

**January 20, 2009**  
**REGULAR SESSION #2**  
**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**  
**TOWN OF OCEAN CITY**

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**Present:**

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

**Council Member James S. Hall**  
**Council Member Margaret L. Pillas**  
**Council Member Douglas S. Cymek**  
**Council Member Joseph T. Hall, II**

**Absent:**

**Council Member Mary P. Knight**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek and Joe Hall, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Special Events Director John Sullivan, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Risk Management Director Eric Lagstrom, 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**

Pastor Shawn Davis of the Ocean City Baptist Church led the Prayer, and Council Member Margaret Pillas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION**

Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias advised that the following items will be discussed in the upcoming Work Session:

1. Request to accept unsolicited proposal for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks
2. Follow-up discussion on the reduction to Coastal Highway fixed route bus service
3. Presentation regarding renovations to Fire Station 4
4. Review of proposed zoning code amendments for small wind energy systems
5. Discussion of Police Department Cost Reduction recommendations
6. Recommendation to adjust fees:
  - a. Plumbing licensing and administrative fees associated with inspection
  - b. Re-inspection fees for outdoor displays and additional plan reviews

- c. Boardwalk permit fees
  - d. Construction staging fees
  - e. License fee changes
7. Discussion of upcoming Budget – presented by Council Member Joe Hall
  8. Report on Tourism Commission Meeting of January 8, 2009 – presented by Council Member Margaret Pillas
  9. Report on Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting of January 13, 2009 – Council Member Jim Hall

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Session #1, dated January 5, 2009, were approved as presented.

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

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission Meeting held on October 16, 2008 (see Attachment A).

### **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS**

Special Events Director John Sullivan presented the following events for approval:

- A. **Take Steps Walk to Benefit Crohn's and Colitis Foundation**, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., starting at Sunset Park. Robert Milanchus were present for questions. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- B. **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge**, on June 6-7, 2009, in the area of Dorchester and Baltimore Streets. Scott Westcoat was present for questions. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Fare Changes to ADA service (see Attachment B).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp reported on overtime (see Attachment C).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ocean City Development Corporation's (OCDC) Greg Shockley and Glenn Irwin gave an update on their current projects. They requested that an abbreviated version of the OCDC promotional video be placed on the community access channel. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to allow the abbreviated version of the OCDC promotional video for viewing on the Town's community access channel; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

- B. Public Works Director Hal Adkins reported that Tom Natelli, Developer, satisfied the terms of a five-year agreement to pay 'voluntary impact fees' on units sold in Sunset Island (see Attachment D).

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

City Solicitor Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-1 adopting FY09 Budget Amendment #1. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-1; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- B. First Reading of Ordinance 2009-2 amending the Employees of Ocean City Maryland Pension Plan and Trust. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2009-2; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- C. First Reading of an ordinance establishing parking rates at certain locations pursuant to Section C-414(44) and (45) of the Charter of the Town of Ocean City (increases fees to Inlet parking lot and street meters). Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the ordinance for First Reading; Council Member Doug Cymek. No vote was taken, the motion failed. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to postpone the First Reading until this item is discussed in the budget hearing; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- D. First Reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 106, entitled *Waterways*, prohibiting night swimming. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to postpone the First Reading of this ordinance until all affected departments are present; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 5-1 with Council President Mitrecic opposed and Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

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

Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias presented the following:

- A. Permission to solicit bids for Beach Patrol All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's): **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- B. Pocomoke City's request to borrow two (2) voting machines in April: **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**
- C. Risk Management Director Eric Lagstrom's recommendation of bid award to **Madison Consulting Group** for Risk Management's Actuarial Analysis Services, in the amount of \$12,000.00 (FY09 Budget Allocation = \$25,000.00): **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

- D. Finance Administrator Martha Lucey's recommendation of bid award to **Bolton Partners** for the Retiree Health Insurance Actuarial Study, for the amount of \$8,500.00 (FY09 Budget Allocation = \$20,000.00). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mary Bartholomew asked for help with removing a private dumpster from in front of her window on Coastal Highway. Public Works Director Hal Adkins said he will investigate.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Joe Hall asked for some or all of the salary report for the budget discussion in next week's work session.

Council Member Jim Hall commended personnel for their response during the extreme cold weather. Councilman Cymek noted that many calls were for sprinkler systems and freezing water pumps and asked Director Adkins to promote warming the pump rooms.

Council Member Margaret Pillas asked for a status on the Request for Proposals for Pension Advisors. City Clerk Carol Jacobs advised that responses are due by March 18, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

Minutes prepared by Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond  
Minutes certified by City Clerk Carol Jacobs  
Minutes approved on: 2/17/09



AGENDA  
POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
October 16, 2008 3:00 P.M.

Present: Police Commission Chairman Lloyd Martin, Mayor Richard Meehan, Council Member Jim Hall, Council Member Jay Hancock, City Manager Dennis Dare, Chief Bernadette DiPino, Captain Michael Colbert, Captain Robert Bokinsky, Lt. Robert Noll, Captain Victor Bunting

1. Review of the minutes of August 18, 2008 Police Commission Open Session Minutes. Approved, motion made by Jim Hall and seconded by Mayor Meehan.
2. Taxi Issues
  - A. Fuel Surcharge was extended until January 2, 2009. A motion was made for approval of the extension by Mayor Meehan and seconded by Councilman Jim Hall. Councilman Hancock expressed his concern that once a fuel surcharge was in place it would not be repealed. Commission members agreed to review the fuel surcharge at a future meeting. Retaining the fuel surcharge would be dependent upon the fuel prices at that time.
3. False Alarm Hearings
  - A. Fager's Appeal of Charges - \$200.00 for ninth alarm call in 2008. No one was present to support Fager's request to waive the false alarm fine. Mayor Meehan made the motion to let the fine stand and the motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Hall.
4. New Business
  - A. Request by lien holder for waiver storage fees for towed vehicle. This matter was settled by the city solicitor prior to meeting.
  - B. Councilman Hancock asked that the Police Department educate the public on the matter of home invasions. Chief DiPino stated she would have our OCPD public information officers make this a part of public awareness for October, National Crime Prevention Month and offer security tips, property checks, and assessments to protect property. Chief DiPino informed those present that most home invasions are drug or gang related. She offered some safety tips for crime prevention. Chief DiPino stressed that home invasion is not a problem in Ocean City.

