

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

**NOVEMBER 16, 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. Deputy Chief Pat Armstrong, Chief Matt Hankinson, Jim Galantino, Pat Power, Lisa McLaughlin, Ed Dennis, Johanna Casey, Kenneth Mosca and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Mayor Collins:** Announces that tonight's Regular Commission Meeting will immediately follow after the close of this Workshop Meeting. This change in time was publicly advertised.

**Engineers Report:**

**Ed Dennis:** The three types of required surveys are in progress for the Citywide Dredging Permit application. Stock Coastal Research Center may have to do additional field work to satisfy the comments made by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting application. Plans and specifications for the FY2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project needs approval by the NJ Department of Transportation before it can go out to bid. The 2023 Road Program plans and specifications are being prepared. Field survey work for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station is in progress. Additional funding for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library project is being sought, so no update. The Library Park Evaluation report is almost done. Addition information required by FEMA is needed to finalize the Flood Warning and Response Plan. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank Assistance Program application has been submitted and is in review. This application is for funding for of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. An application is being submitted to FEMA to obtain funding for the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvements project. A running list of projects to consider in the Capital budget are on the Pending Capital Projects list. A few jobs to be completed by the end of the year are on the Open Maintenance Bonds list. Some current projects will be moving to the Projects in Closeout list. The HVAC Replacement at the Margate Library project is approaching closeout. Speaks on the completion of the front entrance interior doors as the last item needed to be completed on the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project. No update on the Water Meter Replacement Program Phase 1.

**Ken Mosca:** Makes Ed Dennis aware of floor areas in the municipal building that are popping up. These floors are part of the Municipal Building Interior Renovations project.

**Ed Dennis:** The contractor continues to wait for the batting cage netting, so the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project may be finished. Special items ordered for the Flood Proofing of Fire Station No. 1 and Historic City Hall project have an estimated delivery in January 2024. Video inspection has been completed and the cleaning of Well No. 8 will be completed by November 17, 2023. Then a post cleaning video of Well No. 8 will be scheduled. The tentative start date of the 2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue is December 5, 2023. Work on the 2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane Painting project will not take long.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on an ordinance drafted and submitted by an environmental group regarding plastic particles in the air generated by construction sites. The subject warrants consideration by the commissioners.

**Pat Power:** The paper shredding event for Margate residents will be held Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 9am till 12pm in the Margate City Public Works yard. Holiday decorations are up. There were two water main breaks this week. The "Welcome to Margate City" entrance signs have all been installed.

**Jim Galantino:** Don't turn thermostats down past 60 degrees to prevent water pipe breaks. Speaks on the public's ability to obtain property information through the SDL property data link on the [www.margate-nj.com](http://www.margate-nj.com) website. There have been complaints about not getting demolition notifications.

**Chief Hankinson:** The recent municipal vehicle auction was a success. Reminds people to lock their cars to prevent vehicle thefts. He annual Winter Wonderland Toy Drive will be held on December 8, 2023 at the Jerome Avenue Ball Field from 5:30pm-8pm.

**Ken Mosca:** Cyber security updates of municipal computers has begun.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Speaks on the MEL/JIF budget increasing, and its monetary effect on municipalities. Speaks on the renewal proposal submitted by Delta Dental. Recommending renewing the contract with Delta Dental for two years.

**Deputy Chief Armstrong:** Fire Department wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Speaks on safety tips when cooking.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to reports.

**Gerald Rosenberger,** Margate City Citizens Advisory Board: Speaks on investigating ways to increase parking spots in Margate, and enforcing parking laws in Margate.

**Mayor Collins:** There is a tab on the [www.margate-nj.com](http://www.margate-nj.com) website for the Margate Citizens Advisory Board with contact information.

#### Public Comments:

**Dennis Gornioski,** 7702 Amherst Avenue: Speaks on a recent demolition that occurred by his home and neighbors receiving notification of permits. Speaks on concerns over covering the costs for dredging the back bay and private dock areas.

**Mayor Collins:** Jim Galantino did say at this meeting that the City will examine concerns with who gets notified of demolitions. Back bay property owners will have to pay individually for dredging of their dock areas. Gives examples of when a neighbor has to be notified of a permit.

**Ed Dennis:** Once a dredging permit is obtained from the State then individual back bay property owners will be able to use the dredging permit while individually incurring the cost of dredging.

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:** Acknowledges Senator Gormley and former Commissioner John Amodeo attending tonight's meeting.

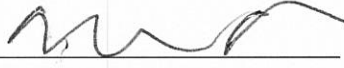
#### Adjournment:


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 5:30p.m.

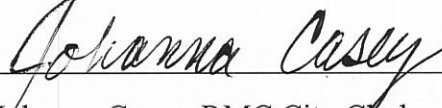
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor Michael Collins

  
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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

  
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Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest:   
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Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

