

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

NOVEMBER 2, 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, 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: An Aerial survey will be completed next week as required for the citywide dredging application. Contacting Stockton's Coastal Research Center to get their responses to the comments made by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permit application. The FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Clermont Avenue to Douglass Avenue project and the 2023 Road Program will be going out to bid soon. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Basketball Court Reconstruction and the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Restrooms projects are both in the engineering phase and looking to be funded in a future capital budget. Engineering work is being done and structural evaluation of the underground vault is being scheduled for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project. Bid specifications were revised and funding is incorporated in the Capital Bond for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project. All evaluations are completed and the Library Park Evaluation report is being drafted. Additional work is being done on the Flood Warning and Response Plan. Responses to comments on the I-Bank Assistance application for Lead Service Line Replacement Program were given to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Grant funding applications for the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvements project will be submitted by the city's grant consultant, James Rutala Associates. No update to the open maintenance bonds list. No update to the projects in closeout list. Additional work to the HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library project is nearing completion. Speaks on the status of correcting the municipal building entrance corridor doors, which is part of the Municipal Interior Renovations project.

Pat Power: Gives an update on the Water Meter Replacement Program-Phase One.

Ed Dennis: Once the netting is received by the contractor of the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project, this project will be finished. Custom fabricated doors for the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station #1 project are still backordered. Operations on the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No.8 project are moving along. Work has started on the FY2022 State Aid -Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglass Avenue to Exeter Avenue. The contractor of the FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting project is awaiting delivery of material needed to start the project.

Roger McLarnon: Recommends extending the moratorium to five years on the painting of the bicycle lanes on Atlantic Avenue due to the cost to have the painting done.

Commissioner Blumberg: Inquires about the HVAC system at the Margate Library being tested for cooling as well as heating due to the time of year it is being tested.

Ed Dennis: Both heating and cooling testing will be done on the new HVAC units at the Margate Library. If there should be any issues with the new HVAC system at the Margate Library there is a maintenance bond in place.

“Lucy” Sign Presentation:

Andrew Miles: Speaks on the development of the signs and locations the “Lucy” signs will be placed in Margate.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks everyone involved with getting these signs made.

Department Head Reports:

Andrew Miles: The Martin Bloom Pavilion and Margate Library have partnered to offer activities to the public. Speaks on the 10th Annual Veteran’s Day luncheon to be held on November 6, 2023 at the Martin Bloom Pavilion. Fall soccer season is ending and traveling basketball tryouts is almost done. Recreation basketball signups are taking place now. Coming soon, online registration to sign up for camps, after school programs and all other programs and events offered through the Margate Recreational Department.

Lisa McLaughlin: Speaks on the merits of having available online registration. Speaks on the Annual Best Practices Survey that has to be submitted in order to receive state aid. Reports on the results of the municipal bond and note sale held on October 26, 2023.

Mayor Collins: Inquires if the number of bidders during the sale of the municipal bonds and notes was typical.

Lisa McLaughlin: The numbers of bond and note bidders was more than anticipated. Speaks on the current state audit of the Margate Lifeguard Pension Plan. Not anticipating any deficiencies to be found with the Lifeguard Pension Plan.

Ken Mosca: Lucy signs are fabulous and a tremendous job done.

Chief Hankinson: Thanks, Chief Adams, Andrew Miles, and Pat Power for helping with the Annual Trunk or Treat event held on October 27, 2023 at Tighe School. The money raised by the Trunk or Treat event is to help out the schools. A special thank you to Detective Borelli for her spearheading the Trunk or Treat event. The Police Department is participating in the “No Shave November “ event to raise money to assist cancer patients. Reminds residents to lock cars and bikes up no matter what time of year to prevent thefts. Proclamation on tonight’s regular commission meeting agenda to recognize two officers who assisted in a water rescue.

Jim Galantino: Speaks on the resolution on tonight’s regular commission agenda to hire Mike Nicholas as electrical inspector. Speaks on pool contractors taking on multiple pool installations at the same time, so dragging out the completion of installations. Demolitions continue to take place.

Mayor Collins: Suggest revisiting the ordinance on pools.

Roger McLarnon: A resolution is on tonight’s regular commission meeting agenda for awarding the contract for the UST removal and site remediation at the Public Works site. Preparing the bid specifications for the 2024 landscaping maintenance and the cleaning and televising of the sewer system, so both may be awarded in December. The next planning board meeting has been moved up to November 16, 2023 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Recognizes Palma Shiles, Margate City’s Building Department Office Manager and Technical Assistant to the Construction Official, for receiving an award at the NJ Association of Flood Plan Manager’s meeting for her conducting a flood prevention presentation.

Pat Power: Lights along the ballfield walkway were put up. Public works has been winterizing city owned properties. Two water leaks were serviced last week.

Chief Adams: The Trunk or Treat event was very well attended. The Margate Mother’s Association was able to collect during the Trunk or Treat event slightly used or new jackets to be donated to those in need. Detective Borelli’s work organizing the Annual Trunk or Treat event is outstanding. Fire Prevention week went very well. Speaks on using space heaters safely. Recommends having heating units annually serviced. Fire places should also be serviced every

year and inspected annually. Changing your clock for daylight savings time is a reminder to change your smoke detector battery. Smoke detectors with lithium batteries only are good for ten years. Fire department has free smoke detectors for those living in a home in Margate City.

Johanna Casey: Election Day is November 7, 2023. Polls are open 6am till 8pm. Reminder to District 3 and District 4 voters, that they have to vote at Tighe School.

Public Comment:

John Pitts, 413 N. Huntington Ave.: The Trunk or Treat event and the Boo Fest were fantastic. Lights around Sigmund Rimm Recreation Complex look great. LED street lights installed are bright and not offensive.

John Baker, 318 Superior Road, EHT: Speaks on how much he loves Margate.

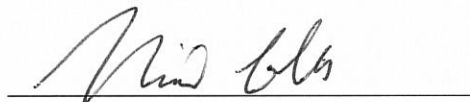
Commissioner Blumberg: Speaks on the wonderful work John Baker did on the artwork for the "Lucy " signs.

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 5:39p.m.

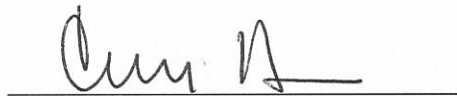
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