## **Public Hearing: Proposed Fare Changes to ADA Service Town of Ocean City January 20, 2009**

**Present:**

**Mayor Richard W. Meehan**  
**Council President Joe Mitrecic**  
**Council Secretary Lloyd Martin**

**Council Member James Hall**  
**Council Member Margaret Pillas**  
**Council Member Douglas Cymek**  
**Council Member Joseph Hall, II**

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**Also in attendance:** City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, Sign Language Interpreter Amy Figgs, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

The next item on the agenda falls under Public Hearings as proposed fare changes to ADA services. Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland, First Floor Council Chambers.

“The purpose of this Hearing is to solicit public comment on proposed fare increases to Ocean City’s Complementary Para-transit service. This service is offered to ADA eligible people, resident and non-resident, within the Town of Ocean City. Our Complementary Para-transit service is operated daily year round. The proposed fare increase is due to anticipated funding difficulties.

Topics to be covered at the Hearing are: increase the fare to \$4.00 Ride-All-Day; the fare would be applicable to all users of the service. Note: “All” includes individuals who may be utilizing the service for free or half fare, at this time, due to possession of the Senior Pass, and all those users currently paying the \$2.00 Ride-All-Day fare. Consideration of financial impacts and savings.

The location of the Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual who requires special assistance for participation in the Public Hearing should contact Mrs. Dianna Davis at 410-723-2174 at TTD 410-723-3636 ten days prior to the hearing in order for Ocean City Transportation to make the necessary arrangements. A sign language interpreter will be present and available at the Hearing”.

I’d like to open this up by saying that, as a cost cutting measure, this was brought to the Mayor and City Council. There’s been no decision made on this. Everybody’s input tonight will be taken into consideration, before the Mayor and Council do make a decision on this topic. So, anyone who wishes to speak, please raise your hand. We will either bring you a mic if you cannot come up to the podium, or you may come up to the podium, state your name and address for the record, and state your opinion. Please try to stick to the point of the topic this evening.

### **Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

Thank you Councilman Mitrecic. If the Council wouldn't mind, I'd like to turn my opening to the audience and speak directly to them. For those of you that don't know me, for those of you that have never met me, my name is Hal Adkins, I am the Public Works Director of Ocean City, and this May will mark my 25<sup>th</sup> year working with the Town. To add to what Councilman Mitrecic commented on, I want to explain to all of you, the journey that we have been on that has brought us to this evening. Back in late August, early September 2008, the City Manager, Mr. Dare, realizing the economic situation that the Mayor and Council would be facing, as we try to prepare our FY10 budget, which goes into effect July 1 of this coming summer, sent out a memorandum to all the Directors and Department Heads. In that memo, he requested input from all of us; both relative to cost reduction measures that would be possible for consideration, or revenue enhancements. As a result of that memo, he received approximately 225 cost reduction measures and/or revenue enhancers. Working with his staff, at that time, he took the list of the 225, and broke it down into different categories. These are my words, not his, the first category could be entitled "immediate implementation," or I would like to call them the "no brainers." There were issues brought forth to him that could make some internal changes that would have either increased revenues or reduced cost that needed little to no input from the Mayor and Council because they were truly operational staff issues. And those, in fact, were in effect, implemented immediately. Some of them may have brought in or saved something as small as a hundred dollars. Others into the thousands. The next category, he (City Manager Dare) has entitled the "low hanging fruit." For those of you that may have come to previous meetings or followed the local newspapers, you will see the 'low hanging fruit' amounted to anywhere between 1.4 and 1.9 million dollars. It ranged from issues such as freezing of all vacant full time positions that became available, either due to retirement, or other issues. It included the elimination of numerous part-time employees that were on the payroll. We have gotten into other issues such as service reductions for solid waste, and lowering the amount of trash collection days and things of that sort. And we will continue to do so. The third category were those items that required further study or action of the Mayor and City Council. Some of which you may have followed in the last few weeks, as recently as the work session of this past week, when they voted to discuss an adjust the parking rates at the inlet or on the Cale machines and things of that sort. And there will be additional items coming to them in the coming weeks. Some of those items are regulated by agencies above and beyond the control of the Mayor and City Council. That is one of the issues that we are here for tonight. The Transportation Department is, in fact, under regulations mandated by the Maryland Transit Administration and the Maryland Transit Administration is the enforcer of federal regulations. It requires a public hearing. It requires the Mayor and City Council to advertise 30 days in advance to allow the public, you all, to provide them with input on this important decision-making. With that said, you now know why we're here tonight, and how we got here. It is not specifically an ADA/Para-transit issue solely. It is multiple issues – 225 of them.

I turn my attention back to the Council, assuming the number of individuals have come here this evening to speak, I want to give you a little background information, some of it may be a refresher to the Council. You currently charge \$2.00 to ride all day for your curb-to-curb, demand-response, for those that are ADA eligible who are not senior citizens. That would be those individuals below the age of 60 in the manner in which the Mayor and City Council have defined "senior citizen" in one of your policies. For those individuals that are ADA eligible, age 60 or older, if you are a resident and you possess a "Senior Pass," the service is, in fact, free. And for those of you that are age 60 or older, but are a non-resident senior pass holder, you ride for half fare which is a dollar. We currently have 332 individuals on our roster that are eligible to use this service, and of the 332, staff indicates that approximately 87 of them are active users

daily or a few times in a given week. The overall cost of the ADA Program, the best snapshot for this evening, would be the conclusion of fiscal 08 in which the program cost roughly \$250,000. And of that, \$250,000, you did in fact, receive a grant for \$110,000 from the State of Maryland. Subtracting the two, simple mathematics, are a \$140,000 shortfall, you have been averaging revenue-wise from the paying customers, anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 in revenue in a given year. That is it. In addition to that, I wanted to share with the Council that since we last discussed this topic, and I think it was on December 9, we have communicated with some of our other LOTS. LOTS being "Locally Operated Transit Systems." We spoke to Washington County, St. Mary's County and Annapolis to determine what their fare structure is. Their fare structure is, in fact, double their fixed route as allowable by federal law. And in those three cases, Washington, St. Mary's and Annapolis, their fare is, in fact \$2.00 one-way, every time you get on. Because their transit systems are individual fares per boarding, not all day like ours. Howard County is \$4.00 which is also a one-way fee, per trip, and Shore Transit, which would be the closest to your area covering portions of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset is a \$6.00 fare one-way. That's what we were informed today, if you wish to correct me, I'll stand corrected, but we spoke to a gentleman by the name of Riggin Johnson, and being there are comments from the audience, I will tell the Council that Riggin is the one of higher authority who quoted \$6.00. And then there was another gentleman by the name Bruce, and we're not sure who Bruce is, he said five. But again he indicated it was a one-way fare. I point out for clarity because the Mayor and Council has chosen to have a fixed-route Coastal Highway bus service fare structure, that is a ride-all-day fee, when you consider the cost or the fee of your ADA Service. It too, will be a ride-all-day fee, in accordance with federal law. You do not have the luxury, for lack of a better word, that these other entities do, to have a per-boarding fee. With that said, I turn back to the audience.

