

**MINUTES OF
WORKSHOP COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF MARGATE**

SEPTEMBER 7, 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, 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 updates on the Citywide Dredging permit application. The NJ Department of Environment gave a tentative date of September 15, 2023 to respond to the application. The survey to be submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for use of Shelter Island as a dredging material depository hole is still being worked on. On tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda is the awarding of contract for the FY2022 State Aid-Rebid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue to South State Inc. Plans and specifications for the FY2023 State Aid - Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Clermont Avenue to Douglas Avenue are being prepared, so this project may go out to bid. On tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda is the awarding of contract for the FY2022 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund to Traffic Lines, Inc. Plans and specifications for the 2023 Road Program are being prepared, so this project may go out to bid. On tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda is the awarding of contract for the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No.8 to A.C. Schultes, Inc. Speaks on how all the bids for the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No.8 came in under the estimated cost of this project. Plans and specifications for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction project are being prepared, so it may go out to bid. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms project did receive a \$50,000 grant through the NJ Department of Community Affairs, so preparation work will be done for it to go out to bid. Work has begun on applying for permitting for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Pump Station project. The Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project will be a part of the next Capital budget due to the estimated cost to replace. A long-term cost evaluation for renovating the Municipal Building is being done before moving forward with any renovations. Speaks on evaluations done for the Library Park. No update on the 2023 Community Rating System. The municipality's Flood Warning and Response Plan is being updated. There is no update on the application to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank's application for funding the Water Meter Replacement Program. Engineering and design will commence on projects that have received grant funding. Cost estimates related to renovating the Municipal building are being prepared. Speaks on the status of projects on the open maintenance bond list. No update on the projects on closeout list. Once fabricating of ductwork is done at the Margate Library, then the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library project may be closed out. The issue with the front doors at the Municipal Building has been resolved. A few items remain on the punch list for the contractor of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project to finish. The Water Meter Replacement Program Phase I will proceed using money not funded by I-Bank. The contractor for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement is waiting on material to be delivered to complete this project. Delivery of materials for the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1 is still pending.

Chief Adams: An email was recently received stating delivery of the material for the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Firehouse No.1 in 8-10 weeks.

Ken Mosca: Does not believe the City will receive any funds from NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank. Recommends starting a discussion on other ways to fund the water meter project.

Lisa McLaughlin: Inquires if tax maps have been updated and completed, so revaluation of taxes may start. Tax evaluation services will go out to bid by the Tax Assessors.

Ed Dennis: Does not believe tax mapping has started.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to how far off was the City allocation of funds for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library, and what was the bid for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library.

Ed Dennis: Explains the money budgeted for the replacement of the HVAC and the replacement of the roof at the Margate Library.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on revisiting the Cooperative to rebid the Replacement at the Margate Library.

Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the state law allowing negotiations with the lowest bidder of a project once rejection of receive bids was done twice.

Lisa McLaughlin: Only about \$100,000.00 left for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project.

Mayor Collins: The Margate Citizen's Advisory Board is aware they will be given the task to provide feedback on the Washington Avenue Streetscape project.

Roger McLarnon: 9211 Monmouth Avenue has possibly been sold, and buyers are aware of the property in relation to the Washington Avenue Streetscape project.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott, Esquire: Speaks on a settlement agreement reached with SAJ Associates, LLC against the Margate City Planning Board.

Johanna Casey: A resolution to memorialize the settlement agreement with SAJ Associates, LLC has to be done by the Margate City Planning Board.

Scott Abbott, Esquire: Speaks on a property owner wanting to donate a piece of their property on wetlands between Marshall Avenue and Argyle Avenue to the City. Recommends the City take title to property.

Roger McLarnon: This donation would help the City's open space inventory.

Scott Abbott: Margate City and Ventnor City jointly own Shelter Island. Inquires if Ed Dennis has any thoughts as to what comments may be made by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on September 15, 2023. Inquires as to the restroom dimensions and the estimated cost of the restroom project at the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex.

Ed Dennis: Speaks on what has been submitted and what responses have already been receive by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection on the dredging project. Citywide dredging is not dependent on getting approval to use Shelter Island as a dredge hole site. Does not have the

restroom dimensions on him tonight. Still working on the plans and specifications on the restroom project, so no estimated cost available.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires as to any liability to accepting the property donated.

Scott Abbott: No more liability for this lot, as to any lot already owned by the City.

Jim Galantino: On September 15th demolitions will be allowed again. No more plywood is allowed on sidewalks at construction sites. Builders must use DGA asphalt material on the sidewalk in front of a construction site. The building department received an Insurance Services Office Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Grade of 3 after being audited. Speaks on what it would take to receive the top Grade of 1. SDL Portal is live on the building department website, allowing for 24 hour/7 days a week access to building department documents.

Chief Adams: Will request to use sites to be demolished for fire training.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the settlement agreement and resubmittal of plans by SAJ Associates, LLC. The next Margate Planning Board meeting will be on September 28, 2023.

Chief Hankinson: Between Memorial Day and Labor Day the police responded to 6440 calls. Speaks on the types of calls the police received this summer season. Fall starts other types of calls. Will be having an auction of police vehicles next month. On tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda is a resolution to authorize special traffic regulations for Margate's Fall FunFest.

Ken Mosca: Thanks Chief Adams, Chief Hankinson and Frank Ricciotti for a great job this past summer. A meeting to discuss next year's capital budget will be scheduled.

Lisa McLaughlin: Gives the status of the municipality's current investments. A budget status through April 30, 2023 report will be done by next week. Speaks on preparing for the Bond Anticipation Notes coming due soon. Speaks on adopting a "Fund Balance Policy". Health insurance enrollment for employees is coming up.

Chief Adams: Cooperation between departments assisted in getting things done this past summer. A "9/11 Ceremony" will be held on September 11, 2023 at 9a.m. in Fire Station No. 1. Speaks on how using properties to be demolished for training sessions and working with public works regarding fire hydrants, can lower property owner's cost of fire insurance. Asset inventory and vehicle inventory were just completed. Speaks on the outstanding job the lifeguards did this summer. The only beaches open the weekend of September 9 & 10, 2023 will be Washington Avenue, Huntington Avenue and Clermont Avenue. As of September 10, 2023 at 6p.m. all beaches will be closed for the season. Speaks on the status of this Saturday, Saturday 9, 2023 "Dean Randazzo Surf for a Cause" competition due to the hurricane of the coast.

Johanna Casey: Inquires of the Commissioners about scheduling the commission times for next year to have the Workshop Meeting start at 5p.m. and the Regular Meeting immediately following the workshop meeting adjourning.

Mayor Collins: Makes sense

Commission Blumberg: Good by me

Johanna Casey: Seeks recommendations from the Commissioners about using the Martin Bloom Pavilion or suggesting other locations as election polling site instead of using the schools. Voting district locations for the upcoming November General Election will remain at Tighe School and Ross School due to not enough time to notify the voters of any change to voting locations.

Ken Mosca: Inquires about using the court room as a polling location.

Johanna Casey: Using the court room would require a lot of work and expense to break down and setup the room for a voting location. The Municipal Building's all-purpose room cannot be used because the Public Works Department has offices in there.

Scott Abbott: Inquires if the county Board of Elections is mandating the move from schools.

Johanna Casey: Board of Elections would like to move away from schools for safety reasons.

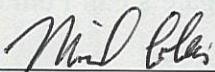
Public Comment:

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.

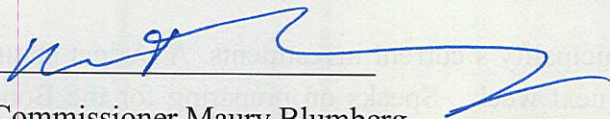
Adjournment:

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 5:50p.m.

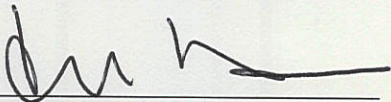
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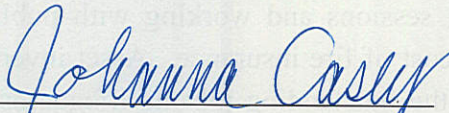
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

