

**September 21, 2009**  
**Regular Session #18**  
**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 (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), 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, 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 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE**

Bryan Pugner of the OC Worship Center led the prayer, and Council Member Jim Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City Manager Dare reported that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the upcoming work session:

- (1) Bid Openings for:
  - o Bus Wash Facility
  - o Bus Shelter Spare Parts
  - o Water and Wastewater Chemicals for 2010
- (2) Recommendation of bid award for the Sea For Yourself Design – presented by Tourism Director Deb Travers
- (3) Annual update on the Community Rating System – presented by City Planner Robert Nelson
- (4) Recommendation of Zoning Code Amendment for standards of outdoor display of merchandise for properties fronting on Atlantic Avenue – presented by Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston and Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith
- (5) Review of new municipal growth and water resources elements of the Comprehensive Plan – presented by Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston and City Planner Robert Nelson
- (6) Report and recommendation of take home vehicles – presented by City Manager Dennis Dare
- (7) Report on the Ocean City Municipal Airport Survey – Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias
- (8) Report on the Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes of August 6 and September 3, 2009 – presented by Council Member Mary Knight
- (9) Report on Police Commission Meeting of August 12, 2009 – presented by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of Regular Session #17, and, Work Sessions dated September 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as presented.

## **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS**

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following private events for approval:

- A. **Maryland State Firemen's Parade** – Date Hold corrected to June 16, 2010. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **Freestate Corvette Club** – Date Hold corrected to October 16, 2010. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament**, October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the beach between 20<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> Streets. Present for questions was Terry Fleming of the Ocean City Surf Anglers. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. **Pink Ribbon Classic**, on October 17, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., starting at the O.C. Health Club on 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Present for questions was Beverly Furst of the O.C. Health and Racquet Club and American Cancer Society. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. **CROP Walk for Hunger**, on May 23, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting at St. Paul's By the Sea on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in Dewees Hall. Present for questions was John Falcone, Co-coordinator of the Church of the Holy Spirit. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- F. **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light of the Night Walk**, on October 24, 2009, starting at 5:00 p.m., starting at the Inlet Parking Lot. Present for questions was Sandy Garrish of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Public Works Director Hal Adkins made a recommendation to initiate a pilot program to provide curb-to-curb ADA Transit Services for ADA eligible patrons. This service is intended to accommodate ADA Eligible individuals, having non-emergency medical appointments, who desire curb to curb service originating within the corporate limits of Ocean City to a destination within the corporate limits of Berlin. The service, he proposed, will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (or whatever three days per week will be most productive) for a one-way fee of \$5.00. Director Adkins said that this service will commence upon full execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Shore Transit. Hal explained that Shore Transit, a part of the Tri County Council, will supplement the Town's expense with an appropriate portion (that portion of the mileage that falls outside 3/4's of a mile of Ocean City ) of their ADA Funding. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to accept the recommendation and approve the \$5.00 one-way fee per passenger (with the provisions that the Pilot Program would run until April 01, 2010 at which time (or soon before that date) it will be reviewed for consideration of continuance; and, commencement of the Pilot Program is contingent upon the Councils review and approval of the M.O.U. with Shore Transit); seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beautification Committee Chairperson, Donna Greenwood presented the 2009 Beauty Spot Awards:

**2009 Beauty Spot Award Winners**

**Residential**

The Schneiders  
Pamela Harrington  
The Rives  
The Mestros  
The Lamonts  
The Chapmans  
BLACKMOORE LLC  
The Mancinis

**Retail**

Ocean Greenery  
Donaway Furniture  
Malibu's Surf Shop

**Restaurant**

Bonfire Restaurant  
Bayside Skillet

**Condominium**

Hidden Harbor II Condominium  
Wight Bay Condominium  
Ocean Villa Condominium  
Braemar Towers Condominium

**Motel**

Barefoot Mailman  
Captain Bob's Apartments

**Commercial**

Buccaneer Booty Golf  
Taylor Bank--20th Street

**Special**

Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645  
Sunset Island Community Association  
Holy Savior Rosary Garden  
Wight Bay Fish Pond--Greg Dennis

**The Lifetime Beauty Spot Awards:**

The Seals  
Sea Watch Condominium  
Hawaiian Village Condominium

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

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-20 for FY09 Budget Amendment #2. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Ordinance 2009-20 on Second Reading; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-21, amending Chapter 34, entitled *Fire Prevention and Protection*, to remove the exceptions for Carbon Monoxide Detectors. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve Ordinance 2009-21 on Second Reading; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. First Reading of Ordinance 2009-22, authorizing the sale of surplus property at the October 17, 2009 Public Auction. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve Ordinance 2009-22 on First Reading with an amendment to remove the ADA Van for the auction list; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Resolution 2009-8 adopting the Town Debt Policy. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Resolution 2009-8; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

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

City Manager Dennis Dare requested permission to: (1) solicit bids for power washing of the elevated water tanks, and, (2) issue a Request for Proposal for sewer repair services. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

## **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Al Wendling said there are a number of contract violations by the bike shops on Somerset Street.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Jim Hall commented on a recent newspaper article about the Tourism Commission and the review of advertising agencies. He wanted to be sure that the Council will be given the opportunity to review all qualified responses. Council Member Mary Knight advised that nine agencies met the RFP qualifications and one is questionable because of the nature of their existing clientele. Council Member Joe Hall said he wants to see all ten qualified bidders. Council Member Knight advised that those interested in viewing any or all bid responses should contact Tourism Director Deb Travers.

Council Member Joe Hall asked for a future discussion regarding paid parking in areas other than Downtown. Mayor Rick Meehan agreed, and; in like manner, recommended that City Staff present another overall cost reduction/revenue enhancing analysis and presentation.

Council Member Margaret Pillas inquired about the potential of a water main break similar to the recent incident in Dundalk, Maryland. City Manager Dare advised that no such danger exists in the Town of Ocean City.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**