

April 21, 2008
Corrected (see Attachment A)
REGULAR SESSION #8
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Present:

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

ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Bennett-Lucey, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Assistant Public Works Director James Parsons, Ocean City Police Department Captain Kevin Kirstein, Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. City Clerk Carol Jacobs was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Pastor Ralph Krum of the Ocean City Seventh Day Adventist Church led the Prayer and Council Member Mary Knight 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 of April 29, 2008:

1. Request to purchase TV Inspection Equipment – presented by Public Works Wastewater Superintendent Charlie Felin
2. Request for permission to advertise on vehicles – presented by Russell Rankin of E-Cruzers
3. Discussion of proposed changes to Chapter 106 for the purpose of the Town taking over canal dredging – presented by City Engineer Terry McGean
4. Report on the Tourism Commission Meeting of April 3, 2008 – presented by Council Member Margaret Pillas

5. Report on the Coastal Resources Legislative Committee Meeting of April 8, 2008 – presented by Council Member Jay Hancock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Amendment to Regular Session #5 (dated March 3, 2008) was approved.
- B. Minutes for Regular Session #7, dated April 7, 2008, were approved as presented.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented Resolution #2008-2 ratifying a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #10, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Resolution 2008-2; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Margaret Pillas opposed.**

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham presented the following:

- A. **OC Corvette Weekend**, on Saturday, October 4, 2008. Present for questions was Wyatt Greenwalt, President and Coordinator of the Free State Corvette Club. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **Maryland International Kite Exposition**, on April 25-27, 2008, starting at 10:00 a.m. on the Dorchester Street Beach. Present for questions was Kite Loft Owner Jay Knerr. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Joe Mitrecic reported on the recommendations from the Joint Meeting between the Mayor and City Council and the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company (See Attachment A). He thanked everyone who participated in the Joint Meeting.

Council Member Jay Hancock emphasized that this recommendation needs more administrative detail. Council President Joe Mitrecic explained that this recommendation establishes the new Fire Chief Position and the organizational structure of the Ocean City Fire Service. Ocean City Volunteer Fire Chief Chris Larmore pledged to work with City Manager Dare to establish goals, policy and procedures for his Department. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the recommendation from the Joint Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Charlie Barrett requested that the Town install parking meters on 10th Street. 10th Street Resident Sara Rutka, and Business Owners Michael and Danelle Amos stated their opposition to installing parking meters. **Council Member Jay Hancock moved to install the parking meters as requested; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 2-5 with Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Nancy Howard, Council Member Jim Hall, Council Member Lloyd Martin and Council Member Margaret Pillas in opposition. The motion failed.**
- B. Somerset Games Business Owner Kirill Dunaev requested permission to place a giant Chess Set in front of his shop on Somerset Plaza. Ocean City Development Corporation Director Glenn Irwin requested that all special events supersede placement of the chess set. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to grant permission for the placement of the giant chess set on Somerset Plaza and waive any permit fees applicable to placing the Chess Board; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.** Ocean City Development Corporation Director Glenn Irwin clarified that an Outdoor Display Permit fee is not required.
- C. David Doxson, for the Surf & Cycle Bike Shop on 8th Street, requested permission to continue displaying his bicycles on Somerset Street during boardwalk bike hours. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Dawne Pappas requested permission to place the American Cancer Society's "Fight Back Bus" at North Division Street on Tuesday, June 3rd from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-6, amending Chapter 90, entitled *Vehicles and Traffic*, increasing the basic tow fees to \$150. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve Ordinance 2008-6 on Second Reading; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-7, amending Chapter 70, entitled *Solid Waste*, to supplement the Residential Recycle Program. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve Ordinance 2008-7 on Second Reading; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. First Reading of Ordinance 2008-8, authorizing the sale of surplus personal property on May 10, 2008. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Ordinance 2008-8 on First Reading; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Ocean City Police Department General Order 400 B-1, entitled *Response to Explosive Devices and Suspicious Packages*. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve General Order 400 B-1; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.** The Mayor concurred.

- E. Ocean City Police Department General Order 500 S-1, entitled *Secondary Employment*. Council Member Jay Hancock asked that this Order be amended to include: (1) to Section 6, Paragraph B, if an application for secondary employment is rejected, the Police Chief must provide, to the employee, a written statement explaining the reason for denial; and, (2) to Section 7, Paragraph A-6, if a private employer's request to create secondary employment for police-related personnel is rejected, then the Chief must provide, to the employer, a written statement explaining the reason for denial. Ocean City Police Lieutenant Greg Guiton said he will make the changes. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve General Order 500 S-1 with the changes requested by Council Member Jay Hancock; seconded by Council Secretary Nancy Howard. The vote was unanimous.** The Mayor concurred.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. City Manager Dennis Dare presented the Town of Ocean City's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Council President Joe Mitrecic advised that budget hearings will begin on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 3:00 p.m..
- B. City Manager Dennis Dare requested permission to solicit bids for:
- (1.) Information Technology Risk Assessment Request for Proposal. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
 - (2.) General Construction of the Northside Park Press Box and kitchen equipment. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Citizen Jim McGinnis announced that the Armed Forces Day Celebration will be held at Northside Park on May 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.. Also, he listed the dates for the budget hearings.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rick Meehan advised that he, City Manager Dennis Dare and Finance Administrator Martha Bennett-Lucey will meet with the Worcester County Board of Commissioners at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 to discuss the Town's Request for a Tax Differential.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes prepared by Kelly L. Allmond, Deputy City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly L. Allmond", written in a cursive style.

Minutes certified by Carol L. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Minutes approved on 5-5-08

**Recommendations from Joint Meeting
with
Mayor and City Council and Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company**

Chris Larmore named Chief of Fire and EMS

Chris Larmore vacates his current position as volunteer fire chief

Department of Emergency Services relinquishes all authority to manage, administer and supervise Fire/EMS Division to the EMS Captain

Career component will be supervised directly by EMS Captain

EMS Captain is supervised directly by Chief Larmore

Chief Larmore reports directly to Mayor and City Council on all matters relating to the discharge of his authority

Day to day operations – reports to Mayor and City Council through the City Manager

Chief Larmore vested with all authority to set policy, procedures and SOP's

Chief Larmore administers and plans both Fire and Fire/EMS budgets

Monthly reports to Mayor and City Council and Quarterly appearances

Rescind motion to relocation (request)