



Corrected (see page 2)  
December 1, 2009  
Work Session  
Mayor and Council

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, Information Technology Director Nancy Bloxom, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, Lieutenant Brian Cardamone, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 10:05 a.m.; then, **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) 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; (2) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (3) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (4) consult with Staff, Consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigations; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

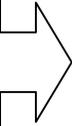
1. Council President Mitrecic re-convened the open meeting at 1:14 p.m. and advised that legal, personnel and real estate matters were discussed in the closed session held at 10:05 a.m. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members 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, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Airport Manager George Goodrow, Chief Deputy Director Director James Parsons, Jeff Breeden, AICP, Planner of FAA Washington Airports District, Mindy Lee, FAA WADO OXB Airport Engineer; Ashish Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance, MAA; Don Scata, P.E. and Chuck Trice, P.E., URS Corporation.
2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Acting Convention Center Building Superintendent Robert Taylor introduced Convention Center Employees Melanie Collins and Kenny Turnage.
3. Information Technology Director Nancy Bloxom recommended a bid award to **Software House International**, for the amount of \$66,086.36 (Budget Allocation = \$74,660.00), for Microsoft software upgrades. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

Inserted item for discussion

*[In the October 5, 2009 Regular Session, the Mayor and Council approved the use of the Lewis Road property for the Ayres Creek Kayak Launch and Canoe Tour under the condition that they seek their own, or appeal to Worcester County for assistance with liability coverage.]* Dave Wilson of Maryland Coastal Bays advised that the Worcester County Commissioners denied their request for coverage. He asked the Council to reconsider insuring Ayres Creek Kayak Launch site on city-owned property in West Ocean City. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to accept the liability for this operation if Maryland Coastal Bays agrees to maintain the site (except for mowing the grass) in a Memorandum of Understanding; Seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

4. Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino requested permission to purchase nine (9) Panasonic Toughbooks with vehicle mounts (Staff Estimate = \$5,000.00 per item, allocated from the 2009 Justice Assistance Recovery Grant "JAG" Fund) for the Ocean City Police Department. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
5. OCPD Lieutenant Brian Cardamone requested permission to purchase an Automated License Plate Recognition system from Federal Signal Corporation for \$22,810.50 (allocated by JAG Funds). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
6. City Clerk Carol Jacobs presented the Pension Trustees' recommendation for the annual Mayor and Council contribution to the General and Public Safety Pension Plans (see Attachment A), and, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey made recommendations for FY10 Pension and Retiree Health contributions (see Attachment B). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to accept the recommendations; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
7. City Clerk Carol Jacobs presented a Beach Equipment Operator's request to allow cabana rentals on the beach. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to allow Beach Equipment Operators to rent up to five small cabanas (59" wide x 44" high and 48" deep) per block, and, the cabanas must be placed behind the western edge of the lifeguard stand; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
8. Public Works Director Hal Adkins presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and Council and Shore Transit for a pilot program to provide ADA qualified persons with disabilities within the corporate limits of Ocean City, transportation to and from the corporate limits of Berlin, Maryland (see Attachment C). Director Adkins advised that Shore Transit/Tri-County Council agreed to reimburse the Town \$32.00 per round trip. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the 4-month pilot program; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
9. City Manager Dennis Dare proposed the following **Cost Saving/Revenue Enhancing Measures:**
  - Lease the Boardwalk Cottage to the Downtown Association (instead of the Town hiring and staffing) (see Attachment D). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the concept and asked City Manager Dare to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and Council and the Downtown Association; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
  - Change the Inlet Parking Lot rates (see Attachment E). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve "Option 2"; no second. The Motion failed. Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve "Option 3" - with the in-season flat rate changed to \$2.50, for one year; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Joe Hall in opposition.**
  - Install Cale Parking meters on streets along the boardwalk. Council President Mitrecic advised that this item will be deferred until the Parking Committee is formed.

Corrected on 2/22/10 to add the in-season flat rate as determined by the Mayor and Council



- Reduce street lighting levels in certain areas between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> (see Attachment F). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to reduce lighting on the Inlet Parking Lot; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- Reduce the number of paid holidays from 12 to 11 (see Attachment G). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to lower the paid holidays to 11; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin.** The Motion was withdrawn. The Council asked City Manager Dare to poll the employees for the holiday to be eliminated.

Inserted Item

- **Council Member Jim Hall moved to schedule, for discussion, a review of the number of vacation days (new-hires only); seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- Offer Ocean Front Hotels food and beverage licenses (see Attachment H). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to decline; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- Establish a Taxi Franchise or Medallion Program. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to explore this concept and refer it to the Police Commission for consideration; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.** Council Member Jim Hall also suggested doing the same for tow truck operations.

Mayor Meehan thanked the Beautification Committee for decorating City Hall. Also, he mentioned that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2009 starting on Old Landing Road.

**Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**