



October 6, 2008
REGULAR SESSION #19
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, Council Members Jim Hall, Jay Hancock, Mary Knight, Lloyd Martin and Margaret Pillas, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, 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

Reverend Terry Davis of the Ocean City Baptist Church led the Prayer and Mayor Meehan 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) a scissor lift for the Convention Center; and, (2) Chemicals for the Water and Wastewater Departments.
2. Recommendation of Bid Award for Subaqueous Water Mains and Water Main from 135th to 145th – presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins
3. Request for approval of design services for the renovations and addition to Fire Station #4 – City Engineer Terry McGean and Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore
4. Recommendation for a proposed change to the General Employees Pension Contribution – presented by Finance Administrator Martha Lucey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Regular Session #18, dated September 15, 2008, were approved as presented.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Mayor Meehan presented retiring Tourism Employee Jeanne Powell with a Proclamation in Appreciation for her seventeen years of service with the Town.
- B. Mayor Meehan presented the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Performance Measurement's 'Voice of the People' Award which recognizes the service excellence of local government in their communities. Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Public Works Maintenance Assistant Superintendent John Van Fossen, Public Works Solid Waste Superintendent Woodrow Shockley and Public Works Construction Superintendent Dean Dashiell were awarded for rating in the top 10% (of 500 jurisdictions) for service excellence based on the Town's 2007 Citizen Survey. Mayor Meehan noted that the Town ranked in the Top 3% under the category of Trash Collection and Street Maintenance.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUESTS

Special Events Director John Sullivan presented the following events for approval:

- A. **8th Annual Pink Ribbon Classic 5K Walk/Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk**, on Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., starting at the OC Health and Racquet Club on 61st Street. Present for questions was Beverly Furst. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **8th Annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk**, on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., starting at the Northwest Corner of the Inlet Parking lot. Present for questions was Sandy Garrish. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. **6th Annual 'Let's Walk the Boards for St. Jude Children's Hospital,'** on Saturday, October 18, 2008 (and September 17, 2009 Date Hold), from 8:00 a.m. to noon, starting in front of the Boardwalk Tram Station. Present for questions was Judy Davis. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Nancy Howard. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Donna Greenwood, Chair of the Play It Safe Committee, gave a report on the 2008 Play It Safe Program (see Attachment A). Mrs. Greenwood recognized individual volunteers, City Staff, and the Council for their efforts. Further, she reported that the Maryland State Beverage License Association donated \$2,500.00 with a \$2,500.00 match from the Worcester County Chapter of Beverage Licensing.
- B. Nate Pearson of American Legion Post 166 requested approval for their Color Guard to fire a three-volley Salute, on November 11, 2008 (Veteran's Day) and May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day), in front of the American Legion Hall on 2308 Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Pearson recognized World War II Veterans Elmer Muth and John Sauer in the audience. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATIONS FROM, THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance #2008-17, amending the Public Safety Pension Plan to include changes made in the labor agreement (effective July 1, 2008). **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-17 as amended; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-18, authorizing the purchase of a Permanent Forested Non-Tidal Wetland easement which provides mitigation for the West Ocean City Park and Ride. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-18; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-19, amending Chapter 106, entitled *Waterways*, which establishes a canal maintenance plan. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-19; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-20, authorizing the sale of Surplus Municipal Property with the addition of one vehicle. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-20 as amended; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. Resolution #2008-8 to support the Maryland Municipal League's Geocache Trail. Present to explain the program was Tourism/Convention Center Assistant Director Debbie Travers. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Resolution #2008-8; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATIONS FROM, THE CITY MANAGER

- A. City Manager Dare requested permission to solicit bids for: (1) the design and printing of the 2009 Sea For Yourself Visitor Guide; and, (2) Medical supplies for Emergency Medical Services and Beach Patrol. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin out of the room.**
- B. City Manager Dare recommended bid awards to:
 - (1) **Teal Construction, Inc.**, in the amount of \$342,600.00, for sewer improvements on Jamestown Road. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
 - (2) **Hagerty & Associates**, in the amount of \$67,256.00, for the Lifesaving Museum Restoration Project. **Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

City Manager Dare recommended the postponement of the 94th Street Concrete Paver Project bid award, until FY09, for budgetary reasons. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to postpone this bid award; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

- C. Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes requested permission to purchase bus spare parts, under the Maryland State Contract, in the amount of \$21,941.41 from Neaton's Tire Service. Mr. Thornes explained that the Maryland Transit Authority concurs with, and granted funds for, this purchase. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

Mr. Thornes advised the Council of the Maryland Transit Authority and Montgomery County Transit's request to borrow thirty buses in December 2009. He advised that the Town can spare fifteen buses. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.** City Solicitor Ayres recommended establishing a contract to ensure the buses' maintenance, upkeep, and the assumption of liability.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS

Al Siedlecki asked the Council for a larger recycling container. Director Adkins said he will look into the matter.

Carol Krimm asked the Mayor and Council to pursue legislation mandating tax differential from Worcester County.

John Medlin commented on the tax differential.

Donald Duncan complained about his difficulty with obtaining a taxi-cab license. The Council referred this matter to City Staff for follow-up.

Herb Pawlukewicz said he wants to see the establishment of an ordinance to penalize night swimmers.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Secretary Nancy Howard encouraged the Council to attend a dinner, at Harrison's Harbor Watch on October 26, 2008, recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Museum Society and 130th Anniversary of the Lifesaving Museum building.

Council Member Pillas encouraged everyone to attend the Day at the Docks on October 11, 2008 in West Ocean City.

Mayor Meehan said the Town will remain vigilant in their pursuit of the tax differential.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. 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

Attachment A

2008 Play It Safe

Play It Safe 2008 offered free, fun and alcohol-and-drug-free events starting on Sunday, June 1, 2008, and the excitement continued through Friday, June 20, 2008. Some points to note about this year's project are:

- ▶ 13,185 participants
- ▶ 18 States represented
- ▶ Poster/T-shirt Design contest was won by a senior, Meredith Birmingham, from Westminster High School in Westminster, MD
- ▶ 75,000 Passports to Fun were printed and distributed in Ocean City, across the State of Maryland and beyond
- ▶ 58 FREE planned events, including karaoke, indoor miniature golf, windsurfing, kayaking, midnight bowling, basketball, outdoor miniature golf, volleyball, Slide 'N Ride, paintball tennis, laser tag, rock climbing and pancake eating contest, weekly access to Health & Racquet Club. All events were held, no closures due to weather!
- ▶ 300+ businesses, organizations and individuals contributed money and prizes
- ▶ Play It Safe student committee, a sub committee of SADD, at Stephen Decatur High School, had 20+ members last school year (2007-2008)
- ▶ * Volunteers giving more than 1,000 hours of service were key to the implementation of Play It Safe 2008
- ▶ * hits to the website, www.playitsafeoceancity.com since