

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

MARCH 21, 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 and Commissioner Horn were present. Commissioner Blumberg was absent. Chief Dan Adams, Chief Matt Hankinson, Roger McLarnon, Lisa McLaughlin, Jim Galantino, Patrick Power, Johanna Casey and Scott Abbott, Esquire were also present.

Items for Discussion:

Sean Gormley, Brown & Brown Healthcare Broker Representative: Hands out a summary on the proposed Horizon Health Insurance plan, which is not administered by the State. Speaks on the proposed private Horizon Health Insurance plan verse the current State administered Horizon Health Insurance plan. Horizon will hold the rates till July 1, 2024.

Ed Dennis: The bathymetric survey work for the Citywide Dredging Permitting has been completed, and will be submitted to the NJ Department of the Environment for review. Stockton Coastal Research Center will continue to do research for the Shelter Island Salt Marsh Restoration Permitting. The resolution awarding the contract for the FY2023 Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Clermont Avenue is on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda. The 2023 Road Program (Bayshore Drive, Fremont Avenue and Nassau Avenue) may be expanded to include some utility work. A steering committee is being developed to obtain public feedback on the Washington Avenue Streetscape and the Ventnor Avenue Safe Streets to Transit Improvements project. The bid opening for the FY2022 and FY2023 CDBG Beach Bulkhead Access-Sumner Avenue and Benson Avenue project is scheduled to occur on March 28, 2024. The Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project is in the design phase.

Lisa McLaughlin: Due to the awarding of grant money for the Adams Avenue Storm Sewer Pump Station project, a kickoff meeting is required by NJ Office of Emergency Management.

Ed Dennis: Survey work has been completed, so the Reconstruction of the 300 and 400 Blocks of Thurlow Avenue project is now in the design phase. Both the 300 and 400 Blocks of Thurlow Avenue and Redevelopment of Well No. 9 will be fall 2024 projects. The Municipal Building Office Improvement project rebid will be scheduled in the near future. The Library Park Evaluation report is being updated to include short-term and long-term projects. Still working with Jim Galantino on the Flood Warning and Response Plan. Foresees there being movement on the NJDEP I-Bank Assistance for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Quotes are being solicited for the Atlantic Avenue Alternate Traffic Signal Timing. Ordinances related to stormwater maintenance are being prepared, so they may be adopted by May 1, 2024 to be in compliance with the State. Waiting to hear back from FEMA on the grant application for Minnie Creek Drainage Improvements. Submission requirements for the FY2024 CDBG Grant have been changed. On tonight's regular commission meeting agenda is a resolution to authorize the applying

for the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund to cover the cost of improving bicycle lanes on Atlantic Avenue or Amherst Avenue, or both avenues. Projects on the pending capital project list will either seek grant funding or will be incorporated into a capital bond. Some remedial work has to be completed before two of the projects on the open maintenance bond list can be removed. The Flood Proofing of Historic City Hall and Fire Station No. 1 is coming off the projects in closeout list. Utility work is completed and concrete work is in progress on the FY2022 State Aid-Reconstruction of Winchester Avenue, Douglas Avenue to Exeter Avenue.

Chief Hankinson: Inquires about how long till the repaving Exeter Avenue at the corner of Winchester Avenue will be completed.

Ed Dennis: He will check on when that part of Winchester Avenue will be repaved.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Adams: Due to weather, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will move to inside Tighe School. The hunt starts at 12pm. Will be working with Lisa McLaughlin to close out the firefighter turnout gear grant.

Lisa McLaughlin: Gives a report on beach tag sales as of this date. Speaks on tonight's regular commission meeting agenda resolution for increasing temporary appropriations due to the 2024 budget not be adopted till April 4, 2024. The municipal inventory asset claim list has been completed, and will be updated throughout the year.

Chief Hankinson: Reminds the public about the traffic restrictions that will be imposed on April 14, 2024 for the Cherry Blossom Festival, and upcoming road races. Reminds the public to lock vehicles and homes to prevent thefts.

Roger McLarnon: Code Enforcement has been visiting work sites to make sure contractors are abiding by set construction hours and keeping sites clean.

Jim Galantino: Contractors are given constant reminders to keep construction sites clean.

Patrick Power: Thirty percent of water meters have been replaced as of today. Two weeks ago, the dog park was cleaned up. The infield at the baseball field was finished. The landscaper hired by the City started work on municipal properties. The water fountains will be open and repainted by the Cherry Blossom Festival. Public works is building two new stages for events. Hydrant flushing will commence the week of April 8, 2024 between 7am – 3:30pm. Ocean Action's annual beach cleanup will be on April 13, 2024. Those who care to participate in the beach cleanup should meet at Granville Avenue at 9am.

Scott Abbott: Nothing to add.

Johanna Casey: Inquires if the commissioners would like on the April 4, 2024 regular commission meeting agenda a resolution opposing the State's new proposed shore protection rule.

Mayor Collins: Requests to review the proposed resolution on opposing the State's new proposed shore protection rule before deciding on putting on the agenda.

Roger McLarnon: Speaks on other municipalities opposing to the State's new proposed shore protection rule.

Public Comment:

Sheri Lilienfeld, 7809 Wellington Ave.: Has noticed improvements to the cleanliness of job sites. Currently taking "Green Infrastructure" courses through Rutgers University. Speaks on incorporating "Green" options to improve drainage when designing the Library Park Evaluation projects and the Municipal Building Office Improvement project. Inquires as to what are the issues related to the Minnie Creek Drainage Improvement project.

Ed Dennis: The Municipal Building Office Improvements project deals with the interior, so nothing to do with drainage. Speaks on the Martin Bloom Pavilion, which is a part of the Library Park Evaluation. The pavilion location is a Green Acre site, so there are State regulations that must be followed. Will consider the incorporation of green infrastructure to improve drainage. Explains the drainage issue with Minnie Creek, and the plan to correct this issue without ecological effects.

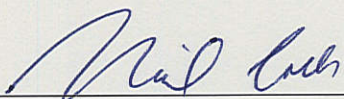
Seeing that there were no more public comments, a motion to close Public Comments was put forth by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Mayor Collins, with a vote of two ayes.

Mayor Collins: There is a Doge Ball Tournament tonight at Tighe School. Firefighters vs. police dodge ball game will take place at 6pm.

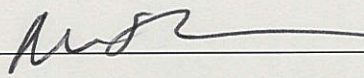
Adjournment:

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 5:28 p.m.

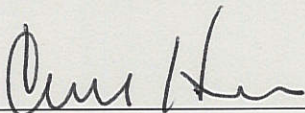
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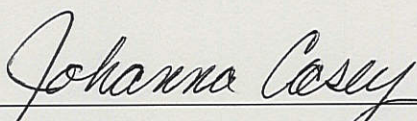
Mayor Michael Collins



Commissioner Maury Blumberg



Commissioner Catherine Horn

Attest: 

Johanna Casey, RMC City Clerk

