



September 1, 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, Acting City Solicitor Heather Stansbury, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Sam Villani, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Assistant Chief Dave Hartley, Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Sexauer, Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. City Solicitor Guy Ayres was absent.

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.; then **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, (2) 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 Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic absent.**

1. Council President Mitrecic reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. and reported that legal 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, Acting City Solicitor Heather Stansbury, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias and Deputy Public Works Director Dick Malone. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Public Works Solid Waste Superintendent Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Employees Cornell Lewis and Weldon Riffin.
3. The following firms responded to the Town's Request for Proposal for advertising agencies:
 - Aloysius Butler & Clark
 - Pulsar Advertising
 - Herrmann Advertising Design
 - Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide
 - Stick & Move
 - Mullen
 - Gray Kirk Vansant
 - MGH
 - Williams Whittle Associates
 - Siquis Ltd

Council Member Mary Knight moved to acknowledge the ten Requests for Proposal with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.

4. Maryland Municipal League (MML) Executive Director Scott Hancock and MML Director of Government Relations Candace Donohoe, reported on the MML's 2009 legislative initiatives (see Attachment A).

Mayor Meehan asked that Mr. Hancock share, with MML's Legislative Action Committee, a letter (see Attachment B) from Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino reporting on the successful transition of the helmet requirement for rented scooters [Ordinance 2009-18].

5. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Recreational Fisheries Coordinator Forbes Darby and Department of Natural Resources Deputy Director Gina Hunt reported on the new National Saltwater Angler Registry law effective January 1, 2010 (see Attachment C).
6. Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Sam Villani reported on the Town's Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation and Compliance Initiative which started in February 2007 (see Attachment D).

Fire Marshal Villani referred to Chapter 34, §204 [which states: "Exception:--to dwelling units which are separated from rooms or spaces that are not located within dwelling units where fuel burning equipment is installed or operated or adjacent enclosed parking areas by a complete and continuous smoke barrier."] He suggested the removal of this exception because 'continuous smoke barriers' are commonly breached as a structure ages.

Council Member Jim Hall moved to ask City Solicitor Ayres to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 34, §204 to remove the exception; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous. Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore advised that all available personnel will assist with the Fire Marshal's public outreach efforts.

7. Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons made a recommendation to contract with:
 - **Corfu Contractors, Inc.**, for the amount of \$594,335.00 (FY10 Budget Allocation = \$550,00.00) to paint the Worcester Street Water Tank. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
 - **Pro Coat LLC**, for the amount of \$46,562.00 (FY10 Budget Allocation = \$100,000.00) to paint the South Well Houses and East Clarifier. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
8. [In a prior session, the Council requested a report on the Town's current pension and healthcare plans, and, a comparative study on alternative plans for newly hired employees.] City Manager Dare requested a postponement to the discussion regarding employee health care benefits until the federal healthcare question is resolved.

Finance Administrator Martha Lucey presented a detailed account of the origin, history and current state of the Town's Pension Benefit (see Attachment E). She presented each Council Member with an informational folder for further study [also available to the public upon request]. Council President Joe Mitrecic asked Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias to schedule another discussion on this matter for the first work session in October.

City Manager Dare advised that the Anne Arundel County Pension Board President is willing to share their recent evaluation of defined contribution versus defined benefit. Council President Mitrecic asked City Manager Dare to invite him to the first work session in October.

9. Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp presented FY09 Budget Amendment #2 (see Attachment F). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to ask City Solicitor Ayres to draft the ordinance to adopt Budget Amendment #2; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

In response to the Budget Analyst's report on changes to the Golf Course Fund Revenue, Council President Mitrecic asked Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster to report on the number of rounds at Eagles Landing Golf Course in the next Park and Recreation Meeting.

10. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission Meeting of July 08, 2009 and July 30, 2009 (see Attachment G).
11. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting of July 28, 2009 (see Attachment H).

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.