

August 18, 2008
REGULAR SESSION #16
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, City Engineer Terry McGean, Chief Building Official Mike Richardson, Public Works Project Manager Dick Malone, 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 6:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER & PLEDGE

Council President Joe Mitrecic 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 advised that the following items are scheduled in the upcoming work session:

1. Bid Openings for: (1) miscellaneous painting and repairs to the Wastewater Clarifier, Convention Center entrances and the Coast Guard Tower; (2) two trucks with utility bodies; and, (3) carpet for the Convention Center's Meeting Room.
2. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Amendment #2 – presented by Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp.
3. Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2008 – presented by Council Member Margaret Pillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Regular Session # 15, dated August 4, 2008, were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUESTS

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

- A. **15th Annual Penguin Swim**, on Thursday, January 1, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., on the 91st Street Beach. Present for questions was Damian Magarelli of Atlantic General Hospital. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

- B. **Muscular Dystrophy Association's Fill-the-Boot Drive**, on Thursday, August 28, 2008, starting at 9:30 a.m., on North Division Street and the Boardwalk. Present for questions was Michael Maykrantz. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[On December 11, 2007, the Council directed Developer Bob Warfield to secure 1111 Edgewater Avenue during construction dormancy, and, to install fencing and measures to protect against water run-off into neighboring properties. On August 14, 2008, Chief Building Official Mike Richardson reported on Mr. Warfield's failure to respond to City Staff's numerous certified mailings and phone calls urging compliance and corrective action.]

City Engineer Terry McGean reported that Mr. Warfield recently met with City Staff and was advised to take immediate corrective action to secure the property. This morning, Mr. McGean stated, he inspected and found the property in compliance.

Neighboring Property Owner, Dr. James Kramer asked the Council to direct Mr. Warfield to grade the property in accordance with the original blueprints. He stated that the temporary barrier was not sufficient enough to prevent damage to his property. City Engineer McGean explained that, for any development project, final grading is not required until final inspection; however, during construction, the Code requires the installation of temporary barriers to prevent water run-off (i.e. silt fence or mound). Council Member Jay Hancock asked City Staff to regularly inspect the temporary wall until a permanent solution is established.

Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to ask 1111 Edgewater Avenue Developer, Bob Warfield (or representative) to present a possible plan for a permanent retaining wall at the Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Margaret Pillas opposed. Developer Bob Warfield agreed to present plans for a permanent wall at the next Regular Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Thomas Hofman requested an appeal for the lot maintenance violation cited against his property at 109 79th Street. City Solicitor Guy Ayres advised that the Council need only address the Tall Weeds and Grass violation and not the Care of Premise violation. Chief Building Official Mike Richardson reported that, upon recent inspection, the lot was in compliance.

Council Secretary Nancy Howard urged Mr. Hofman to consider his neighbors and remove any excess debris from his property.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED...

- B. Don Pellicano of the Ocean City Sister City Committee proposed to add Pedreira, Brazil as a new Sister City. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias advised Mr. Pellicano that the committee must first seek approval from Sister City International. Mayor Rick Meehan asked him to submit a budget showing what expenses and resources are involved.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER CITY ORGANIZATIONS

Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to appoint Jeff Thaler, Susan Davis, Jon Rozanowski, Alfred Harrison and Hank Westfall to the Board of Zoning and Appeals; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous. Council President Joe Mitrecic said Susan Davis must establish residency within City Limits, by the first of the Year, to remain on the Board. The motion and second were so amended.

ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATIONS FROM, THE CITY MANAGER

- A. City Manager Dare made a recommendation to award **Overhead Door Company of Delmar**, in the amount of \$18,993.00, for maintenance and repairs to the Service Center's overhead doors. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. City Manager Dare requested approval to solicit bids for: (1) Public Safety Uniforms; (2) Carpet Replacement in the Convention Center Meeting Room; (3) Two utility trucks; (4) One fire engine for the Ocean City Fire Department. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the upcoming bid openings; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin out of the room.**

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS

George Mengason spoke about the problems caused by the 1111 Edgewater Avenue Developer.

Jim Beese asked the Council to take strong action to correct the issues at 1111 Edgewater Avenue.

Russell Rankin voiced support for more hybrid vehicles, and, the use of wind turbines as an alternative energy source.

Ellie Diegelmann commented on the maritime promotional event, and, promoting more tourist spending in Ocean City.

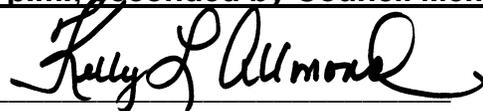
COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council President Joe Mitrecic expressed concern for Larry Sackadorf's young daughter who was critically injured in a horseback riding accident.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. 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 09-02-08