

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

**MARCH 7, 2024**

**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. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Jim Galantino, Andrew Miles, Johanna Casey and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Sean Gormley, Brown & Brown Healthcare Broker Representative:** A report of healthcare plans is distributed to the commissioners. Speaks on the current employee State healthcare plan and a new healthcare plan being offered the municipality. If decision is made to go with this new healthcare plan, it would occur on June 1, 2024.

**Scott Abbott:** Inquires about the estimated cost savings stated in the report given out. Inquires about draw backs to an employee switching healthcare provider.

**Commissioner Blumberg:** Inquires if the administrative work load would be the same or increase if a change in healthcare plan should happen.

**Sean Gormley:** Speaks on the projected cost savings to the City should it decide to changes healthcare plan. Even with changing healthcare plan, employees would have the same coverage and same provider network. There would be no additional administrative work for changing plans. Prescription pharmacy provider would change to Prime.

**Chief Hankinson:** Inquires if this new healthcare insurance plan would incorporate a difference card. Inquires about opting to return to the State insurance plan if not pleased with this new plan.

**Chief Adams:** Inquires about the cost savings to employees with this proposed health insurance plan. Inquires about any cost increase to employees for prescriptions.

**Sean Gormley:** The State put a moratorium to end the difference card because there was a mass exodus from State healthcare plans last year. The City is able to return to the State plan after 12 months. Employees would benefit from any municipal cost savings. Prescriptions would remain the same unless it is a formulary prescription.

**Mayor Collins:** Inquires if Sean Gormley is able to give a presentation to each City employee union on this proposed change to health insurance plan.

**Sean Gormley:** Will make himself available to do a presentation to employee union.

**Leon Costello, Municipal Accountant, Ford, Scott & Associates:** Speaks on the 2024 municipal budget being introduced during tonight's regular commission meeting. Speaks on there being future Capital Ordinances. The public hearing on the budget will be held during the regular commission meeting of April 4, 2024.

**Engineer's Report:**

**Ed Dennis:** The bathymetric survey for the Citywide Dredging permitting is still in progress. Stockton Coastal Research Center is working on the responses to the NJ Department of



Environmental Protection's comments on the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting. The bid opening for the FY2023 State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue was held today. Fredericksburg Avenue is being added to the plans and specification for the 2023 Road Program. Survey work on the Washington Avenue Streetscape and Ventnor Avenue Safe Streets to Transit improvements is starting. A steering committee is to be formed in order to get public and city official input on the design of Washington Avenue Streetscape project. On tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is the resolution to authorize the going out to bid for the FY2022 and FY2023 CDBG Bulkhead Access-Sumner Avenue and Benson Avenue. The Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project is in the design phase. Survey work for the Reconstruction of the 300 & 400 Block of Thurlow Avenue project, which is to improve drainage, started on March 5, 2024. The Redevelopment of Well No. 9 is to be a fall 2024 project. A resolution for authorizing the rebidding of the Municipal Building Office Improvements project is on tonight's regular meeting agenda. The Library Park Evaluation report is being updated to incorporate replacing the deck on the Martin Bloom Pavilion. There is no update on the Flood Warning and Response Plan. Moving closer to the next step for the NJ Department of Environmental Protection I-Bank application for the Lead Service Line Replacement program funding. Quotes are being solicited for the Atlantic Avenue Alternate Traffic Signal Timing. No updates on the Stormwater Ordinance & Mapping Assistance. The FEMA grant application for the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvements project has been submitted. Projects on the pending capital projects list will be considered to be included in future capital budgets. No update on the open maintenance bonds list. The Sigmund Rimm Recreational Complex Batting Cage Replacement project has been added to the projects in closeout list. Work on the Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire House No. 1 has been completed, so this project will move to the projects in closeout list. The FY2022 State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue project is in progress.

### **Department Head Reports**

**Mayor Collins:** Pat Power, Public Works Superintendent, is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a conference, so Mayor Collins reads his report. 376 water meters have been replaced as of this date. Eighteen percent of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the water meter replacement project goals have been met. Weather has hampered the progress of replacing water meters.

**Scott Abbott:** Inquires about how municipal retirees would be affected by a change in the health insurance plan.

**Sean Gormley:** Speaks on the effects to municipal retirees if a change in health insurance plan should happen.

**Scott Abbott:** Speaks on the possible sale of the Osborne Avenue Street End, which is owned by the municipality.

**Jim Galantino:** Speaks on the hiring of new Electrical Subcode and Inspection Services, Michael Nicholas. Thanks Pat Power for having public works increase the available storage space for building department plans.

**Roger McLarnon:** Nothing to report.

**Chief Hankinson:** Reminds the public about locking their motor vehicles and homes to prevent thefts.

**Andrew Miles:** The recreation department's summer camp registration started March 4, 2024. Reminds people they may register on-line. In person sale of beach tags is currently available Monday thru Friday from 9am till 3pm at the Martin Bloom Pavilion. Starting March 25, 2024, the public will be able to purchase beach tags seven days a week from 9am till 3pm at the Martin Bloom Pavilion.

**Chief Adams:** The annual firefighter training refresher course on fire safety and bail out is in progress. The City's risk management consultant has approved the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show.



**Johanna Casey:** The County Board of Elections has confirmed voting District 3 and 4 will be moving back to the municipal building's all-purpose room for this year's primary election and the general election.

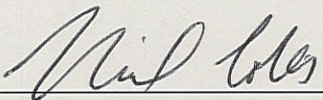
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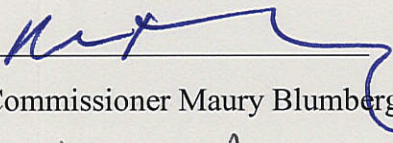
**Adjournment:**

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 5:45 p.m.

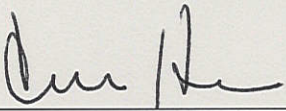
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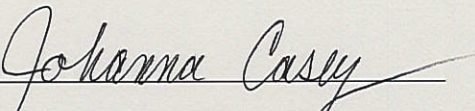
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk





Johnna Casey: The County Board of Elections has confirmed Voting Districts and I will be moving back to the municipal building a full purpose room for the year's primary election and the general election.

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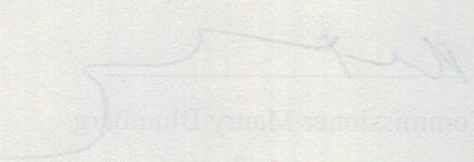
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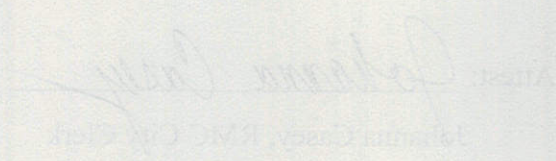
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Mary Blomberg



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