all the commercial zones have all the same standards.

Chief Hankinson: Inquires about proposed Ordinance No.10-2023, driveway requirement changes.

Roger McLarnon: Explains the allowable driveway area, so on street parking spaces are kept.

Chief Hankinson: the bike auction held on July 22, 2023 was a success. Annual Law Day will be held August 9, 2023 at the Margate Library from 6:30pm till 8pm.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on the moving of the finance department and the tax collector's office to the new offices constructed at the front of the municipal building.

Lisa McLaughlin: The City's new phone system has a directory for the public. The Tax Collector's office mailed the tax bills. The grace period for payment is extended until August 31, 2023. Announces that there is a meeting next week with the municipality's financial advisor and bond counsel.

Chief Adams: Margate is hosting the 77th Margate Memorial Lifeguard Race on August 4, 2023 at Washington Avenue starting at 6:30pm. August 11, 2023, the South Jersey Lifeguard Championship will be held at Washington Avenue starting at 6:30pm. The fire department has free smoke detectors for residents living in their Margate property, not for people selling or renting their properties. Educates the public on Margate being on a beach advisory this past Tuesday. At no point in time did Margate have to close the beaches.

Ken Mosca: Inquires about the proximity of water testing to the outfall pipes.

Chief Adams: Explains the correlation of heavy rains to the flow of water coming through the outfall pipes. Testing of water right after a heavy rain causes elevated testing numbers.

Johanna Casey: Nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Ave: Speaks on the fire department assisting him with replacing his home's smoke detectors and installing a carbon monoxide detector.

Dennis Gornioski, 7702 Amherst Ave.: Inquires about the City being financially responsible for replacing old water pipes on a person's property if they are damaged during the installation of a replacement water meter. Inquires about the ordinance stating specific times when a fire place and fire pit may be used, and inquires as to what happens if there is a power outage causing a need for a home's fireplace to be used outside of those hours.

Ken Mosca: The City would repair the pipes on a property if there is damage during the installation of the new water meters.

Roger McLarnon: The ordinance is referencing outside fire places and fire pits.

John Pitts, 413 N. Huntington Ave.: States how great a job the police department did on the bike auction. Speaks on the great events held in Margate. Margate is an amazing place to live.

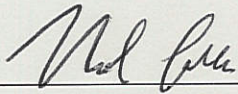
Seeing that there were no more public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Mayor Collins, with a vote of three ayes.

Mayor Collins: Will be announcing the members of the new Citizen's Advisory Board at the 6pm commission meeting tonight. Speaks on the commission seeking job descriptions for all employees, so the commissioners may familiarize themselves with each department.

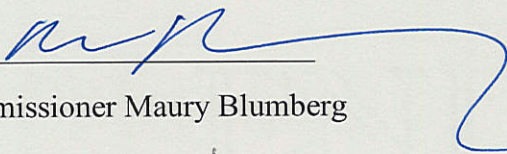
Adjournment:

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 5:46p.m.

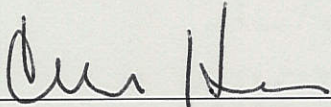
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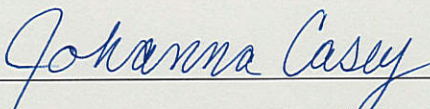
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

