

**November 16, 2009**  
**Regular Session #22**  
**Mayor and City Council**  
**Town of Ocean City, Maryland**

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**Present:**

**Mayor Richard W. Meehan**  
**Council President Joseph M. Mitrecic**  
**Council Secretary Lloyd E. Martin**

**Council Members**  
**James S. Hall**  
**Margaret L. Pillas**  
**Mary P. Knight**  
**Douglas S. Cymek**  
**Joseph T. Hall, II**

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**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, City Engineer Terry McGean, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, 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 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE**

Ocean City Beach Patrol Lieutenant Ward Kovacs led the prayer, and Council Member Joe Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Council Member Doug Cymek moved to convene into closed session to 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; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

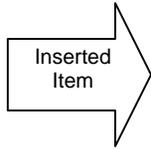
Council President Mitrecic re-opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Council President Mitrecic advised that personnel matters were discussed in closed session held at 4:00 p.m.. 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 and Rick Hamilton. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to appoint Rick Hamilton as Convention Center Director; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

**Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

City Manager Dennis Dare introduced, and Mayor Meehan personally welcomed, the newly-appointed Convention Center Director, Rick Hamilton. Director Hamilton was present to thank the Mayor and Council.



City Engineer Terry McGean reported that, although the November 13<sup>th</sup> storm caused severe beach erosion, neither life nor property was lost. He said that the Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers are in Town to survey the damage. Tomorrow, he advised, he will meet with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to discuss recovery alternatives.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION**

City Manager Dare advised that the following items will be discussed in the next work session on Tuesday, **December 1, 2009**:

1. Recommendation of bid award for Microsoft conversion products – presented by Information Technology Director Nancy Bloxom
2. Review of an ordinance to implement a mechanical code – presented by Chief Building Official Kevin Brown
3. Request for funding of the General and Public Safety Pension Plans – presented by City Clerk Carol Jacobs and Finance Administrator Martha Lucey
4. Request for Beach Stand Operator to rent cabanas on the beach – presented by City Clerk Carol Jacobs
5. Discussion on proposed cost saving measures – presented by City Manager Dennis Dare
6. Review of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and Council and Shore Transit for the ADA Medical Transport Pilot Program – Public Works Director Hal Adkins

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for Regular Session #21, dated November 2, 2009, and, Work Session dated October 27, 2009 were approved as presented.

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

Mayor Rick Meehan presented a proclamation designating December as Toys for Tots Month.

### **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS**

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell requested approval for the **Parade of Antique Police Cars**, on Saturday, December 5, 2009, on the Boardwalk starting at 27<sup>th</sup> Street, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Present for questions was Sergeant Ed Schreier. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bob Melvin reviewed his plan to establish a trust fund for ADA Medical Transportation to Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) and doctors' offices in Berlin. He said that, upon Atlantic General Hospital's approval, he will arrange for the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Medical Center to accept and administrate the donations.

### **ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR**

City Solicitor Ayres presented for approval, Resolution #2009-9, ratifying and confirming Ordinance #2009-13 (introduced on June 15, 2009, and passed on July 6, 2009, establishing the General Obligation Refunding Bonds of 2009). Finance Administrator Martha Lucey advised that the bond sale is scheduled for November 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to**

**approve Resolution 2009-9; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

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

City Manager Dare presented the following items for approval:

- A. Upcoming Bid Opening for Microsoft Conversion Products. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
  
- B. Bid award to **Potteiger-Raintree, Inc.**, in the amount of \$208,100.00, for the Gorman Avenue Water Treatment Plant Roofing (Budget Allocation = \$210,000.00). **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Tiffany Lowry asked the Mayor and Council to consider adding more holiday lights to the Inlet Parking Lot. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to ask City Manager Dare review the budget for available funding to enhance the holiday display at the Inlet; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Meehan thanked City Staff for their hard work during the November 13<sup>th</sup> Storm and for a successful launch of the Winterfest of Lights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**