

January 7, 2008
REGULAR SESSION #1
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Present:

Mayor Richard W. Meehan	Council Member Jim Hall
Council President Joe Mitrecic	Council Secretary Nancy Howard
	Council Member Mary Knight
	Council Member Lloyd Martin
	Council Member Margaret Pillas

Absent:

Council Member Jay Hancock

ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Bennett, City Engineer Terry McGean, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, Water Department Superintendent Perry Linz, Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this Regular Session to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2008, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Father Chris LaBarge of the Saint Luke's Catholic Church led the Prayer and Council Member Lloyd Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dennis Dare reported that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the next work session on Tuesday, January 17, 2008:

1. Budget Amendment #1 – presented by Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp
2. Bid opening for a new wrecker at the Service Center
3. 2009 Special Events Schedule – presented by Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster
4. Discussion of changes to the Computer Policy Manual – presented by Information Technology Director Nancy Bloxom
5. Request to purchase two secondary clarifier drive units for the Wastewater Treatment Plant– presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins
6. Presentation of an unsolicited proposal for the vehicle washing services contract – presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins, General Services Director Joe Sobczak, and Neil Hitchcock of Oasis Car Wash
7. Report on the Recreation and Parks Committee Minutes of November 13, 2007

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Session #24 dated December 3, 2007 and Regular Session #25 dated December 17, 2007, were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham requested approval for the **White Marlin Festival and Crab Soup Cook-off** on May 10, 2008, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Somerset Street Plaza. Present for questions was Judy Lemaster, Organizer. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Buddy Jenkins of the Bay Shore Development Corporation (Jolly Rogers' Amusement Park), requested the Council's support for inclusion in the Mayor's Letter of Support for Amusement District Overlay Tax Relief. *[In the December 11, 2007 Work Session, Granville Trimper asked for support for a proposed bill to permit a special taxing district for the properties upon which Trimper's Amusement Park is situated.]* Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston clarified that the Jolly Rogers Amusement Park is zoned as a Mixed Use District and not zoned as an Amusement District Overlay Property (like Trimper's Amusement Park). Mayor Rick Meehan suggested revising his letter of support to reflect the inclusion of all amusement parks (by zoning definitions) in Ocean City. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to support, in concept, tax relief for existing "Amusement Parks" in Ocean City as well as "Amusement District Overlay Properties"; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Rina Thaler, Diane Heron and George Hamaty presented the Ocean City Art League's 2008 Calendar of Events (See Attachment A).

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

First Reading of Ordinance 2008-1 authorizing the purchase of 5102 Coastal Highway for the amount of \$389,000, for the Water Department's well house. Solicitor Ayres advised that purchase was listed in the 2008 Bond Issuance and will be refunded by the Water Department's user fees (not General Tax Revenues). Water Department Superintendent Perry Linz explained that this property is the ideal location for a well site because there is an existing well water line. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve Ordinance 2008-1 on First Reading; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dennis Dare requested permission to solicit bids for:

- A. (1) Relocation and reconfiguration of the 100th Street Parking Lot Sign. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.** Father LeBarge of St. Luke's Catholic Church advised that overflow parking will be permitted in their (adjacent) lot.
- (2) 38th Street Well House Carpentry Labor. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**
- (3) Auctioneer Services. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**
- B. City Engineer Terry McGean requested approval to sole source contract with Johnson Controls for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Controls for the expansion of the Public Safety Building, in the amount of \$18,475. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rick Meehan thanked everyone who participated in the Open House on New Years Day. He especially thanked Donna Greenwood and the Beautification Committee, Sue Hurley and Media Manager Donna Abbott for their hard work.

Secondly, he advised the Council that he sent a letter to the Social Security Administration, and Senators Cardin and Mikulski requesting that Social Services continue to host their summer sign-in program at City Hall for foreign students. He said there will be a discussion in the Community Room at City Hall on January 9, 2008.

Thirdly, he advised that he will attend the Legislative Reception in Annapolis, hosted by the Town, on Thursday, January 10, 2008.

Lastly, he said that, since the Town deeded the 100th Street Library Property to Worcester County, why not ask the Worcester County Commissioners to deed 3rd and 4th Street to the Town (for the Downtown Recreation Complex). **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to support the Mayor's letter to the Worcester County Commissioners requesting the deed to 3rd and 4th Street so the Town can proceed with building the Downtown Recreation Complex; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.**

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss legal and contractual matters; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened at 7:39 p.m.. Council President Joe Mitrecic reported that matters discussed in the closed session were to consult with counsel to obtain legal advise; and, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal if public discussion or disclosure adversely impacts the public body's ability to competitively bid or make proposals. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Nancy Howard, Council Members Jim Hall, Mary Knight, Lloyd Martin and Margaret Pillas, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias and City Clerk Carol Jacobs.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jay Hancock absent.

Minutes prepared by Kelly L. Allmond, Deputy City Clerk _____

Minutes certified by Carol L. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Minutes approved on _____

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ALOC Scheduled Events 2008

January-

- 3-Oil painters open studio drop in- no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 7,8,9- Watercolor Class Barb Schmid \$60 Members/\$65/non members 9:30-2:30
- 12,13- Art Exhibit- co sponsored with the Optimist club
- 14, 15, 16 – Landscapes & Still Life oil painting class w/ Stasia Heubeck
\$40 members/\$50 non members 10AM -1PM
- 14- 7PM ALOC Board meeting
- 17-Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 19,20- Art Exhibit- Featuring the artwork of students of Barb Schmid & Stasia Heubeck
- 26- Children's classes with Colette Sink Ages 9-12 9AM-10:30, ages 5-8 10:30-Noon
seasonal arts & craft projects \$15.00 per child.
- 31- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM

February-

- 1- First Friday Art reception and exhibit opening "A Moment in Time" 5-7PM –free
- 2- Children's classes with Colette Sink Ages 9-12 9AM-10:30, ages 5-8 10:30-Noon
seasonal arts & craft projects \$15.00 per child.
- 4,5,6- Watercolor Class w/ Barb Schmid- \$60 members /\$65.00 non members 9:30-2:30
- 11- 7PM ALOC board meeting
- 11,12 Pastel class with Ethnie Graziano 10AM-1PM \$40 members \$50 non members
- 14- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 16- Children's classes with Colette Sink Ages 9-12 9AM-10:30, ages 5-8 10:30-Noon
seasonal arts & craft projects \$15.00 per child.
- 18-Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 20- "Watercolor Wednesday" open studio, no instructor 11AM-2PM free to members
- 25,26,27- The basics of portraiture oil painting class w/ Stasia Heubeck \$40 mem /
\$50 non mem 10 AM -1PM
- 28- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM

March –

- 1,2- Shirley Hall memorial youth art exhibit
- 3,4,5- Watercolor Class w/ Barb Schmid- \$60 members /\$65.00 non members 9:30-2:30
- 7- First Friday reception and exhibit opening 5-7PM- Guest Artist Alice Webb
- 10,11- Oil Painting with Stasia Heubeck \$40 mem / \$50non mem 10AM-1PM
- 10- 7PM ALOC board meeting
- 11- Free Lecture & Film about Monet, led by Anne Hanna 7-9PM
- 12- "Watercolor Wednesday" 10AM-2PM open studio no instructor- free to members
- 13- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 18,19- Workshop-"Your Path to Abstract Art using watercolor or acrylic paints"
w/ Faith Lord \$40 members \$50 non members
- 26- Juried Art Exhibit to be held at the Clarion Hotel in partnership with the Worcester
County Women's Commission History Luncheon 11AM topic- "Women artists and
their Vision"
- 27- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM

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April-

- 4- Corporate Sponsors Exhibit Opening –First Friday Reception 5-7PM free
- 8,- Free Film & Lecture “Van Gogh & Gauguin”, discussion led by Anne Hanna 7-9PM
- 10- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 9- “Watercolor Wednesday”- open studio no instructor-free to members 11AM-2PM
- 14,15,16-Watercolor Class w/ Barb Schmid- \$60 members /\$65.00 non mem. 9:30-2:30
- 14- 7PM ALOC Board meeting
- 17 & 18- Oil Painting with Stasia Heubeck- \$40members/\$50 non mem 10AM-1PM
- 24 Arts Night @ Seacrets art show 6-9PM
- 26- Free Lecture “The Business of Art” with author Nanette Bunchikoff . 12:30-2:30PM

May-

- 2- First Friday Reception & Exhibit Opening 5-7PM free “From the Garden”
- 5,6,7- Watercolor Class w/ Barb Schmid- \$60 members /\$65.00 non mem. 9:30-2:30
- 8- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 12-7PM ALOC Board meeting
- 12,13,14,15- Watercolor Workshop with National Watercolor Society member Nicholas Simmons 9AM-3:30PM fees TBD
- 20 – 8,- Free Film & Lecture “Dale Chihuly”, discussion led by Anne Hanna 7-9PM
- 21-“Watercolor Wednesday”-open studio no instructor- free to members 11AM-2PM
- 22- Oil painters open studio drop in no instructor, no fee 10AM-1PM
- 24,25- Memorial Day Weekend Open House & Members Exhibit 10AM-4PM

***Art League Gallery Winter Hours (Labor Day –Memorial Day)
Tues-Thurs 11-4, Fri-Sun1-4 closed Mondays

***Scheduled Events a/o Dec 1, 2007. Additional Dates will be added.

***For a complete list of First Friday Exhibits including themes and drop off dates, see the 2008 Exhibit Schedule

For more information call the ALOC (410)524-9433 or visit our website @ www.artleagueofoceancity.org

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2008 Exhibit Schedule

Exhibit Dates	Drop off	Theme	Opening Reception	Pick up	Notes
Feb	Jan 27	A Moment in Time-	Feb 1	Mar 2	All media 2D & 3D
March	Mar 2	Guest Artist	March 7	Mar 30	Alice Webb Watercolors
April	Mar 30	Artist Choice Juried show All media 2D & 3D	April 4	Apr 27	Extra Corporate Sponsor award of \$200 for best in show
May	April 27	From the Garden	May 2	June 1	2D paintings & drawings
June	June 1	“Treasure the Environment”	June 6	June 29	Sponsored by Lower Shore Heritage All media 2D & 3D
July	June 29	Artist Choice Juried show All media 2D & 3D	July 11	July 27	Beverly Bassford Memorial Exhibit Extra best in show award of \$200
August	July 27	Photography	August 1	August 31	Judged show see entry guidelines
September	August 31	Cityscapes & Seascapes	Sept 5	Sept 28	2d paintings & drawings
October	Sept 28	Guest Artist	Oct 3	Nov 2	T.B.A.
Nov/Dec	Nov 2	Members only Holiday Show & Sale Artist Choice All media	Nov 7	Dec 14	Reception is starring artist supper \$10 donation no entry fee, not judged

Artwork may be dropped off from 1-4PM on days listed (which is the last Sunday of the month preceding the reception). Guidelines for submission are listed on the entry forms. The exhibit committee reserves the right to deny hanging those items not meeting the requirements.

Receptions are held the first Friday of the month (see dates above) from 5-7PM. They are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are served.

The ALOC will not be responsible for damage or loss to artwork not picked up on time.a/o 12/06)