

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

**NOVEMBER 1, 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 4:02 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 also present: Chief Dan Adams, Lisa McLaughlin, Frank Ricciotti, Jim Galantino, Ed Walberg, Roger McLarnon, Fred Verna, Rich Deaney and Johanna Casey. Scott Abbott was also present.

**Presentation:**

Lisa McLaughlin gives the presentation. Money raised from the city employee health day raffle was presented to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a local non-profit.

**Department Reports:**

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Best Practices Inventory has to be submitted to the state by November 12, 2018. Confident that the city will score high to receive full state funding. The annual ambulance billing service contract is up for renewal. Their fee would remain at 6.5%. They are recommending that the base charge go up to \$775 and the mileage fee remains at \$85. The city does not charge uninsured residents. Requesting the renewal of contract with DM Medical be added to the next agenda.

**Rich Deaney:** Inquiring as to whether it is worthwhile to raise the transport fee if insurances will not pay anything more towards a bill.

**Lisa McLaughlin:** Starting to gather information for the 2019 departments and salary budgets. December 1<sup>st</sup>, Patricia Parish a city dispatcher for 38 years is retiring. Chief Dan Adams was a guest on the weekly coastal flooding issue talk show of Palma Accardi, from the building department, and Dan Skelton.

**Rich Deaney:** Reminding everyone that last year many contract negotiations for multiple years were done, so in good shape. Working on salary ordinance to be presented November 15<sup>th</sup>. States Frank Ricciotti received an award for leadership from the American Public Works Association.

**Mayor Becker:** Very proud of Frank Ricciotti.

**Roger McLarnon:** There is a Bike Rack meeting tomorrow. Still on track to get done by next summer.

**Ed Walberg:** The city is in access of 60% submission for bike rack project. Met with hazardous mitigation committee to discuss funding for flood proofing the rear of the fire house.

**Frank Ricciotti:** This week flushing fire hydrants. Covering of water fountains completed. List of city equipment to be auctioned off done. Lucy decking update given. Contracts for video, short line, landscaping and janitorial ready to be finalized.

**Scott Abbott:** Reviews Ordinance #25-2018 for the public.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** States the benefits of passing this ordinance.

**Roger McLarnon:** Planning board did a one year extension for Lamberti to make improvements.

**Chief Adams:** Reviews incidents that occurred during last weekend's flooding. On November 24th the Margate, Longport and Ventnor PBA and FMBA will hold the annual "Fill the Cruiser" Event at Margate Ballfield starting at 6pm.

**Johanna Casey:** Nothing to report.

**Fred Verna:** Acknowledging the great job done by the water meter reading staff. 90% read rate.

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**Scott Abbott:** Jim Rutala has informed him that the grant application for dredging will be available in November.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Thanks Lisa McLaughlin and everyone else who assisted with the health fair.

**Commissioner Amodeo:** The health fair is a benefit to employees and great way to bring the community employees together. Thanks everyone who put it together. Acknowledges the great job Frank Ricciotti does. Halloween was a great night and thanks police and fire for their efforts that night.

### **Public Participation:**

**John Sewell:** 22 West Drive For good news read the Downbeach Buzz. Urging the mayor and commissioners to have a Plan B if the grant for dredging does not happen. Requesting consolidating schools.

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to close public portion. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Amodeo and seconded by Commissioner Blumberg to adjourn the meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mayor Becker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Whereupon, the motion was made by Commissioner Blumberg and seconded by Commissioner Amodeo to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 4:35 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