

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Pat Power, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Proclamation:

Greg Smallwood-A proclamation is presented to the lifeguards who assisted in the rescue of a bather over Labor Day weekend. If not for them, a life would not have been saved.

Chief Adams: Recognizing the quick efforts of these lifeguards. Reads the proclamation and names recognized:

Initial Lifeguard Crew from Huntington Avenue: Lieutenant Kyle Pollock, Morgan Pizagno, Ava Ritzel, and Matthew Patillo

Back up Crew Responding: Chief Greg Smallwood, Captain Charles LaBarre, Lieutenant Charles Gowdy, Lieutenant Michael Booth, Lieutenant Shane Graves, EMT/ Lifeguard Christopher Spiers, EMT/ Lifeguard Sean Cavanaugh and Lifeguard Charlie LaBarre

Mayor Collins: Thanks everyone involved in the rescue. Proud of all who protect our beaches.

Item for Discussion:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on additional survey work to be done for the citywide dredging permit application. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection responded back with questions on the biological studies submitted by the City for the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration permit application. Pending next year's capital budget, the FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Clermont Avenue to Douglass Avenue, the 2023 Road Program, the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Restoration, and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms will all be scheduled for bid. An application for permitting has been submitted to the NJ Department of Environment and the Army Corps of Engineers for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station. The Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station is in the engineering phase. Soliciting quotes or will be working on negotiations for the Roof Replacement at the Margate City Library. Funding for the Roof Replacement at the Margate City Library will need to be part of the 2024 capital budget. The Municipal Building Renovations-Phase 2 is on hold status due to completing a cost estimate analysis. Once the site evaluation of Library Park is finished then a report will be able to be presented to the City. Both the Community Rating System and the Flood Warning & Response Plan have updates needed. Engineering support is being provided to Grant Consultant, Jim Rutala, to secure funding from the NJ Department of Environment I-Bank Assistance for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The cost estimate analysis of the municipal building is for the entire building and will assist in determining how to proceed with renovation projects. NJ Department of Transportation has a Safe

Routes to School Grant available, which could help fund the municipality's school travel plan. Inquires if the commissioners want to proceed with applying for this grant.

Commissioner Horn: NJ Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Grant could help with installing lights behind Tighe School, which is very dark at night.

Ken Mosca: A meeting to discuss the NJ Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Grant is worthwhile to have.

Ed Dennis: Additional work still needs to be done on those projects on the open maintenance bond list. Nothing to report on the projects on closeout list. The HVAC work at the Margate City Library is just about done. The entrance doors to the municipal building are now working. There are still a few items on the punch list for the Municipal Building Interior Renovation project. A preconstruction meeting was held on September 20, 2023 for the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1.

Pat Power: Explains what is encompassed in the Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase 1.

Ed Dennis: The contractor for the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project has received the materials to proceed with the additional work required. The contractor of the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1 continues to wait for the materials needed to complete the project. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled for the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 project. Waiting for the NJ Department of Transportation to concur with the awarding of contracts for the F2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglass Avenue to Exeter Avenue and the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting projects. Preconstruction meetings will be scheduled for the F2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue and the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting projects.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the resolution on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda supporting the decision to cancel the Margate FunFest due to the upcoming weather.

Pat Power: Public Works repaired sewer breaks on the beach block of Union Avenue and the beach block of Jerome Avenue. Speaks on preparations being done for this weekend's storms. Fire hydrant flushing will take place the week of October 23, 2023. Requesting a phone blast be done to notify residents of hydrant flushing.

Roger McLarnon: The next planning board meeting on September 28, 2023 will hear an application involving the by-right subdivision. Being heard at the October 26, 2023 planning board meeting is an application involving the mixed-use zone.

Chief Hankinson: Recognizes Officer Brendan Campbell and Officer Christopher Taroncher for rescuing a woman and her granddaughter, who were being swept away by heavy ocean surf. Reminds the public to lock their cars since there are thefts going on in all municipalities.

Ken Mosca: Will add to the Margate newsletter about the October 2023 hydrant flushing and meter replacing. Speaks on the two resolutions on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda regarding applying for grant money through the NJ Department of Transportation.

Lisa McLaughlin: Clarifies the purpose of Resolution #210-2023 and Resolution #211-2023, both of which are on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda. Starting to work on the 2024 budget.

Andrew Miles: Recreation fields were closed for aeration and seeding. Over 200 people are signed up for soccer. Fall programs have started. Need to find a new company to process online beach tag orders due to the current company closing.

Johanna Casey: All good in the City Clerk's office.

Public Comment:

Ed Berger, 9402 Amherst Avenue, President of the Margate Business Association: Speaks on the cancelation of the 2023 Margate Fall FunFest.

Mayor Collins: Unfortunate, but it was the right decision to cancel the Margate Fall FunFest.

Dennis Gornioski, 7702 Amherst Avenue: Speaks on funding of the dredging project, and the project's impact on tax payors.

Mayor Collins: The survey being done will help in estimating the cost involved with dredging. There are various areas in the back bay requiring dredging.

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the current issues in the back bays resulting from areas not being dredged. City will only dredge public waterway properties. Private dock owners will have to bear the cost of dredging their docks.

Mayor Collins: The cost of the dredging project is public knowledge.

Ed Dennis: There was never grant money for the actual dredging part of the project.

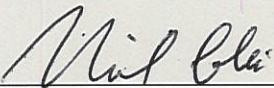
Scott Abbott: Grant money was awarded for doing the preliminary work to apply for the permit to dredge.

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.

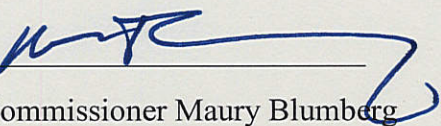
Adjournment:

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 5:40p.m.

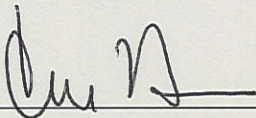
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Mayor Michael Collins

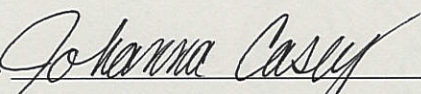


Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest:



Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

