

MINUTES
WORKSHOP/CAPITAL MEETING
CITY OF MARGATE

OCTOBER 19, 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. Captain Ron Kashon, Pat Power, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Andrew Miles, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Engineers Report:

Ed Dennis: Speaks on the progress of competing a new survey required for the citywide dredging plans. Comments given by the NJ Department of Environment and the US Army Corps of Engineers after their review of the study done for the Shelter Island Salt March Restoration Permitting application, are being reviewed by Stockton Coastal Research Center. The restoration study to allow Shelter Island as a place to deposit dredging material was done by Stockton's Coastal Research Center. The engineering phase is nearly complete and the following are getting ready to go out to bid: FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, 2023 Road Program, Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms. Permits are being obtained for the Adams Avenue Storm Water Sewer Pump Station project, along with a structural evaluation of the underground vault to be used. The Roof Replacement at the Margate Library may be requested, so it can be rebid. The Library Park evaluations have been completed, so a report with recommendations will be prepared. The revised Flood Warning and Response Plan has been submitted to FEMA. Working with FEMA on what activities could assist with achieving a better rating under the Community Rating System. A municipal building room by room cost estimate has been completed, and give to the Municipal Business Administrator, Ken Mosca. FEMA has issued a new round of funding, so recommending a grant application be submitted for the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvement project. No update on the open maintenance bond list. Some projects on the closeout list should be coming off shortly. The HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library is substantially complete. There are still a few items on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project punch list that need to be addressed by the general contractor.

Ken Mosca: Along with the Chief Financial Officer, Lisa McLaughlin, the recommendation is to hold back remaining payments to the general contractor for the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project till the punch list items are taken care of.

Ed Dennis: Phase 1 of the Water meter Replacement project is in progress.

Pat Power: As of today, 180 radios for the Water Meter Replacement-Phase 1 project have been installed. 220 radios still to be installed.

Ed Dennis: The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project is nearing completion. No update on the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Firehouse #1 project due to still waiting for construction material to be delivered. Work is to start on the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 on October 23, 2023. The NJ Department of Transportation concurred with the award of contract for both the FY2022 State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue and the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting project, so work on both projects will start soon.

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the lawsuit against Mathis Construction has been settled. Speaks on a presentation he attended given by the Deputy Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. The Deputy Commissioner spoke on upcoming new flood regulations.

Pat Power: Public Works have spread new stone around the ballfield walkway, finished the installation of water meters, and three new benches at Lucy Park have been placed. The Annual Beach Clean Up will be held this Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9am till 12pm at Granville Avenue. Flushing of the fire hydrants starts Monday, October 23, 2023.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the proposed new legislation on flood regulations. Three applications are to be heard at next week's planning board meeting

Captain Kashon: The AC Marathon will be coming through Margate this Sunday, Oct 22, 2023. Asks people to be patient when traffic has to be stopped due to the marathon. The Police Department and Margate Mother's Club Annual Trunk or Treat event will be next Friday, October 27, 2023 in the Tighe School parking lot from 6pm to 7:30pm. Trick or Treat on October 31, 2023 is from 6pm to 8pm.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on Phase 2 of LED Street Light Replacement Program.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the city's liability in the settlement agreement of the lawsuit with Mathis Construction. Speaks on grant money received for the Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting and updating mapping related to storm water. Speaks on the Joint Insurance Fund. A lot going on this time of year with employee insurances. Best practices questionnaire is due to the state by November 6, 2023 in order to be eligible for state aide. Speaks on the Bond Ordinances on tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda. A bond sale will be held on October 26, 2023. Speaks on Standard and Poor's municipal rating system.

Johanna Casey: On tonight's Regular Commission Meeting agenda is a transfer of liquor license from Sensational Dessert to Majestic Desserts. The general election will be held on the November 7, 2023, and voting locations are the same as the last election.

Mayor Collins: Due to the weather report, the Margate Educational Foundation's Annual Boo Fest has been canceled. It is now rescheduled to the night of the Trunk or Treat event, October 27, 2023 from 4pm to 7pm at the field across from Tighe School.

Public Comment:

Dennis Gornioski, 7702 Amherst Avenue: States he was promised at the last commission meeting to receive a copy of the dredging map. He has not received. Complaint made to police department, but no call back. The lawsuit involving Mathis Construction may not all be finished.

Captain Kashon: Requests Dennis Gornioski tell him what his call to the police department on October 4, 2023 concerned.

Steven Altman, 9003 Amherst Avenue: Speaks on the quality of service he has received from city departments regarding incidents of hit and runs in front of his house and water leaking to his home.

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.

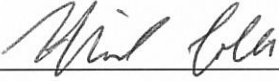
Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on cars in previous years having to be towed because of the AC Marathon. Request additional notifications be given to residents about having to move their cars on the day of the marathon.

Commissioner Horn: People will have the opportunity to dunk into water the Mayor and Police Chief during "Boo Fest".

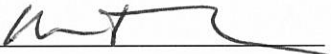
Adjournment:

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 5:35p.m.

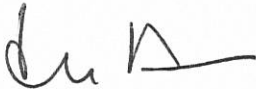
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