This is a public hearing. I wanted to inform you all how we got to this evening. I wanted to refresh the Council relative to some of the statistics. It is now your opportunity as Council President Mitreic indicated, to speak. He indicated that, if you raise your hand he will call on you, he would ask that you come to the podium if possible, you will need to read your name and address into the record. If there are individuals here this evening that, due to mobility issues, will find it difficult to come to this podium, our City Clerk does, in fact, have a microphone, and if it is okay with the Council President, I will carry that microphone to the individual he selects, and we will work it that way.

### **Council President Joe Mitreic**

I'll remind all of you that anyone who wishes to speak will get their chance, so please, if you have something to say, come to the podium, don't holler out from the crowd. And also, that everybody who has an opinion has a right to that opinion and we're not going to applaud some and boo others and that sort of thing, so...with that being said we'll open up the Public Hearing, yes sir...

### **Citizen**

My name is **Tom Morehead**, I live at 2801 North Baltimore Avenue, here in Ocean City, thank you Mr. Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to speak. I work for the Town of Ocean City in the Transportation Department as a dispatcher and an ADA driver. And I know a lot of the ADA passengers personally. And as a driver, I know that many of them are on a fixed income, and, a rate increase would cause a great deal of hardship to them. Most of our passengers ride free, as Hal pointed out. And you were concerned because the program brings in little money. If you must increase the revenues, why not make all passengers pay, regardless of age, and this being the \$2.00 rate. We already have a discount book available, which is \$15.00 for 10 rides, which, is a reduction...it would actually cost a \$1.50 per day, instead of \$2.00 per day. Or maybe even come up with a monthly pass at a nominal rate. \$4.00, in my opinion, would just

be too much, going from nothing to \$4.00 for our constituents. In my opinion, our passengers would have a choice of \$2.00 for an all-day pass, \$15.00 to purchase a 10-day all-day passes, or a monthly pass at a reasonable rate. Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Thank you, next? Yes sir.

**Citizen**

**Jim McGinnis** from 1101 Philadelphia Avenue and listening to what Hal was saying, and we're talking saving dollars, there are 87 people who are active users of the bus service. If everyone of them had to pay \$4.00 a day ... \$348 dollars total. If that was double, because they used it more than two days, we'd have \$766. Are we talking money here? We talking 87 million dollar budget for the City, and to me this ... save \$700 maybe, is not enough. If all 330, roughly speaking, if all of those had to pay \$4.00 per day it would be \$1,300, if that was doubled, using it two days a week it'd be \$2,600. We're not talking money here people, we're talking like people like myself who have been here for twenty some odd years and, now I'm the last one that wants to go on welfare, but I believe that we have served our city and turned over and over again and its ... were entitled. Now I don't want a handout, but I for one, could not afford the four bucks per day...because when it was first talked about, it was \$4.00 per ride, and I was here at the meeting when that was discussed. I could not afford that. And I believe that not, again, not looking for welfare or a handout, we're entitled. And when we're talking \$700 maybe saving the city at an increased income is not enough.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Thank you, anyone else? Yes maam?

**Citizen**

**Sue Cooke**, 512 Sunshine Lane: I had a stroke and a brain aneurism when I was 35 years old leaving me paralyzed from head to toe on my right side. I wear a brace, and I cannot drive because of seizures. I chose to move to Ocean City for two reasons: I had to get a better school system for my son, and for the para-transit system. I'm on a fixed income and I have to pay \$4.00 a day for my transportation, will be definitely a hardship. Based on a \$4.00 a day, if I'm doing this, and I go like two times a week for church and going to the food store, would be like \$48.00. This does not even include if I have to go to the doctors, different other doctors, in addition there is a fifth week, four times a year which is another addition. I know \$4.00 does not seem like a big deal for most people, but for me, that would be another \$50.00 a week for me for a month. And I really cannot afford it. Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Anyone else this evening? Yes sir?

**Citizen**

**Bob Melvin**, 200 12 Street, apartment A, Ocean City, Maryland: I'm not going to talk about \$4.00, and, I'm remaining neutral on that, whatever you decide, you decide. However, there's a relationship here. I have right now checked on the rate per passenger on the...what is the name of our bus system? [*Someone said: Shore Transit System?*] well no it's not Shore Transit it's the Ocean City ....

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Mr. Melvin you got to pull the mic right up to your mouth,

**Citizen Bob Melvin**

It is the Ocean City transfer point system. Under the rates, I'm not concerned about the Ocean City rate, \$4.00, but Shore Transit told me today, the dispatcher for Worcester County, they said every time you enter the bus, on the transfer point system of Shore Transit, it's a \$5.00 rate. So that comes out, two bus changes ten bucks and four bucks, and that gets a little heavy in terms of that system to get to the hospital, or to get to the Franklin Avenue. I think that's a related problem, and this is an Ocean City system, not a Shore Transit system. Or am I wrong?

**Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

What we're speaking of this evening is specifically the Town of Ocean City's System. It serves the Island or three quarters of a mile within the Island.

**Citizen Bob Melvin**

You're not speaking of the total system. That's not in the ballpark. Not this evening. Okay. Then I have no comment.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Anyone else?

**Citizen**

Mayor and the Town Council, my name is **June Jordan** I reside a 303 South St. Louis Avenue, upstairs for the last 17 years. My question is what will happen with us seniors that have our ADA passes as well as senior passes. Will that affect our monetary value?

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Mr. Adkins? Can you answer that for...

**Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

Is that the only question you had, if so I'll go back to the podium and address it, thank you.

In an effort to address your question, one of the items that is on the table for consideration by the Mayor and Council would include whether a fare structure at all...because currently I think the you just described yourself, you are able to use the ADA curb-to-curb service for free is that correct? [Response: yes]. One of the issues being present to them along with the other 224 that I mentioned earlier would be whether they wish to charge a fare for the senior citizen pass holder or not? And if so, what level? So that will be something that will come out of the ultimate decision after hearing all the testimony tonight. And whether the Mayor and Council wish to study it further.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Anyone else this evening? Yes maam?

