

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION – MARGATE CITY**

**OCTOBER 4, 2018**

**MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY**

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE.

The Margate City Board of Commissioners held a work meeting on the above date at 4:00 p.m. The meeting began with a flag salute & roll call: Mayor Michael Becker, Commissioner John Amodeo and Commissioner Maury Blumberg were present. The following department heads were present: Chief David Wolfson, Chief Dan Adams, Frank Ricciotti, Ed Dennis, Roger McLarnon and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott and Dawn Marie Baselli was also present.

**Proclamation:**

**Dawn Marie Baselli:** Reads the city proclamation of 10/06/18 being “Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day”.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Becker calls for a motion to approve the proclamation. Whereupon the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg. A unanimous voice vote was taken.

**Department Reports:**

**Chief Adams:** Call volumes are increasing. 10/07-10/13/18 is National Fire Prevention Week.

**Rich Deaney:** Asking for fire safety recommendations regarding laundry dryers.

**Chief Adams:** There are flyers available and will request Dawn put on website.

**Dawn Marie Baselli:** Stating ways she is using social media to increasing community awareness of the city website. City website has been updated and full of information for residents. Robo call system now available. Posting board also in municipal building.

**Mayor Becker:** Commended Dawn for her efforts.

**Chief Wolfson:** Tour De Downbeach is Saturday 10/06/18.

**Rich Deaney:** Reporting that the city’s annual total added tax assessment is \$35,125,700.00. Taxes remain consistent over the past years. Positive sign for investments in city. Also stating that this past season construction sites have been better maintained.

**Ed Dennis:** Nothing to report.

**Roger McLarnon:** Stating he met with people from water park and went over zoning requirements.

**Rich Deaney:** Stating this was first meeting they had regarding the water park. Application to DEP and city planning board still need to be done.

**Commissioner Blumberg and Commissioner Amodeo:** Inquiring about location and what is located there now.

**Roger McLarnon:** Next to the Leed’s property heading toward Longport. The current marina with unused slips would be changed to floating piers with anything they need in the middle.

**Rich Deaney:** No motorized equipment would be used.

**Frank Ricciotti:** Update to work being done around city. Requesting a phone blast be done to let public know about the flushing of the fire hydrants being done between 10/29-11/02/18. Public action of 13 pieces of equipment going to be done.

**Scott Abbott:** Gives update to Verizon master agreement and request commissioners adopt to increase service.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Stating in agreement it specifically states the city’s ordinance and requirements.

**Scott Abbott:** Referencing tonight’s Ordinance #24-2018 on zoning and recommending approving.

**Roger McLarnon:** Resolution is consistent with master plan.

**Scott Abbott:** Asking that we keep old zoning maps to show the zoning changes over the years. Making progress with the issues regarding Lamberti's. Will discuss litigations in during closed session.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Thanking Rich Deaney and everyone in the tax assessor office their great work and for tax assessment report.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Thanking Dawn Marie Baselli for her work. Thanking Commissioner Blumberg for the recommendation of putting hard copies of information in public places. Gave an update to what is being done by the city regarding 8 Exeter Court.

**Dawn Marie Baselli:** City newsletter is done quarterly.

**Mayor Becker:** Thanking all city employees. Master plan was started in 2015. Thanking all those who have helped to increase city's ratable.

**Public Participation:**

**John Sewell:** 22 West Drive Requests cuts in the school system spending. Preventing opioid use needs to be done every day, not just focus on 10/06/18.

**Steve Warner:** 103 S. Sumner Ave. Stating opioid use will only end if people can learn to protect themselves.

**Marie Baronelli:** 9714 Atlantic Ave. Inquires as to how this proposed ordinance impacts the Iconelli case. Inquires as to the Hotel Overlay District

**Scott Abbott:** Stating this ordinance would not impact this case.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Review changes. Ordinance #24-2018 was introduced at the September 20th meeting. Hotel overlay no longer exists.

**Roger McLarnon:** States some specific changes being made to address existing issues. States this is a new ordinance.

**Greg Mangel:** 7 Exeter Court. Inquires as to when something will be done regarding 8 Exeter Court. Things still the same after five years.

**Scott Abbott:** Gave an overview of what owner of property has done and what the city has done to resolve. Courts have imposed fines on the owner.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** Recommends it being discussed during closed session.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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

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Mayor, Michael Becker

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Commissioner John F. Amodeo

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Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk