

March 9, 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 Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Transportation Assistant Superintendent Brian Connor, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 12:04 p.m.; then, **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to convene into closed session to (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (2) 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; (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 Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

1. Council President Joe Mitrecic reopened the work session at 1:12 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 Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Internal Auditor Susan Childs, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Board of Election Candidate Priscilla Zytkowicz. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to appoint Priscilla Zytkowicz to the Board of Elections; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Member Jim Hall moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Solid Waste Manager Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Employees Andrew Pitts and Calvin Purnell.

Inserted Item

Mayor Meehan swore-in Priscilla Zytkowicz as a Board of Elections Supervisor.

3. Acknowledgement of Proposals:
Robin Drive Shoreline Design Services (Budget Allocation = \$351,000.00)
 - GMB, LLC, Salisbury, Maryland
 - Lane Engineering, Easton, Maryland
 - AWB Engineering, Salisbury, Maryland
 - Soule' & Associates, Salisbury, Maryland
 - ENA Engineering & Science Technology, <location not stated>
 - J. Stacey Hart & Associates, Snow Hill, Maryland
 - McCrone, Inc., <location not stated>
 - Andrews, Miller & Associates <location not stated>
 - J.W. Salm Engineering, Berlin, Maryland

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to acknowledge the bids with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.

4. City Manager Dare asked for clarification on running trams during boardwalk bicycle hours. He explained that the trams normally operate from the Friday before Memorial Day through the Monday before Labor Day. He advised that the new bike hours will conflict with the tram schedule between August 31st and the Friday before Labor Day Weekend. He recommended an ordinance amendment to reflect that summer bicycle hours will go into effect from the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day.

An ancillary motion was made by Council Member Pillas to extend bike hours to 12:00 p.m. during the restricted summer hours, and, unrestricted hours after Labor Day through Memorial Day except for SpringFest and SunFest; seconded by Council Member Knight. Council Member Pillas later withdrew her motion because the Mayor promised to veto an affirmative vote.

Council Member Jim Hall moved to start restricted bike hours (between 2:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.

5. City Manager Dare advised that, in January 2011, Delmarva Power (Lessor) will cancel their lease agreement for the property adjacent to the 100th Street Library. He explained that years ago, Delmarva Power sold three quarters of this parcel to the Town. The fourth quarter, he continued, is leased to the Town. City Manager Dare requested permission to negotiate a property exchange to maximize the usefulness of the city owned property. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to request a meeting between the Mayor, City Solicitor Ayres and City Manager Dare and Delmarva Power, and possibly negotiate a property exchange; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
6. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission meetings held on December 9, 2009 and January 13, 2010 (see Attachment A).