

January 12, 2010
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 Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Special Events Director John Sullivan, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Special Programs/Grants Coordinator Wayne Pryor, Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, City Engineer Terry McGean, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. City Manager Dennis Dare was absent.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 11:02 a.m.; then, **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, (2) 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 Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.**

1. Council President Mitrecic re-opened the meeting at 1:29 p.m. and reported that legal, personnel and contractual 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 Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Special Events Director John Sullivan, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Bryan Lilley and Frank Miller of the OC AirShow, LLC. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with OC AirShow, LLC with the following provisions: (1) the MOU will be effective for a three-year term, (2) the allowance to serve malt beverages, in addition to beer and wine, on the beach, (3) OC AirShow will be granted a franchise to sell OC Air Show Memorabilia from 12th to 20th Streets; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-2 with Council Member Margaret Pillas and Council Member Doug Cymek opposed.**

Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.

2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Solid Waste Manager Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Employees Cornell Lewis and James Mumford.

3. Special Events Director John Sullivan made a recommendation to commemorate Flag Day (originally scheduled for June 14, 2010) on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. during the Air Show. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

Council President Joe Mitrecic advised that approval for the Memorandum of Understanding with the Downtown Association regarding the Boardwalk Information Cottage is postponed. City Solicitor Ayres advised Danelle Amos, President of the Downtown Association that he has concerns about some of the revisions. She said she would take Solicitor Ayre's concerns to the Board.

4. Public Works Director Hal Adkins requested permission to execute a revenue lease with Coastal Kayak Eco Tours, on airport property, from April 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
5. *[The discussion about the proposed lease for the 3rd Street property was postponed.]*
6. Special Programs/Grants Coordinator Wayne Pryor reviewed the FY09 Homeland Security Projects (see Attachment A). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to submit the FY09 Budget for Homeland Security Grant Funding, in the amount of \$337,710.00, to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald was asked to make sure the Town's AM radio station is displayed on the public access channel and variable message signs throughout Town.

7. City Clerk Carol Jacobs presented a cost saving recommendation for the Town's Municipal Elections (see Attachment B). She explained that if the municipal election was moved to coincide with the national elections, the Town would save approximately \$17,680.00.

Council Member Mary Knight suggested that merging the elections may deter from the municipality's non-partisan nature. Council Member Jim Hall and Council Secretary Lloyd Martin agreed that municipal election day provides an opportunity for Council Members to personally interact with residents.

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to continue with the traditional municipal election day; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Joe Hall opposed.

8. *Council President Mitrecic addressed this item at the top of this page.*
9. In City Engineer Terry McGean's January 6, 2010 Memorandum to City Manager Dare regarding the Convention Center Expansion Project, he states:

“On February 4, 2009 the Mayor and City Council approved the expansion of the Convention Center in two phases, the first being a new 20,000 sf exhibit space. The approval was contingent on receiving State commitment for 50% of the estimated \$8.1 million dollar cost. At the State Board of Public Works meeting held January 6, 2010 the Board voted unanimously to approve State funding in the amount of \$4.8 million for the project.”

In order to complete this phase of the project in time for the 2012 season, we will need to begin design as quickly as possible. I would therefore ask that the Mayor and City Council consider a resolution to allow up to \$4.1 Million in expenditures for the project to be reimbursed in an upcoming bond issue. This is similar to previous “forward fund” resolutions that have been previously approved. This will allow the Stadium Authority to enter into contract for design and construction management in a timely manner.”

City Engineer McGean made a recommendation to pass a resolution declaring the Mayor and Council’s intent to reimburse expenditures in an upcoming bond issue. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to request that City Solicitor Ayres prepare a resolution for the next Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

10. Council Member Joe Hall reported on the Coastal Resources Legislative Committee Meeting held on November 30, 2009 (see Attachment C).

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.