**Citizen**

**Ellie Diegelmann**, 106 120<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, Maryland. I think it's pretty obvious that, going from no fare at all to \$4.00, even though it is all day. It sounds like a good deal, is an obvious hardship for probably anybody, not just senior citizens, especially if they're living here year round and working in or around the Island anywhere. I'm wondering if it's possible that the Town could seriously consider an alternative to

raising it to the \$4.00 and that might be...I know you don't like this Hal, but...that might be the idea or either privatizing or somehow coming to a happy medium between the Town running it and privatizing through one of the taxi services, which the one extreme would be to eliminate through the Town government permanently and completely eliminating the service, privatizing it through the taxi service that would be capable of handling this and passing the MTA \$110,000.00 grant or monies to that capable taxi company and letting them structure the fares with or without limitations to make it affordable for folks. And the reason I suggest this is one is if I recall correctly I think Joe Hall mentioned something to the effect of privatizing it during the December the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting. But I'm also thinking that they have taxi drivers that are on duty all day every day anyway so if they had the vehicles that could accommodate that, then that might be a rather substantial savings I think. Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Anyone else this evening, yes sir?

**Citizen**

My name is **David Siebold** I live at 127 Georgia Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland for the past twenty years, and I use the ADA system. I have to first make a correction to talk to Hal here, when you mention five six dollars, that's a medical trip and you have to go to a doctor or a rehab station or some medical facility, it's not just the general case where we're going to go shopping. You understand? And that's what you seem to be basing this \$4.00 on.

**Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

The only way I can answer your questions is there is, in preparation for this meeting, we did in fact, not I, but part of the staff spoke directly to a gentleman by the name of Riggan Johnson of Shore Transit, who is the manager. If he gave us tainted information, which I'm not going to question you on, but he knew what we were asking, his comment back to us was \$6.00, so if you feel it was different, we can get the clarification.] The rates for Shore Transit have been changed since the first January. It is no longer \$6.00 for a medical trip to Salisbury, it's \$5.00. Where they made the increase was that fares to Berlin used to be \$3.00 and now they think they have gone up for the whole County to five. The other Counties that you mentioned what they charge is this grocery trips or medical trip fare or what? Are any trip? [Hal Adkins: we are led to believe they were any trip comparable to our service. That's how the questions were presented.] Well if... going up to \$4.00, and it's not a medical trip, if you ever rode the ADA vans, you'll find out that you can have 3 people on there and the van will be full because of groceries. You understand that? So therefore if a person that goes out once a week and that comes to 50 times \$4.00 that's \$200.00 income that's gone. If you go out twice a week, then it's \$400.00 income gone a year. I want the Council to be aware of this. It's not just the case of mentioning \$4.00 like it was nothing, like your going to get change back from a five dollar bill, and it affects many people here as you see. I want the Council to understand that, although we are few in numbers here, compared to those that ride, what they represent is a lot of people. It's the same as if the federal government gets one letter of complaint that can represent ten or twenty people. You understand that? So I don't want the consideration. I can see possibly, well I'm not going to mention that, but I just want the Council to be aware about what's going on here with the people that ride the bus and need the bus and dependant on the bus. And that's what I have to say.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Thank you very much for your comments. Anyone else? Yes sir?

**Citizen**

**Harry How**, Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on ADA. Hal, have done a study on what type of money this will bring in. [Hal Adkins: Yes.] What's that number?

**Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

The number, depending on how the Council would go about modifying the fare, if they were going about modifying the fare, and what I mean by that is, if they modify the fare only to the current payers versus making applicable to all users...*pause*...projected low - \$8,000.00 annually; projected high - \$20,000.00 annually. There's your numbers.] And I have a question for clarification. In eliminating the discount for senior citizens, that would be carried throughout the entire system or just for the ADA van? [Hal Adkins: specific to this evening's meeting, specific to this public hearing, in the manner in which it was advertised, today's discussion is only about the ADA van. It is not about the bus nor about the boardwalk tram which had been brought up to the Council at previous meetings, but no action was taken on them, and I assume that if they are to be discussed they will be discussed in a forthcoming budget meeting.] Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Thank you. Yes maam, down here in the front row.

**Citizen**

Hello everyone my name is **Betty Sturgis**, I'm a resident of Ocean City, Maryland. My address is 2701 Judlee. I'm proud to be a resident of Ocean City, Maryland because I do not drive. Without the public transportation of the service of the disability, I would have no other way getting around. I'd love to keep my independence so I appreciate you guys if you try to work harder with us, I know it's so much that's going on in the world today. Knowing that it's a new year and I hope that we all can start out with a new beginning. Knowing that we have a new president. And hoping that good things happen to those special people that need this special help. So I'm asking you, please work with us. While I have this in my hand this evening, I'm hoping that one day, that our transportation will be able to go to Walmart. I appreciate you guys for listening to me this evening, and I hope you all have a great evening. Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Thank you. Anyone else this evening? Yes Maam?

**Citizen**

Good evening, my name is **Lorraine Baker**, I live at 163 Jamestown Road in Ocean City. I moved into Ocean City from the County because of health issues, not being able to drive, the ADA bus was my lifeline. These people that have attended this meeting this evening, I believe, in this economic turmoil will be absolutely impacted, not only on a day-to-day basis for their necessities, but also isolationism is one of the killers in this country. Ocean City has always prided itself in being a family resort. 2006 you were distinguished with being named a city in America that everyone should try to aspire to. Where is the compassion for these people who absolutely have no other avenues, especially on fixed income. Where are the federal fundings that might be available to help these people. I'm not speaking about the tourist trade, speaking only about year round residents. Anything that you can do to help these people and their quality of life, including myself, would be greatly appreciated and blessed. Thank you.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Is there anyone else this evening that has anything to say? Seeing none, I'll take a motion...Council Member Hall?

**Council Member Jim Hall**

Motion to close the public hearing.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

Council Member Martin?

**Council Secretary Lloyd Martin**

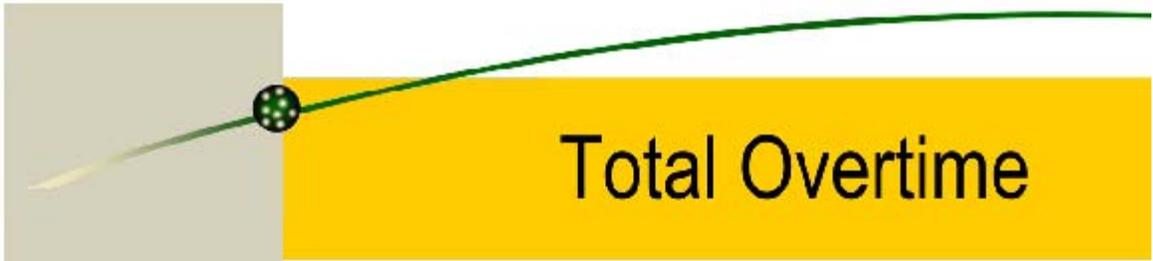
Second.

**Council President Joe Mitrecic**

I have a motion by Council Member Hall and a second by Council Member Martin to close the Public Hearing. All those in favor? [pause] Those opposed? Let the record show the vote was unanimous with Council Member Knight absent. Thank you all for being here. I know that it was difficult for some of you to get here, but we realize how important this issue is to you and we will be discussing it at an upcoming work session.

**Public Works Director Hal Adkins**

Mayor and Council thank you. For those that came this evening thank you and Ms. Figgs, thank you for your services again.

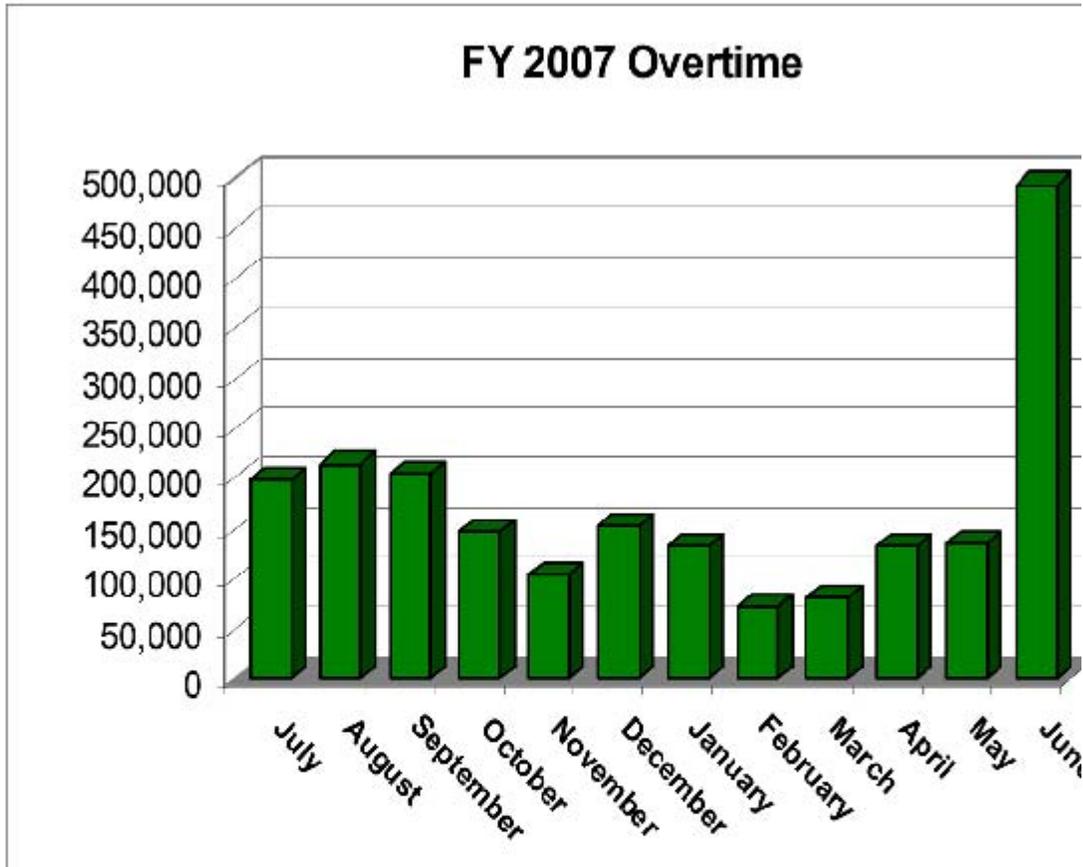


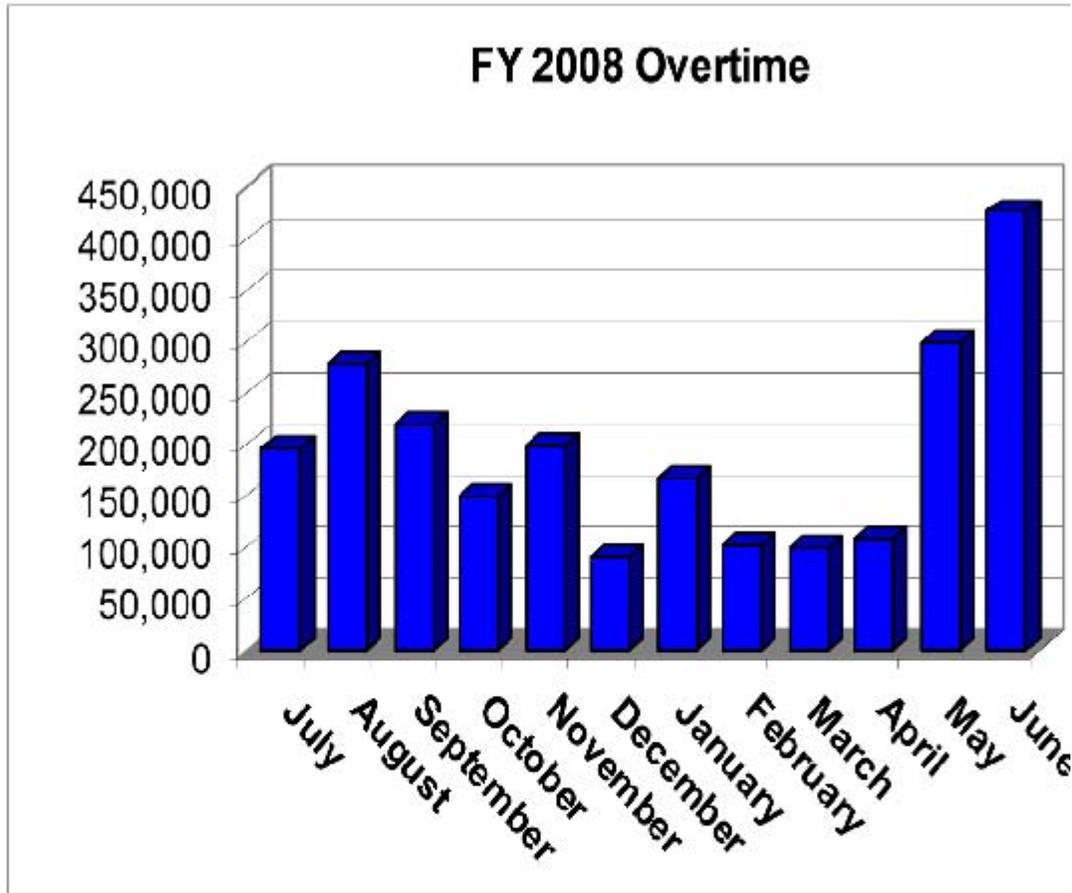
🔧	FY 2007 Actual Overtime	\$2,063
🔧	FY 2008 Actual Overtime	\$2,333
🔧	FY 2009 Budgeted Overtime	\$2,426



## Overtime by Month

- ✪ June is the largest month
  - Overtime exceeds \$400,000 in June
  - 20% to 25% of annual total
- ✪ “Seasonal” overtime
  - Overtime for May through September
  - 60% of annual total
  - \$1.2 million in FY 2007
  - \$1.4 million in FY 2008







## Overtime by Department

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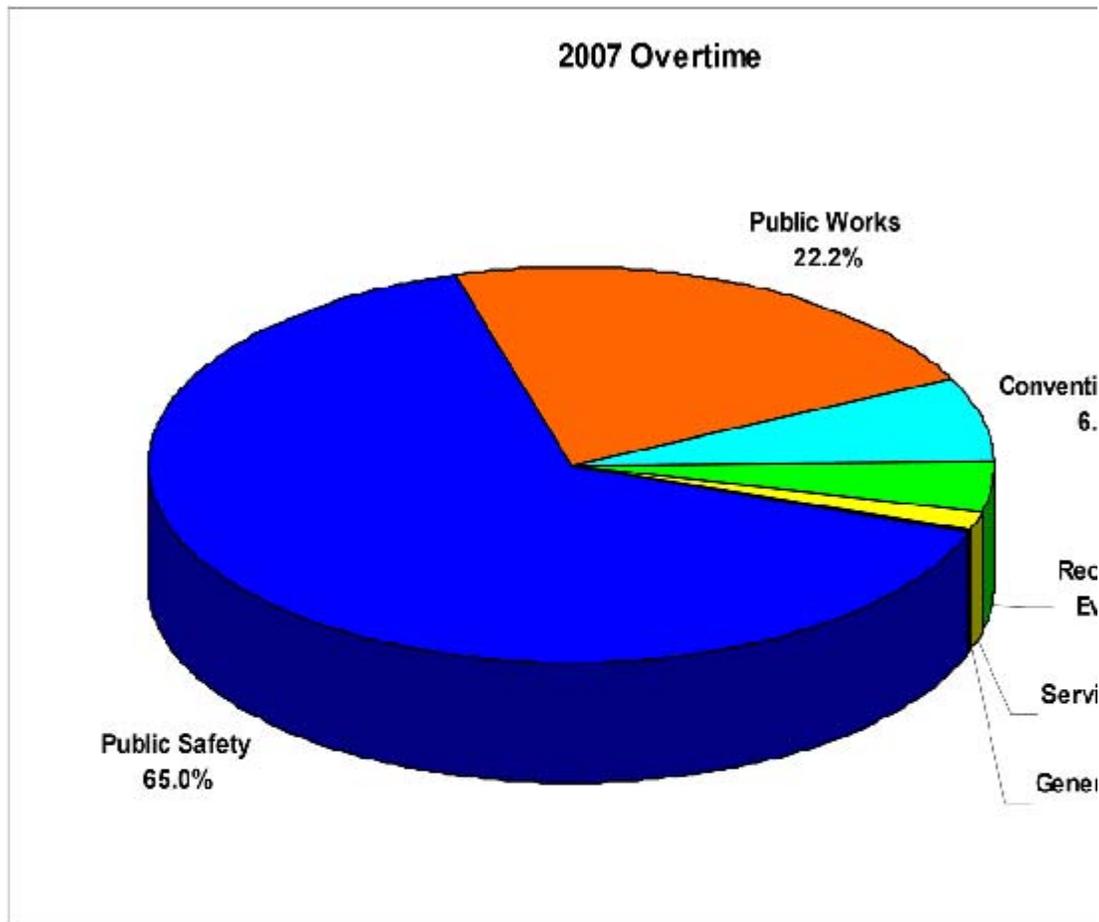
- Roughly two-thirds of City's overtime
- \$1.6 million in FY 2008
- \$1.7 million budgeted in FY 2009

### Public Works

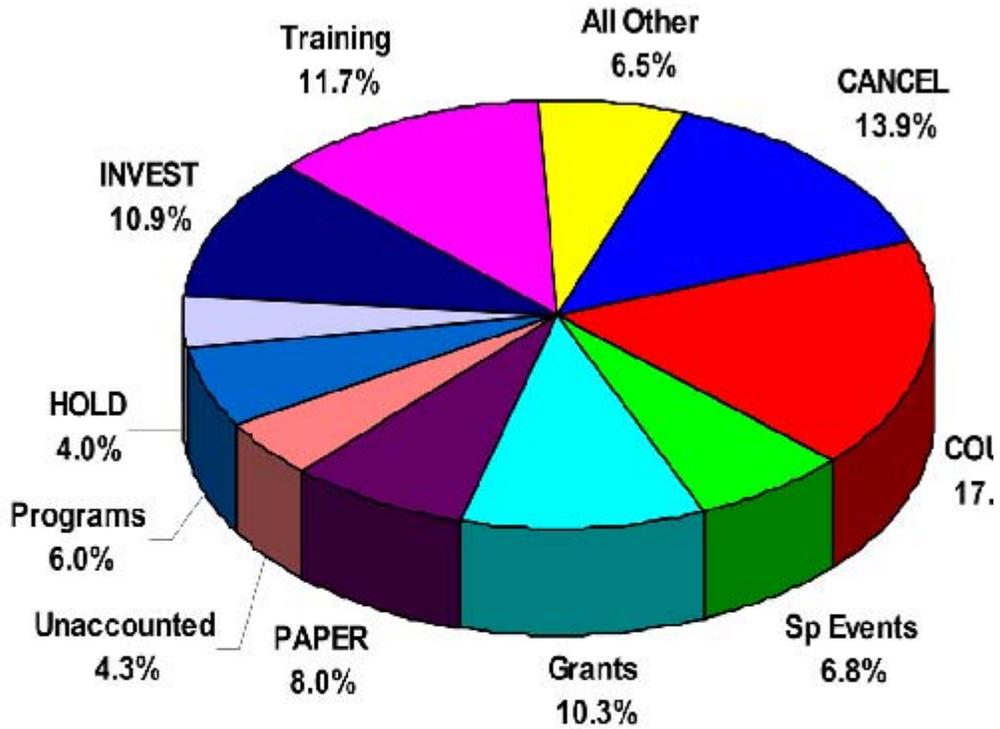
- Roughly 20% of City's overtime
- \$450,000 in FY 2008
- \$465,000 budgeted in FY 2009

### All Other Departments

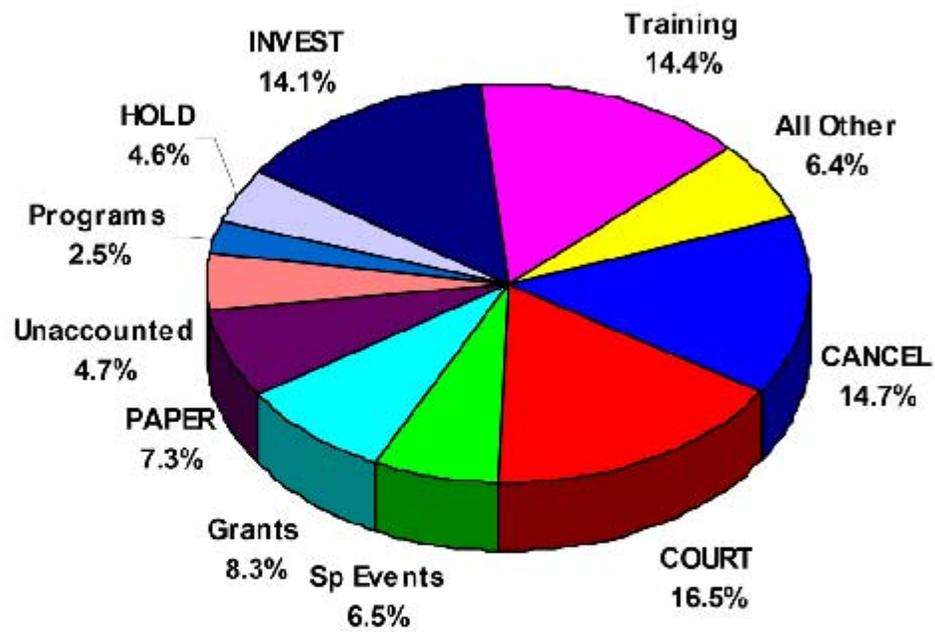
- Roughly 13% of City's overtime
- \$272,000 budgeted in FY 2009

