

**Margate City Planning Board
Special Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2014**

1. Chairman Richard Patterson called the meeting to order at 6pm.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Tom Collins
Clem Wasleski
Mike Richmond
Jim Galantino
Commissioner Taube
Margaret Guber-Nulty
Michael Cristaldi
Craig Palmisano
David Carter
Despina Hess
Remy Pelosi
Joseph DiGirolamo
Rich Patterson

Jackie Zarrillo, Court Reporter
Roger Rubin, Zoning Officer
Johanna Casey, Board Administrator
Stanley L. Bergman Jr., Esq., Solicitor

4. Procedure

The Chairman announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with due public notice thereof and pursuant to the N.J. State “Sunshine” Law, which governs all public meetings.

5. Presentation of Strategic Planning Report - Rich Patterson turns over the floor to Mayor Michael Becker. Mayor Becker introduces Jim Rutala, a Licensed Planner.

Jim Rutala gives a brief summary of credentials and past and present work experience. He describes what the “Strategic Recovery Plan” is and how it can help the Margate Planning Board. He presented power point presentation. He then inquires about needs the Board sees for the city.

Commissioner Taube spoke on the need for the drainage issue to be solved.

Mr. Collins would like to see dredging in the back bay area.

Mr. Rubin addresses the possibility of elevated walkways along Amherst Avenue.

Mr. Galantino points out that Library Park had major storm damage and needs repairs, especially to the public rest rooms and gazebos.

Mr. Rubin informs the Board that the next Master Plan is required to be done in 2016 or 2017.

Mr. Collins would like to see the New Master Plan done in phases.

Mr. Cristaldi is in attendance.

Mr. Rutala will present the Board with a written report on his findings of tonight's meeting.

6. Public Participation - none.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Taube presents a request to hear a presentation on Sustainable Land Use first on the February 27th meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Galantino and unanimously approved.

Full meeting is available on tape.

Respectfully submitted

Johanna Casey
Planning Board Secretary/Administrator