



May 12, 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, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, City Engineer Terry McGean, Human Resource Director Roger Weseman, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order 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 public security as the public body determined that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including the deployment of fire and police services and staff; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

1. Council President Mitrecic reconvened this work session at 1:15 p.m., He reported that legal and personnel 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, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias and Ocean City Police Department Captain Mike Colbert. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Recognition Program, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes introduced Transportation Employees Tim Duffle and Faye Jarmon.
3. Only one bid was received for bus shelter spare parts. Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes recommended that the bid remained sealed until the item is re-bid. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to keep the bid sealed until the item is re-bid; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
4. City Clerk Carol Jacobs requested approval to award Trudy Stock, who was the highest bidder for the 79th, 80th and 81st Street Parcels, for the amount of \$765.00; and, the 82nd, 83rd and 84th Street Parcels for the amount of \$3,335.00. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

5. City Clerk Jacobs advised that Tiki Sunrise is under new ownership and requested approval to amend their picnic table agreement accordingly. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek out of the room.**
6. Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald presented, for approval, a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Maryland's Department of Human Resources and the Ocean City Convention Center for emergency shelter and/or a reception site. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
7. City Engineer Terry McGean explained the implications of House Bill 312 which gives the Department of Natural Resources authorization to establish submerged land leases for the aquaculture industry. He said that if the bill is passed as written, the DNR could occupy up to 300 acres of coastal bay waters within City limits. This enactment, he stated, would prohibitively restrict boat traffic, recreational fishing/clamming and the commercial recreation industry.

City Engineer McGean prepared a letter to DNR Secretary John R. Griffin requesting that the waters of Ocean City be exempt from this bill (see Attachment A). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to endorse the Mayor's letter to Secretary Griffin regarding the aquaculture industry; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

8. Human Resource Director Roger Weseman and Finance Administrator Martha Lucey presented an overview of employee and retiree health benefits (see Attachment B). **Council Member Joe Hall moved to ask Directors Weseman and Lucey to perform and report on a comparative study on alternative employee benefit packages for new hires; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
9. City Manager Dennis Dare requested approval to solicit bids for the walkway paving at Northside Park. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Member Margaret Pillas encouraged Town citizens to contact Worcester County Commissioners and encourage them to review their benefit packages for new hires.

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 2:26 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.