

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

OCTOBER 21, 2021

MARGATE CITY, NEW JERSEY

Call Meeting to Order – 3:00 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: Reads the statement of compliance and the procedure for in person meeting, followed with the flag salute and roll call is taken.

Roll Call – Board of Commissioners:

Mayor Becker, Commissioner Amodeo and Commissioner Blumberg were present. Fred Verna, Chief Hankinson, Chief Adams, Andrew Miles, Jim Galantino, Frank Ricciotti, Roger McLarnon, Ed Dennis, Scott Abbott, Rich Deaney, and Johanna Casey were also present.

Discussion:

Ed Dennis: A pre-application meeting to discuss the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project is to be held on November 10, 2021 with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corps. Still waiting on FEMA to approve additional funding for the Historic City Hall Fire House No.1 Flood Proofing Project. The Ventnor Avenue Bridal Path Reconstruction (North side) design should be completed by mid-November. Revisions to the Municipal Building Interior Renovations design have been submitted and will be reviewed. Awarding the contractor for the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase Douglas Avenue to Gladstone Avenue will take place during tonight's regular commission meeting. The Public Works Facility Master Plan is in progress. No update to any grant applications. Traffic light synchronization is to start tomorrow, 10/22/2021. All maintenance bonds have been released for 2021. Projects in various states of close out are: 2017 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue, 2018 & 2019 State Aid Reconstruction of Atlantic Avenue, Amherst Avenue Bulkhead Replacement, Benson Avenue Water Tank Interior Painting, 2020 Municipal Aid Atlantic Avenue Road Diet, 2019 Safe Street to Transit Downtown Traffic Calming Project, and the Amherst Avenue Promenade. Gives updates to the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue and the Fire Station No.2 Addition.

Chief Adams: Speaks on the specific updates to the Fire Station No. 2 Addition.

Commissioner Amodeo: Inquires as to moving into Fire Station No. 2.

Chief Adams: Explains why firefighters cannot move into the building yet.

Jim Galantino: States sprinklers have to be relocated and a fire wall installed at Fire Station No.2

Ed Dennis: Well #5 is to be completed by October 18, 2021. The 2021 Curb & Gutter Program is on schedule. Announces the 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Diet has won first place for "Project of the Year" by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers for municipal populations under 20,000.

Mayor Becker: Thanks everyone who was involved with the 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Diet.

Scott Abbott: Congratulates everyone on the 2020 Atlantic Avenue Road Diet recognition. Speaks on the Reconstruction of Amherst Avenue-Phase I Douglas Avenue to Clarendon Avenue litigation. Speaks on the progress with the Beach Thoroughfare Dredging Project.

Departmental Reports:

Frank Ricciotti: The Public Works Department continues to keep the beaches clean. Speaks on the planting of pansies on the parkway. Attended the NJ Water Association Conference, where apprenticeship programs were discussed.

Jim Galantino: September 15th ended the moratorium on demolitions. By November 1st tents must be down.

Fred Verna: The Municipal Building Roof Project was closed out and a binder containing all the project information is available.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on the process by which the Municipal Building Roof Project was awarded and other municipalities are now following this process. A special planning board meeting was held last week. The planning board on average hears 6-7 cases per month. Recommends awarding the contract for janitorial services of municipal facilities for a term of three years. The bidding for ice cream vending can wait till spring.

Rich Deaney: The PBA and FMBA contracts covering the next four years have been signed. Presently working on the Communication Operators and the Margate City Employees Association contracts. Securing contracts assists in budgeting. Speaks on recent cases of COVID amongst city employees and the wearing of masks in municipal buildings.

Andrew Miles: Lucy Playground and Union Avenue Playground should be completed within the next two weeks. The Recreation Department will be assisting with the Bay Atlantic Symphony's New Year's Eve concert. Proposes a brick wall be constructed at the ball field to memorialize outstanding residents.

Rich Deaney: Seeks feedback from the Commissioners regarding this wall.

Commissioner Blumberg: Likes the idea.

Mayor Becker: Supports this project.

Commissioner Amodeo: Recommends having criteria for the people being memorialized with a plaque.

Chief Adams: The number of response calls each year keeps increasing. Working with Lisa McLaughlin on a request for proposal for EMS billing. Will be speaking with the Margate City Mothers Club on the increase cost of fireworks.

Commissioner Blumberg: Thanks Frank Ricciotti and Pat Powers and the entire public works team for the work they have done.

Public Comment:

Seeing that there were no comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Amodeo, seconded by Mayor Becker, with a vote of three ayes.

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 Mayor Becker to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote was taken adjourning the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

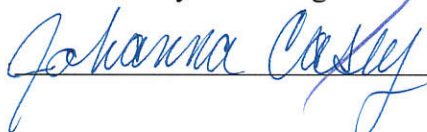
Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey



Mayor, Michael Becker


Commissioner John F. Amodeo
Commissioner Maury Blumberg

Attest:



Johanna Casey, Municipal Clerk