



May 26, 2009  
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Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
Town of Ocean City

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, 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, Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster, Airport Manager George Goodrow, Ocean City Police Lieutenant Greg Guiton, Tourism/Convention Center Assistant Director Debbie Travers, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin was absent.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 12:01 p.m..

Finance Administrator Martha Lucey introduced Graylin Smith of the SB and Company (the Town's new auditing firm); then, **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, removal or resignation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or, any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (2) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, (3) 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 Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Pillas absent.**

1. Council President Mitrecic called the open meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.. He reported that, on Friday, May 22, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., a closed session was held to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, removal or resignation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or, any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; Persons present were: Council President Joe Mitrecic, 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, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, Corporal Regina Custer, Sergeant Gary Holtzman, Captain Robert Bokinski, Mike Colbert and Kevin Kirstein and PFC Rob Deickman. He advised that Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin and Joe Hall absent.

Council President Mitrecic reported that, in the closed session held today at 12:00 p.m., personnel, legal and contractual matters were discussed. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, 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, Internal Auditor Susan Childs and Don LeGrow, Franchise Operator of the airport's rent-a-car service. He advised that

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.

2. City Clerk Carol Jacobs recognized that Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond earned her Certified designation of Municipal Clerk (CMC) through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.
3. Mayor Rick Meehan issued a proclamation designating May 24-30, 2009 as Hurricane Awareness Week. Present to accept this proclamation was Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald.
4. Bid Openings

- A. Request for Proposal for Sponsorship Solicitations: only one proposal was received. Present for questions was Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to open the single proposal; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

The proposal was from Katbird Inc. Communications of Parkville, Maryland. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to acknowledge the proposal with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

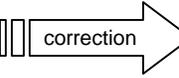
- B. Request for Quotes for Aviation Consulting Services

Responses
Wilbur Smith and Associates <location not stated>
The LPA Group of Bel Air, Maryland
Delta Airport Consultants of Richmond, Virginia
URS Corporation of Cockeysville, Maryland
Talbert & Bright, Inc. of Chesterfield, Virginia

Present for questions was Airport Manager George Goodrow. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to acknowledge the responses with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

5. Ocean City Police Lieutenant Greg Guiton requested permission to purchase five (5) digital in-car camera systems under the Maryland State Contract from Pelican Mobile, for the amount of \$47,746.00 (FY09 Homeland Security Grant = \$65,000.00). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to accept the recommendation to purchase the in-car camera systems from Pelican Mobile Systems and allow the Information Technology Department to purchase the necessary back-up equipment with the remaining grant funding; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**
6. Lieutenant Guiton presented, for approval, General Order 400 D-2, dealing with individuals with disabilities and ADA requirements. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve General Order 400 D-2; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.** The Mayor concurred with General Order 400 D-2. Also, Lieutenant Guiton introduced Risk Consultant Randy Means.

7. Tourism/Convention Center Assistant Director Debbie Travers requested approval to extend the MGH Advertising Contract for 15 months. She explained that the current marketing strategy, which has proven popular, is only in its first year. She advised that if the advertising agency changes, the marketing strategy will change. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve a 15-month extension to the contract with MGH Advertising, with an agency review in the Fall 2009; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 3-3 with Council Members Pillas, Joe Hall and Jim Hall opposed.** The motion failed.

 **Council Member Joe Hall moved to proceed with the agency review process and secure a new advertising contract by January 1, 2020 2010; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Mary Knight opposed and Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

**Council Member Doug Cymek moved to extend the MGH Advertising Contract to December 31, 2009; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 4-2 with Council President Mitrecic and Council Member Knight opposed and Council Secretary Martin absent.**

8. Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, accompanied by Worcester County Health Officer Deborah Goeller, requested permission to purchase anti-virals, in the amount of \$4,213.38. This purchase will cover treatment for 25% of the Town's Workforce and their family members as defined in the Town's COOP (Continuance of Operations Plan). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**
9. Donna McCauley and Jerry Milner of the Isle of Wight Mobile Park advised the Council that residential parking on 25<sup>th</sup> is very difficult. City Engineer Terry McGean suggested a continuous curb cut along the south side of 25<sup>th</sup> Street. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to allow a continuous curb cuts on the south side of 25<sup>th</sup> Street; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**
10. Citizen Frank Adkins stated his concern about Eastern Shore Gas' (ESG) charge for propane gas. He advised that he wants to change suppliers but is unable due to the company's franchise agreement with the Town. City Solicitor Ayres advised that, according to the franchise agreement, Mr. Adkins is able to purchase propane from another supplier because his property is not serviced by an Eastern Shore Gas' pipeline. Steve Ashcraft of Eastern Shore Gas advised that if Mr. Adkins wants to be serviced by another supplier he will have to purchase or relinquish ESG's buried tank at his expense.
11. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias advised that the 2010 Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative requests are due on June 26, 2009.

Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith presented a request to amend the state law requiring an architect's seal on all construction/renovation projects (within City limits) over \$5,000.00. He asked the Council to endorse a legislative amendment to raise the exemption amount from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to endorse this initiative; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

Next, Mayor Meehan requested that the Council choose the Scooter Helmet Law as a legislative initiative. Thirdly, Council President Joe Mitrecic recommended that the tax differential legislation should, again, be pursued. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to endorse the Scooter Helmet Law and the Tax Differential as MML legislative initiatives; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

12. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Police Commission Meeting held on April 8, 2009 (see Attachment A).
13. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting held on May 12, 2009 (see Attachment B).

**Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
April 8, 2009 3:00 P.M.

Present: Chief Bernadette DiPino, City Manager Dennis Dare, Mayor Richard Meehan, Councilman Lloyd Martin, Councilman Jim Hall, Councilman Douglas Cymek, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Fiscal Supervisor Karin Scott, Captain Bokinsky, Captain Colbert, Captain Bunting, Lt. Currence, Lt. Moreck

1. Review of the minutes of March 11, 2009 Police Commission Open Session Minutes – Approved with an amendment to delete Captain Kirstein from the list of those present at the meeting.
2. Taxi Issues
  - A. Appeal of taxi license denial – Jodi Goldstein  
Ms. Goldstein was granted a probationary permit to drive a taxi until October 15, 2009. At that time her criminal and driving record will be reviewed for any new violations. If no new violations are noted she will be permitted to retain her license. A motion was made by Councilman Cymek and seconded by Councilman Jim Hall.
3. Traffic and Parking Commission Matters
4. False Alarm Hearings
5. Budget Reports
6. Review of General Orders
7. New Business
  - A. COPS Grant, JAG Grant and Budget – presented by Karin Scott  
Ms. Scott, Fiscal Supervisor for the OCPD presented the grant opportunities available.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) will award the Town of Ocean City \$97,338. Proposed items to be purchase with these monies are as follows:

Laser Fiche - OCPD Records Section  
Blue Tooth Cell Connectivity - Crisis Negotiators Team  
LCD Monitor - Crisis Negotiators Team  
Target Safety – Web based on-line training  
Toughbooks – replace six MCT modules in patrol vehicle and two DataLux

Mayor Meehan would like to see the money spent on items that would have been in the budget. He would like to see items that are needed and save money in the budget. He

does not want to see the money spent on “toys”. Councilman Martin asked for the cost of these proposed items.

#### Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

The grant would fund entry level salary and benefits at 100 % for a 3 year period. The agency must retain the positions for one full year. Other conditions apply. The State of Maryland will provide competitive process grants, COPS Hiring Support – Recovery Act (CHSR) of \$10,000 for each position to cover the shortfall in the COPS grant. City Manager Dennis Dare does not support Chief DiPino’s request of application for four positions under this grant to create a selective enforcement unit. It will take away management rights and the Town of Ocean City may not be able to commit to the requirements set forth under the grant.

#### “Shovel Ready” Technology Projects and Crime Analysts (LETR)

Chief DiPino would like to apply for funding for a Crime Analyst position. The proposal would combine the duties of a police officer and analyst. It would allow us to forecast crimes, calls for service and expected number of visitors. Councilman Jim Hall made a motion to apply for the grant. It was seconded by Councilman Cymek. Vote was unanimous.

#### Proposed Budget FY 2010

Currently 107 sworn positions are funded in the proposed budget. One position is vacant and there is a potential for another vacancy in the near future. Mayor Meehan made a motion to fund 105 sworn positions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.

Captain Colbert noted that the overtime hours decreased compared to the previous year although costs has risen due to the increase in salaries.

The operational supplies budget has increased due to ammunition costs. The mileage rate decreased from 58.5 cents per mile to 38 cents per mile.

Councilman Martin asked that Open Container violations be placed on the next Police Commission agenda.

Councilman Hall asked that the crime statistics be released at the end of the season instead of the beginning of the season.

#### B. Street Performers

City Clerk Carol Jacobs stated there are approximately 400 applicants each year for street performers’ permits. She advised the Police Commission members that the City Solicitor is drafting a revised ordinance to reflect recommendations as a result of a meeting between Chief DiPino, Lt. Kirkpatrick and Carol Jacobs. Mayor Meehan suggested specific days and times to make application for permits and pick up the permits another day. Fridays should be eliminated. Councilman Hall suggested that a filter must exist to deter last minute and frivolous permit applications. Mayor Meehan would like to see no amplification by the performers.

Councilman Cymek asked why taxi cabs were parked on the PSB parking lot and the side streets. He asked the taxi companies be contacted to have the taxis moved. A discussion followed on options to keep the taxis from parking on the residential streets. Chief Dipino indicated patrol would begin marking tires and enforce the 48 hr limit on parking on city streets.

8. Old Business

Attachment B

Recreation and Parks Committee  
May 12, 2009

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM at Northside Park. Present were Jim Hall, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Susan Petito, Kate Gaddis and Tom Shuster.
2. Minutes: The minutes of March 31, 2009 were approved as presented.
3. St. Patrick's Indoor Soccer Tournament: Kate Gaddis presented a written report on the 2009 St. Patrick's Indoor Soccer Tournament. Kate reported that the Tournament was scheduled over 4 weekends in 2009 which allowed the accommodation of more teams. There were 11 more teams participating in 2009 over 2008. Total registration revenue for 171 teams participating was \$57,285. The team registration fee for 2010 will be \$350.00. The Committee commented on the positive impact this tournament has on tourism in Ocean City in March.
4. Follow Up on Private Special Events: Tom reported that John Sullivan is compiling information about the cost of private special events and the fees and charges required of event operators. The committee reported that the Council approved an increase to the private special event use permit from \$100 per day to \$150 per day effective July 1, 2009.
5. Northside Park Softball Pavilion: Susan Petito reported that the new concession kitchen at the Softball Pavilion will open this week. General Contractor Miken Builders has completed its work. Tom Shuster reported that the perimeter pathway at Northside Park needs to be re-paved next. A request to authorize bidding of the paving work will be forwarded to the Council.
6. Other Business: The Committee discussed the use of the picnic shelter at Fiesta Park and requests to serve alcohol for some of these uses. The Committee discussed the possibility of requiring users who wish to serve alcohol to secure an off duty police officer for the use. This item will be carried over to the June meeting for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.