



November 10, 2009
Work Session
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek and Joe Hall, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, General Services Director Joe Sobczak, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Special Events Director John Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

1. Council President Joe Mitrecic called this Work Session to order at 10:30 a.m.; then, **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) to consult with Staff, Consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigations (2) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, removal or resignation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or, any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and, (3) discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal if public discussion or disclosure adversely impacts the public body's ability to competitively bid or make proposals; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
 2. Council President Mitrecic re-opened the meeting at 1:16 p.m. and reported that legal, personnel and contractual matters were discussed in the closed session. Persons present were: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek and Joe Hall, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Dean Langrall, Ed Smith, Bill Bandorick, Bruce Kennington, Danelle Amos, Graylin Smith of the SB & Company, and Greg Szczeszek of the Audit Committee. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- Council Member Mary Knight moved to appoint Dean Langrall, Bruce Kennington and Danelle Amos to the Board of Zoning and Appeals, and, appoint Ed Smith and Bill Bandorick to the Beach Mediation Board; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
3. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino introduced Forensic Service Employees Shari Schultz, Robert Luckett and Nicole Ruggiero.
 4. Chief DiPino presented OCPD Officer Andrew Sprague with the Officer of the Month Award.

5. Bid Openings:

A. **North Surf Park Playground Equipment**

(Budget Allocation = \$80,000.00)

Vendor
Hunt Valley Distributors, Owings Mills, MD
West Recreation, Inc., Queenstown, MD
Playground Specialists, Thurmont, MD

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to acknowledge receipt of the three bids with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

B. **Gorman Avenue Roofing***

(Budget Allocation = \$210,000, *Bid Bond Required)

Vendor	Bid Amount
Raintree Inc., Fruitland, MD	\$208,100.00
Control Roofing & Sheet Metal Corp., Capitol Heights, MD	\$237,710.00
Ruff Roofing, Arbutus, MD	\$233,800.00

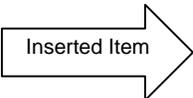
Council Member Doug Cymek moved to accept the apparent lowest bid from Raintree, Inc. with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.

C. **Medical Supplies**

(Budget Allocation = \$60,000.00)

Vendor
Moore Medical, Farmington, CT
Fischer Scientific Company, LLC, Hanover Park, IL
Matrix Medical, CT
Rudd, Daytona Beach, FL
Alliance Medical, Inc., Jefferson City, MO
Bound Tree Medical, Dublin, OH

Council Member Mary Knight moved to acknowledge the six bids with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.



The new Board of Zoning and Appeals Members were sworn in by Mayor Meehan.

- Dean Langrall
- Danelle Amos (Alternate)
- Bruce Kennington (Alternate)

The new Beach Mediation Board Members were sworn in by Mayor Meehan.

- Bill Bandorick
- Ed Smith

6. Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino requested approval for OCPD General Order 500 R-1, entitled *Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act of 2004*. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve General Order 500 R-1; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.** The Mayor concurred with the vote.
7. Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, accompanied by Electronic Services Manager Bob DiMaio, requested approval for the emergency purchase of instant call recorders in the Dispatch Center, for the amount of \$22,100.00, to **Teltronic Corporation**. Director Theobald advised that the current equipment experienced catastrophic failure. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
8. General Services Director Joe Sobczak requested approval to purchase police vehicles under the State of Maryland Contract, in the amount of \$207,594.00 (Budget Allocation = \$228,000.00), from Hertrich Fleet Services. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
9. Public Works Director Hal Adkins reported that, in the summer of 2009, the Boardwalk Tram DVD players generated \$32,200.00 in advertising sales. He recommended continuing this agreement with Comcast Spotlight in the summer of 2010. Also present for questions was Dean Langrall, Local Sales Representative for Comcast Spotlight. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to contract with Comcast Spotlight for an additional three years; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
10. Special Events Director John Sullivan requested approval to extend the **Select Event Rentals (a.k.a. Party Perfect Special Tent Rental)** Agreement for another three years. Director Sullivan advised that the vendor offered the extension for another three years at the current rates. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
11. Council Member Mary Knight reported on the Tourism Commission Meeting of October 1, 2009 (see Attachment A).
12. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting of October 27, 2009 (see Attachment B).

Council Member Mary Knight moved to adjourn at 1:57 a.m.; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENT A

OCEAN CITY TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009 – 3:00 PM
ROLAND E POWELL CONVENTION CENTER
ROOM 214

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Knight called the meeting to order. Members present included: Mary Knight, Melanie Pursel, Lloyd Martin, Mayor Rick Meehan, Susan Jones, Michael James and Margaret Pillas. Staff present included: Deb Travers, Donna Abbott, Wayne Pryor and Dennis Dare. Guests present included: Jon Tremellen representing OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Lisa Challenger representing Worcester County Tourism, Greg Shockley representing MD Tourism Development Board and Ruth Waters representing OC Chamber of Commerce.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Melanie Pursel, Seconded by Lloyd Martin to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2009 Tourism Commission Meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimous.

UPDATES

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM: Deb Travers reported August room tax was down \$60,000 (about 2%) and food tax was up about \$3,000. Deb distributed the ad agency review schedule and those scheduled meetings would be closed, as the information to be shared is proprietary. Each agency would be scheduled for 40 minutes for their presentation and question/answer period. Deb would give an overview of each agency prior to their presentation. Deb stated the Mayor and Council granted approval to re-bid the graphic design of the 2010 guide. Donna Abbott reported prior to Sunfest the Town did some special promotions with the “insiders”, as well as on Facebook and Twitter and were very well received. Donna stated the friends on Facebook have grown to about 20,000 and future promotions are planned to promote upcoming events (such as Restaurant Week).

CONVENTION CENTER: Wayne Pryor stated the Maryland Stadium Authority conducted their annual audit and walk through of the Convention Center recently. They were pleased with the condition of the building and improvements in the kitchen equipment purchased by CenterPlate Catering (equipment worth approximately \$200,000). Wayne reported the expansion plans are in a holding pattern at this time. Wayne stated if the expansion is prolonged then perhaps some maintenance issues would need to be addressed (carpet in the Ballroom). Wayne reported the building would be utilized 27 days out of 31 in October.

DEPT OF REC & PARKS/SPECIAL EVENTS: Written report attached to agenda packet.

ATTACHMENT B

Recreation and Parks Committee
October 27, 2009

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM at Northside Park. Present were Jim Hall, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Bob Croll, Kate Gaddis, Susan Petito, John Sullivan and Tom Shuster.

Also present were Joe Hall, Patrice Pikulsky, June Danaher, Joni Scholwin, Jamie Albright, Linda Barrett, Becky Zweigbaum, Robin Polischuk, Bruce Leiner and Bryan Russo of the Dispatch.
 2. Minutes: The minutes of July 28, 2009 were approved as presented.
 3. Public Portion: Joe Hall addressed the Committee with a proposal to ask staff to explore establishing a stocked area for crabs at Northside Park to be used as a youth crabbing program. The Committee asked staff to evaluate development of a youth crabbing program and report back to the Committee.

Patrice Pikulsky introduced a group of tennis enthusiasts and presented a handout titled "Ready, Set, Goal" in support of tennis in Ocean City. June Danaher spoke in support of improvements to the Ocean City Tennis Center. Bruce Leiner also spoke in support of increased marketing and improvements of the Tennis Center including a full time director for the Center. In closing, Patrice Pikulsky noted the hand out included a "Petition for an Improved Tennis Center" signed by a number of people. The staff will review the recommendations and report back to the Committee.
 4. Update on Eagle's Landing Golf Course: Bob Croll gave an update on Eagle's Landing golf course and the state of golf in the Ocean City area. Bob noted that factors affecting play have included the loss of Pam's Golf as a golf package provider and the extensive down turn in the economy that has depressed golf play nationwide. Bob also noted that on the expense side, the cost of funding the debt payments due for the land of the golf course that was previously within the Ocean City Airport zone is substantial.
 5. Private Event Future Date Hold Request: Tom Shuster distributed an email from Jack Hennin, sponsor of the 2 Cruisin' events in May and October, requesting permission to secure date approval for future Cruisin' events in the next three years. The Committee was receptive to the idea of drafting a policy to handle a multi-year request for a private special event that has at least a positive, five-year history with the same promoters over that period. The staff and Committee agreed that a multi year Town events schedule should be developed as well in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling between Town events and private events. The staff will draft the policy.
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