

February 9, 2010
Work Session
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight and Doug Cymek, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias and Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Sam Villani, Transportation Assistant Superintendent Brian Connor, Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin and Council Member Joe Hall were absent.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 10:02 p.m.; then, **Council Member Doug Cymek 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) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (3) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (4) to consult with Staff, Consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigations; (5) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Martin, Jim Hall and Joe Hall absent.**

1. Council President Mitrecic reconvened the open meeting at 1:05 p.m. and reported that legal, contractual, real estate and personnel matters were discussed in the closed meeting. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight and Doug Cymek, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Steve Silvestri of Miles and Stockbridge, City Engineer Terry McGean, Glen Irwin and Greg Shockley of the Ocean City Development Corporation. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek . The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Martin, Joe Hall and Pillas absent.**
2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Solid Waste Manager Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Employees Samuel Cropper and William Manuel.
3. Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Sam Villani requested permission to sole-source purchase the following equipment with \$51,458.00 of 2009 Homeland Security Grant money:
 - (1) MedEng EOD 9 Bomb Suit from Allen Vanguard Technologies, Inc., for the amount of \$20,949.00
 - (2) General Dynamics Yellow Jacket Remote Firing Device (RFD) from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, for the amount of \$4,500.00
 - (3) LOGOS T100 Digital X-Ray System from LOGOS Imaging, LLC, for the amount of \$26,009.00

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the purchases as presented; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Joe Hall and Martin absent.

4. City Clerk Carol Jacobs recommended approval to award the following northend beach equipment rental bids for a three year term:

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Successful Bidder</u>	<u>New Annual Bid</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Prior Owner</u>	<u>Prior Annual Amt</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Flying Cloud, Pyramid & Plaza Condos	William Edmunds	\$ 17,200.00	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 18,800.00	\$ (1,600.00)
High Point South, High Point North & Seawatch Condos	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 8,250.00	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 9,460.00	\$ (1,260.00)
122,123 & 124th Streets	Patrice B. Murrell	\$ 2,400.00	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 900.00
131, 132 & 133rd Streets	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 2,000.00	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 200.00
134, 135 & 136th Streets	Maryrose Joyce	\$ 3,000.00	Patrick McLaughlin	\$ 3,410.00	\$ (410.00)
		\$ 32,850.00			-2,170.00

Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the awards as presented; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Joe Hall and Martin absent.

5. Transportation Assistant Superintendent Brian Connor presented Transportation's annual letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation requesting seasonal use of ten (10) articulating transit buses. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the request; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**
6. Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons requested approval to hire G.M.H. Associates for additional repairs to the south secondary clarifier, for the amount of \$82,000.00. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**
7. Don Enste of Dandy Don's Bike requested Council's consideration to modify boardwalk bicycle hours. Public Works Director Hal Adkins was present for questions and comment. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to request a draft ordinance from City Solicitor Ayres allowing bicycles on the Boardwalk from 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 7 days a week from June 1 through August 31st, and, unrestricted hours from September 1st to May 31st EXCEPT for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends which include Saturday and Sunday, from 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and, for Sunfest and Springfest weekends which include Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**
8. Finance Administrator Martha Lucey made a recommendation to have Worcester County bill and collect the Town's real property taxes (except for personal corporate taxes and property taxes in arrears). She explained that the State Department of Assessment and Taxation strongly encourages this practice to simplify the billing process for taxpayers. She said that there are no administrative costs involved. She estimates that the Town will save \$32,000.00 annually in printing and postage.

The Town's tax rate, she advised, must be set by June 1, 2010. If approved, Ocean City taxpayers will receive only one bill for their local, county and state taxes. She said she will notify Ocean City taxpayers via the Town's newsletter, public access channel, and, a printed message on their water bills. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to proceed with a Memorandum of Understanding with Worcester County to collect the Town's taxes without an early-payment discount; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**

9. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias presented additions and amendments to Town's Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - a) **Council Member Jim Hall moved to add the Website Operating Policy as presented (see Attachment A1); seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**
 - b) **Council Member Jim Hall moved to amend the Town's Travel Policy as presented (see Attachment A2); seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.**
10. *The Parking Committee discussion was postponed.*

Council Member Mary Knight moved to adjourn at 1:51 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Martin and Joe Hall absent.