

January 19, 2010
Regular Session #2
Mayor and City Council
Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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

Council Member Jim Hall
Council Member Margaret Pillas
Council Member Mary Knight
Council Member Doug Cymek
Council Member Joe Hall

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 Director Hal Adkins, Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons, City Engineer Terry McGean, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, 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 6:04 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER & PLEDGE

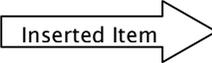
Chaplain Warren Disbrow led the prayer, and Council Member Jim Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dennis Dare reported that the following items are scheduled for the upcoming work session:

1. Bid openings for Hangar J at the Ocean City Airport
2. Recommendation of purchase for vehicles under the State of Maryland Contract - presented by General Services Director Joe Sobczak
3. Presentation of the Ocean City Development Corporation's Annual Report - presented by Greg Shockley, President, and Glenn Irwin, Executive Director of the Ocean City Development Corporation
4. Discrepancy in benefit payment language between the General and Public Safety Pension Documents - presented by City Clerk Carol Jacobs
5. Approval of the following Ocean City Police Department General Orders - presented by City Solicitor Guy Ayres
 - 100 B-3 Internal Memorandum - Guidelines
 - 200 B-2 Off Duty Action
 - 200 D-2 Departmental Collisions and Reviews
 - 200 E-1 Performance Evaluations
 - 200 F-1 Employee Drug Testing
 - 200 S-1 Secondary Employment
 - 200 U-1 Use of Force
 - 200 V-1 Domestic Violence Involving Police Officers
 - 400 J-1 Extra-jurisdictional Authority

6. Discussion of the proposed Taxi-cab Medallion Ordinance – presented by City Solicitor Guy Ayres
7. Approval of the 2011 schedule for Town-operated special events – presented by Special Events Director John Sullivan
8. Discussion of cost saving measures – presented by City Manager Dennis Dare

 Public Works Director Hal Adkins and Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons addressed the Council to clarify the process of disposing the Towns sewage. Deputy Director Parsons briefly explained that most sewage is converted into Class A Bio-solids through the Towns Wastewater Treatment Plant; then, in accordance with the Maryland Department of the Environments Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit, the Class A Bio-solids are distributed to local farmers for crop fertilization. Non-Class A Bio-Solids, he said, are transported to the County landfill whereupon a \$65.00 per/ton tipping fee is assessed.

Deputy Director Parsons advised that the Wastewater Department recently suspended its transportation of Class A Bio-solids to local farmers because of the difficulty in getting the delivery trucks to the fields due to excessive amounts of rainfall that has been experienced since September 2009. He advised that, until local conditions improve, all biosolids will be disposed in the landfill or by other appropriate alternative methods.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Regular Session #1, dated January 4, 2010, were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following events for approval:

- A. **Council of Baltimore Raven's Roosts' Annual Convention (June 3-6, 2010) and Parade (June 5, 2010) with a 2011 date hold.** Sue Draper of the Council of Baltimore Raven's Roosts said the parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on 19th Street and proceed north in the southbound lane of Baltimore Avenue. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **15th Annual Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge, June 5-6, 2010 on the Dorchester Street Beach.** Scott Westcoat, President of ASG Events, LLC was present for questions. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. **Walk MS 2010, on April 17, 2010, starting at 9:00 a.m., on 21st Street and the Boardwalk.** Present for questions was Whitney Pogwist from the National MS Society. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, accompanied by City Engineer Terry McGean, presented the renovation plans for the second floor of Fire Headquarters. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the plans as presented using allocated funds from the current budget year; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented Resolution #2010-1, declaring the Mayor and Councils' official intent to reimburse expenditures to be incurred with respect to certain projects or programs or from certain funds with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, Maryland. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Resolution #2010-1; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare presented Public Works Director Hal Adkins' recommendation to award **Delta Airport Consultant Services** a five-year aviation consultant agreement with the Ocean City Airport. When asked, Director Adkins advised that the five-year agreement is required per the Federal Aviation Administration. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ellie Diegelmann asked if a summarized business plan is available for the Convention Center Expansion Project. Mayor Meehan advised that all plans and preparations were presented in Council Meetings throughout 2009. She also suggested that an explanation of the bonding process should be incorporated into the Ocean City University Program.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Council President Mitrecic acknowledged the passing of Citizen Jerry Wells.

Mayor Meehan presented a draft letter to Governor O'Malley advocating for Tourism Funding (see Attachment A). **Council Member Mary Knight moved to accept the Mayor's recommendation; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Prepared by: Kelly L. Allmond, CMC
Reviewed by: Carol L. Jacobs, MMC
Approved by the Council on: