

January 22, 2008
REGULAR SESSION #2
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Present:

Mayor Richard W. Meehan

Council President Joe Mitrecic

Council Member Jim Hall

Council Member Jay Hancock

Council Member Mary Knight

Council Member Lloyd Martin

Council Member Margaret Pillas

Absent:

Council Secretary Nancy Howard

ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith, 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 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Reverend Alex Ayres of the First Presbyterian Church led the Prayer, and Council Member Margaret Pillas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dennis Dare listed the following items for discussion in the next work session:

1. Request for sole source purchase of gas monitoring equipment – presented by Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company President Jay Jester
2. Discussion of Eco-Park for the Lewis Road Property – presented by Jim Rapp of Delmarva Low Impact Tourism
3. Request to purchase a hook and line set – presented by Fire Marshal Sam Villani
4. Discussion of the South Ocean Drive Shoreline – presented by City Engineer Terry McGean
5. Review of proposed Ordinances on Sexually Oriented Businesses – presented by City Solicitor Guy Ayres
6. Review of Budget Amendment Number 1 for FY 2008 – presented by Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp
7. Report on the Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2007 and January 2, 2008 – presented by Council Member Margaret Pillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for Regular Session #1, dated January 7, 2008, were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham requested approval for the **Toyota Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Tournament**, at the Dorchester Street Volleyball Park, starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008. Present for questions was Don Abramson of Corrigan Sports Enterprises. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. *[In the December 3, 2007 Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council, Joseph Moore, Attorney for Carlyle/High Street, requested approval to add a screening structure around the cooling towers within the Gateway Grand's parking garage. The Council requested that the architect appear before Council with a complete set of site-plan revisions.]* Becker and Morgan Architects, Ron Morgan and Jack Mumford, presented the site revisions and explained the need for the screening structure. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve the modifications as presented; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**
- B. City Clerk Carol Jacobs presented a request from Richard M. Roy, Chief Financial Officer of SharpShooter Imaging, to assign their Beach Photo Franchise to United Beach Photo (Patrick McLaughlin, Operator). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-1, authorizing the purchase of certain real estate (5102 Coastal Highway), for the amount of \$389,000. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve Ordinance 2008-1 on Second Reading; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.** Citizen Ellie Diegelmann questioned the Town's contract negotiations process and the availability of contract documents for public viewing. City Solicitor Guy Ayres said this information will be available after the referendum period.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare presented the following:

- A. Permission to solicit bids for a 100 kilowatt Generator and an automatic transfer switch for the Public Works' Administrative Offices and Shop Facility. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**
- B. (1.) Recommendation to award **Sherwood & Logan Associates, Inc.**, for the amount of \$56,815.00, for two replacement secondary clarifier drives for the Wastewater Department. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**

(2) Recommendation to award **Barr International of Salisbury, Maryland**, in the amount of \$64,343.00, for a light-duty wrecker for the Service Center. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Citizen David Melocik complained that he nor his neighbors were notified of Public Work's road construction in his neighborhood on 40th Street; and, that the Town started to install a street light without the neighbors' notice and consent. He said he called Public Works Director Hal Adkins who agreed to forego the streetlight installation (but left the wiring in place in case a light is requested in the future).

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Jay Hancock asked that the Parks and Recreation Department request MGH Advertising's assistance with acquiring corporate sponsorship for the Town's annual 4th of July Fireworks Display.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Jim Hall moved to convene into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Council President Joe Mitrecic reported on the closed session at 6:55 p.m. to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Members Jim Hall, Jay Hancock, Mary Knight, Lloyd Martin and Margaret Pillas, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Labor Attorney Steve Silvestri.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard absent.

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

Minutes certified by Carol L. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Minutes approved on _____