



**July 21, 2008**  
**REGULAR SESSION #14**  
**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**

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**Present:**

**Mayor Richard W. Meehan**

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

**Council Secretary Nancy Howard**

**Council Member Jim Hall**

**Council Member Jay Hancock**

**Council Member Mary Knight**

**Council Member Lloyd Martin**

**Council Member Margaret Pillas**

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**ATTENDANCE**

City Manager Dennis Dare, Acting City Solicitor Chris Palmer, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, 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. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE**

Father Joe Kennedy of St. Luke and St. Andrews Catholic Church led the Prayer and Council Secretary Nancy Howard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION**

City Manager Dennis Dare advised that the following items are scheduled in the upcoming work session:

1. Bid opening for Boardwalk Railings
2. Approval of General Order 200 C-2, entitled *Disciplinary Process* – presented by Lieutenant Greg Guiton
3. Approval of the Procurement Card Policy – presented by Finance Administrator Martha Lucey
4. Overview of the Emergency Operations Plan – presented by Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald
5. Recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend zoning regulations in LC-1, SC-1 and BM-1 Districts – presented by Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston
6. Discussion of changes to several zoning fees – presented by Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston
7. Report of the Parks and Recreation Meeting of March 11, 2008

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for Regular Session # 13, dated July 7, 2008 were approved as presented.

## **ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Rick Meehan issued a proclamation designating July 22, 2008 as **Ed Jankiewicz Day** honoring his bravery in saving the life of a drowning victim in early July 2008.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUESTS**

Special Events Coordinator Lynda Brittingham presented the following events for approval:

- A. **Cooterfish Surf Series**, on Saturday, August 30, 2008, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., on 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Present for questions was Daniel Terry. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **Lieutenant Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run**, on Saturday, July 26, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Present for questions was Ben Davis. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. **Wine on the Beach Festival**, on Saturday, September 26-27, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Inlet. Present for questions was Chris Nokes. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the event with a 2009 Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Mayor stated his concurrence for the Council's July 1, 2008 approval of the Ocean City Police Department General Order 200 B-2, entitled *Brady Material and Consequent Matters*; and General Order 400 D-1, entitled *Diplomatic and Consular Immunity*.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Shelly Dawson of the Surf Rider Foundation thanked Terry Steimer, the Town, and the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department for helping them erect their billboard (viewable to eastbound traffic on the Route 50 Bridge) which displays, "*Welcome to Ocean City, Please Leave Only Your Footprints.*"

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER CITY ORGANIZATIONS**

This item was postponed.

## **ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATIONS FROM, THE CITY MANAGER**

Eagle's Landing Golf Professional Bob Croll introduced Jeff Klein, Vice President of National Accounts for ProLink Solutions, LLC who gave a presentation on golf cart GPS Systems. He explained that the Town will benefit by the ability to monitor the pace of play, increased food and beverage revenue, advertising revenue, instant consumer feedback, fleet maintenance, increased in-house merchandise revenue, and more. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to proceed with the negotiation of this contract; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS**

Berlin Citizen Gail Butkus expressed concern for the late Bo Ruggerio's tenants who were recently displaced by his estate's management.

Citizen Jim McGinnis said he supported Bret Anderson's request to keep 144<sup>th</sup> Street 'as is'.

Citizen Ray Sawyer commented on the Bluewater Wind presentation.

Citizen Herb Pawlukewicz complained about impact fees, over-crowded rental units, and encroachments in alley ways.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Rick Meehan recognized Captain Craig who is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Secondly, he thanked the Ocean City Beach Patrol for a great job dealing with the rip tides. Lastly, he expressed condolences to Joe and Sue Garliss for the loss of their daughter, Beth Garliss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

Minutes prepared by Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond



Minutes certified by City Clerk Carol Jacobs

Minutes approved by the Mayor and City Council on 08-04-08