

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

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

Department Head Reports:

Scott Abbott: Speaks on the requested amendment to the Lucy Conservation Easement agreement. Recommends the Mayor sign the amendment. Speaks on recently passed Resolution #266-2023 authorizing applying for a grant to purchase local property, and the City has to make a decision on what property.

Ken Mosca: An extension to submit the location of the property wanting to be bought is now January 2024. Speaks on the process that has to be done to acquire a property if money awarded through this grant.

Mayor Collins: A resolution would have to be done stating the intent to purchase a property if awarded money through the grant.

Scott Abbott: There is a property between face of bulkhead and property that adjoining property would like to purchase.

Pat Power: Cleaning up public properties around town and getting trucks ready for the winter. Storm drains cleared and fixed two water leaks.

Engineering Report:

Ed Dennis: Arial survey was completed for City wide Dredging permit application. No update on the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permit application. Still waiting to hear if the plans and specifications for the 2023 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project is approved to proceed by the NJ Department of Transportation. As soon as plans and specifications for the 2023 Road Program are done, it will go out to bid. Permitting and survey work is being done for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station. Evaluating how to proceed with bidding for the Roof Replacement at the Margate Library. The Library Park Evaluation Report is being wrapped up. Working with Jim Galantino to update the Flood Warning and Response Plan. Environmental documents have been given to city Grant planner, Jim Rutala, to submit to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program application. Working on alternative signal timing system for Atlantic Avenue.

Chief Hankinson: During the winter season the traffic lights would have longer periods of green and shorter period of red. The traffic lights would not be blinking yellow during the winter season.

Commissioner Horn: Inquires about the proposed traffic signal timing.

Ed Dennis: There is an ordinance being introduced on tonight's regular meeting agenda regarding coming into compliance with stormwater drainage. Applying for funding to assist with flood mitigation at Minnie Creek. No update on the pending capital project list. Corrective work is being done on Bayshore Drive West as to complete that reconstruction project. No update on projects in closeout. An issue with one of the HVAC units installed at the Margate Library has been resolved, and final balancing report is being reviewed. Updates the status of the municipal building interior entrance doors. No update on the Water Meter Preplacement Program Phase 1.

Pat Power: Speaks on the Water meter Replacement Program Phase 1.

Ed Dennis: Still waiting for the netting to be delivered to complete the Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project. Material to complete the Flood Proofing of fire Station No. 1 and Historic City Hall is to be delivered in January 2024. The post cleaning video of Well No. 8 will be done tomorrow, so then the 2023 Redevelopment of Well No. 8 project will be completed. Work is to start on the FY2022 State Aid Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue on December 18, 2023. The FY2023 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Atlantic Avenue Bicycle Lane painting project is substantially done.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Hankinson: Reminds everyone about the Annual Winter Wonderland Toy Drive starting at 5:30pm on December 8, 2023. Gives an update on the vehicle auction recently held.

Ken Mosca: Speaks on the resolution on tonight's regular meeting agenda for becoming into compliance with cyber security through Ocean Computers. On December 13, 2023 at 12 noon there will be test of the City's emergency system.

Lisa McLaughlin: Not all the proceeds from the recent vehicle auction have been received. The budget has been completed 70-75%. The public is welcome to attend the meeting with Atlantic County Utilities Authority on December 12, 2023 at 10:30am to discuss waste water and sludge.

Chief Adams: Speaks on winter safety with space heaters, winterizing outside water, getting heating units inspected, keeping fire place chimneys cleaned, using proper items when decorating, not overloading sockets, and the use of candles. The Fire Department's Facebook will be updated with these safety tips. Thanks, the Public Works Department for purchasing hydrant flow tests. Thanks, the Mayor and Commissioners for the resolutions on tonight's regular meeting agenda for the purchasing of a truck for the lifeguards and a pumper truck for the fire department. Working with Roger McLarnon and Commissioner Blumberg on proper avenues for the selling of a reserve engine.

Johanna Casey: Announces that the regular commission meeting will immediately follow the workshop commission meeting on December 21, 2023 due to the Margate Planning Board Meeting being held at 6:30pm on the same night in the court chambers.

Mayor Collins: States it has been advertised that all regular commission meetings in 2024 will immediately follow the 2024 workshop commission meetings, which start at 5:00pm.

Public Comments:

Steve Altman, 9003 Amherst Avenue: Inquires as to why during the winter it was determined not to have blinking lights on Atlantic Avenue.

Chief Hankinson: States for safety reasons it was decided not to have blinking lights on Atlantic Avenue.

Dennis Gornioski, 7702 Amherst Avenue: Speaks on not getting a response to an email he sent to the Commissioners regarding an issue with a demolition near his home. Speaks on issues not being resolved and zoning laws changing.

Johanna Casey: This is an issue to be discussed at the regular commission meeting.

Mayor Collins: Public comments at the workshop commission meeting must be related to topics discussed during the workshop meeting. Refers back to the regular commission meeting held on December 7, 2023 during which ordinances in relation to Mr. Gornioski's issues were discussed. Speaks on the avenues residents have to find out about permits. The issue Mr. Gornioski has with demolition issues with his house is between him and the demolition contractor.

Kathy Heitzman, 22 S. Adams: Wants on record that the southern part of Atlantic Avenue will have the same painting done as is happening on the northern part of Atlantic Avenue.

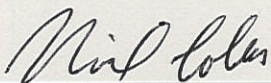
Ed Dennis: Explains that as Atlantic Avenue is repaved, bicycle lane painting will then be done.

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.

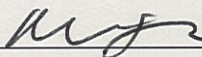
Adjournment:

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 5:32p.m.

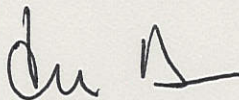
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor Michael Collins

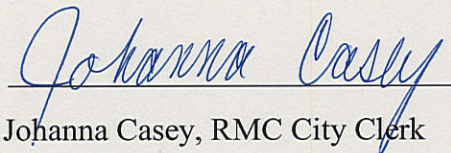


Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest:


Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk