

May 18, 2009
Regular Session #10
Mayor and City Council
Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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

ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Special Events Director John Sullivan, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. City Clerk Carol Jacobs was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this Regular Session to order at 6:02 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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dennis Dare advised that the following matters will be discussed in the upcoming work session:

1. Bid Openings:
 - A. RFP for Sponsorship solicitations
 - B. RFQ for Aviation consultant services
2. Request to purchase digital in-car camera systems under the Maryland State Contract – presented by Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino
3. Approval of General Order 400 D-2 – Dealing with individuals with disabilities and ADA requirements – presented by Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino
4. Approval of a one-year extension of MGH contract – presented by Tourism/Convention Center Assistant Director Debbie Travers
5. Discussion of the parking situation on 25th Street – presented by Donna McCauley of the Isle of Wight Mobile Home Park
6. Discussion of the Eastern Shore Gas Franchise Agreement – presented by John F. Atkins
7. Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding development and commercial zoning districts – presented by Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston
8. Discussion of the 2010 Maryland Municipal League Legislative Requests – presented by Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias
9. Report on the Police Commission Meeting of April 8, 2009 – presented by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin
10. Report on the Recreation and Parks Meeting of May 12, 2009 – presented by Council Member Jim Hall

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Regular Session #9, dated May 4, 2009, were approved as presented.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Mayor Meehan issued a proclamation designating June as Play It Safe Month in Ocean City. Present to accept this Proclamation was Play It Safe Committee Members Donna Greenwood, Lois Twilley and Bev Townsend.
- B. Mayor Meehan presented Finance Administrator Martha Lucey with her 21st Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting issued by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Special Events Director John Sullivan presented the following for approval:

- A. Jesus at the Beach Festival, on July 27-29, 2009 (with a Date Hold of July 26th, 27th and 28th, 2010) on the North Division Street Beach. Present for questions was Gary Steger. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the event with the 2010 Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Maryland National Guard PT Challenge, on June 8th-14th, 2009 at the Inlet Parking Lot. Present for questions was Maryland Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Stratton. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Step Out to Fight Diabetes, on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Inlet Parking Lot. Director Sullivan presented the following caveats: no portalets nor vendors will be allowed on the boardwalk, the Town will not provide bleachers, golf cart or tent. The event can use the South Tram Station for cover, and the existing boardwalk benches for seating. Present for questions was Carlos Mir. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the event with caveats; and, that the Special Events Staff work with the event coordinator; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. 16th Annual Penguin Swim, on Friday, January 1, 2010 (with 2011 Date Hold) in front of the Princess Royale Hotel on 91st Street. Present for questions was Damian Magarelli from Atlantic General Hospital. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve with a 2011 Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. Bryan Lilley of the OC Air Show, LLC gave an update on the 2009 Air Show and requested a date hold for June 5th and 6th, 2010. He presented an event layout/map as requested by the Council. Also, he requested approval to announce the preliminary dates (pending confirmation of a jet team) of June 5th and 6th, 2010. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the event with a 2010 date hold; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vanessa A.H. Robertson and Tom Bender, speaking on behalf of the Balmoral Condominiums addressed the Council to discuss the Jamestown Road property leased to Steve Pappas for parking. Mr. Bender advised that Mr. Pappas agreed, upon the Council's approval, to post a fence behind the Oyster Bay Shopping Center.

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to permit the installation of a fence behind the Oyster Bay Shopping Center; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

[The request to require amoeba wear to assist lifeguards was postponed.]

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-11, amending Chapter 62, entitled *Peddlers and Solicitors*, to set guidelines and limits on the location of peddling and soliciting. Several street performers were present to comment. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to strike the words "fire hydrant" and "public benches" in Sec. 62-5(b)(3); seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2009-11 as amended; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance 2009-12 establishing the FY2010 Budget. Citizen John Medlin gave suggestions on purchasing ambulance equipment, drug benefits, solid waste pick up, the water/wastewater 5-year study and the Convention Center. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2009-12; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall out of the room.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare requested permission to purchase turnout gear for the Ocean City Fire Department pursuant to the OC Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall out of the room.**

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Item

Mayor Meehan advised that the West Ocean City Fire Station is in need of one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) by May 31, 2009. City Solicitor Guy Ayres advised that the transfer should be permitted. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Al Wendling suggested that the Ocean City Development Corporation should not receive Inlet Parking Lot revenue.

John Atkins congratulated the Mayor, Council and Staff for doing a great job on the budget. He advised that he will retire on June 1st and offered, without charge, to scout out broken street lights.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan advised that there were a record number of Cruisers over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall out of the room.