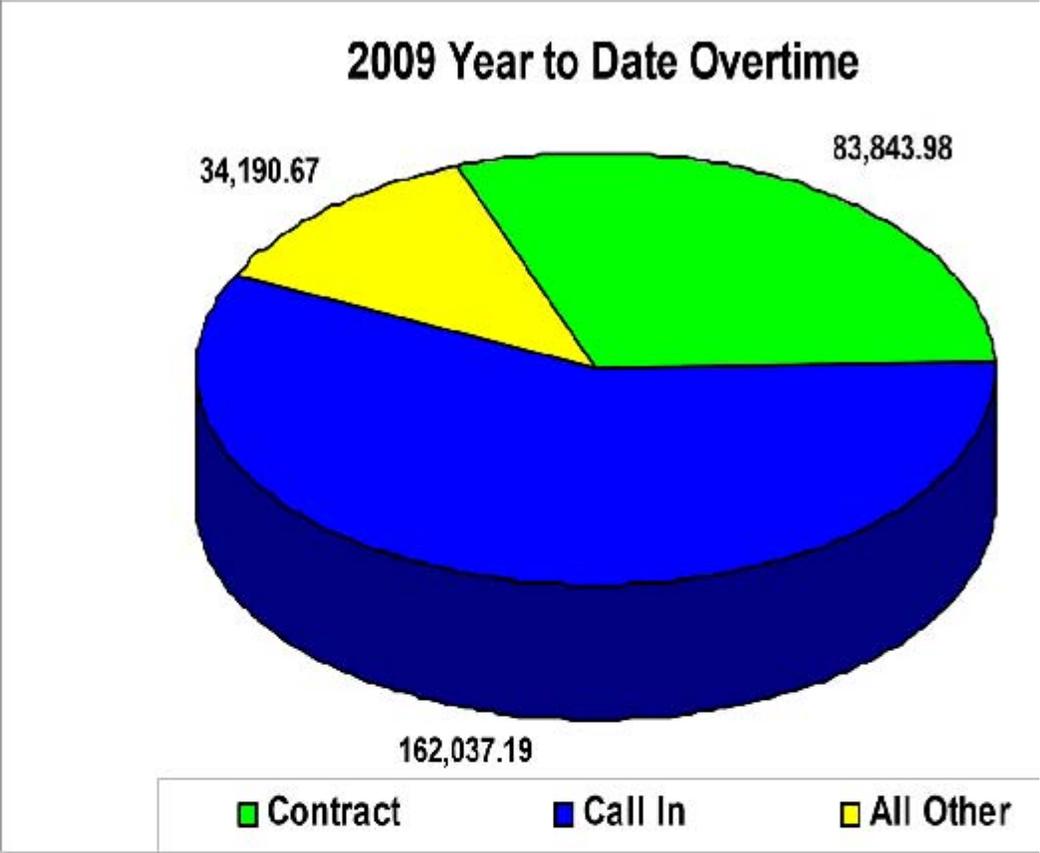


### OCPD OT by Project Code FY 2007



### OCPD OT by Project Code 2008

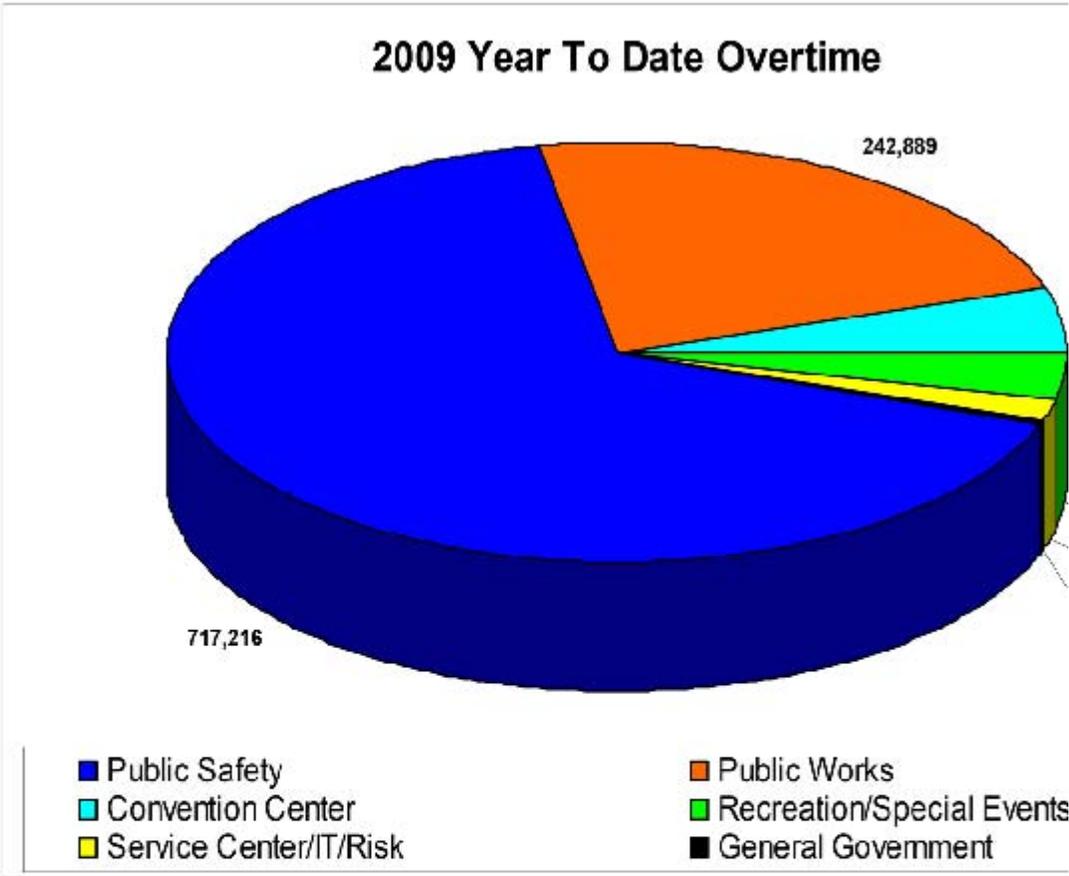






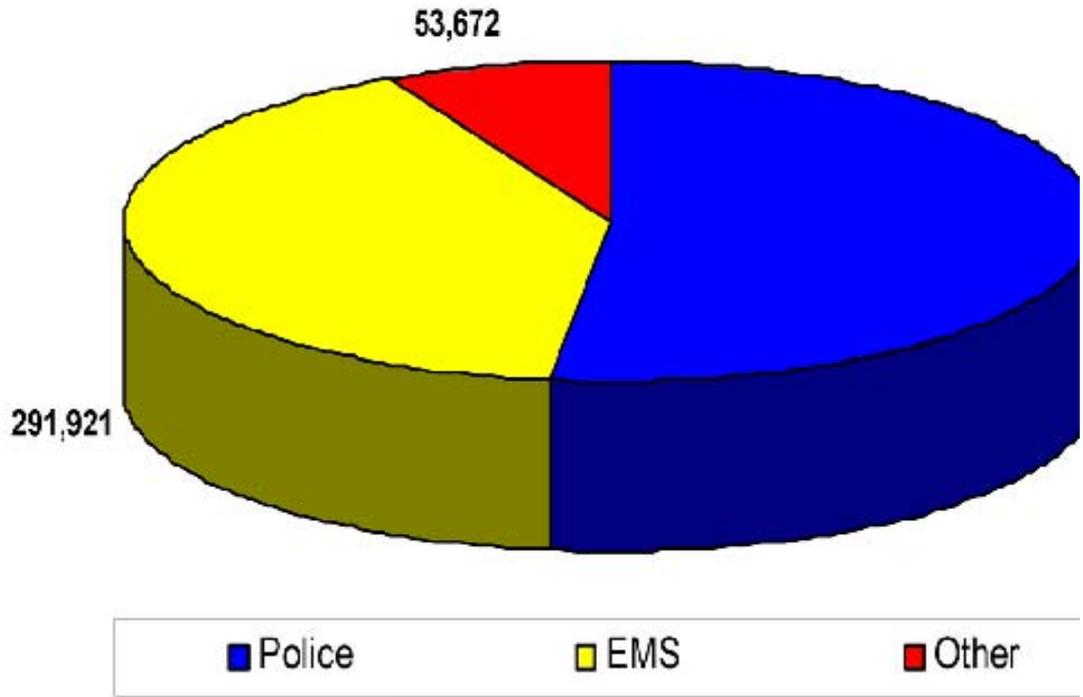
## FY 2009 Year to Date

- ✂ Most departments are under budget.
- ✂ One department is significantly over budget
- ✂ \$1,058,101 budgeted year to date
- ✂ \$1,074,518 has been spent year to date
- ✂ Police department is \$50,000 under budget to date
- ✂ EMS is \$100,000 over budget year to date



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### 2009 YTD Public Safety Overtime



ATTACHMENT D

To: Dennis W. Dare, City Manager  
From: Hal O. Adkins, Public Works Director  
Re: Solid Waste Transfer Station And Recycling Facility  
Memorandum Of Understanding: Natelli Communities Dated June 01, 2004

Date: December 29, 2008

As you will recall, as we undertook the expansion of the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Facility within the Public Works Complex, a concern came forth from the developer of what was then known as Hollands Island (the land mass directly north of the Complex). The developer was a Tom Natelli and his concern was the view of the proposed facility from what he was then building .....to be known as Sunset Island.

After numerous conversations and presentations, the end result was Mr. Natelli's willingness to provide the Town with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in which he would contribute a voluntary impact fee (for lack of a better word) of \$1500.00 per condo unit he was building with an upset limit of \$1,500,000.00 if the Town would be willing to upgrade the architectural appearance of the northern facade and to provide some sound deadening components to the design.

Furthermore, the MOU stated that the \$1500.00/Unit contribution would be based on his sales pace BUT completion of the \$1,500,000.00 obligation would be no later than December 31, 2008.

It is with great pleasure that I would like to inform you that as of December 12, 2008 we received a final check in the amount of \$118,127.00 thus concluding his obligation. Though the actual funding was "part and parcel" to the construction project and thus is not "new found monies", it is nice to know that in today's tough economic times that Mr. Natelli came thru on his commitment without wavering whatsoever. He was a pleasure to work with and the project as a whole went very well.

cc. R. Malone

*Natelli*