

June 1, 2010
Work Session
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

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, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 11:30 a.m.; then, **Council Member Jim Hall 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; and, (2) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.**

1. Council President Mitrecic re-opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. then reported that legal and personnel matters were discussed in the closed meeting. 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, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias and Human Resource Director Wayne Evans. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to close the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
2. Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald introduced Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the National Weather Service William Sammler who recognized the Town of Ocean City as a "StormReady Community." Director Theobald also recognized Emergency Management Planner Richard "Buzzy" Bayles, MEMA's Administrative Director Erin Easton, Acting Regulatory Program Manager Erica Mowbray, National Hazmat Planner Rainer Dombrowsky, National Capital Regional Administrator John Reginaldi and Maryland State Emergency Management President Kristin McMenamin.

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Item

Special Events Director John Sullivan, accompanied by Bryan Lilley of OC Airshow, LLC, gave a final pre-event update on the Air Show scheduled for June 5-6, 2010.

3. Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino announced the following Officers of the Month:
 - February: PFC Allen Hawk
 - March: Lt. Brian Cardamone
 - April: Cpl. Brett Case
 - May: Cpl. Scott Bernal and Officer David Whitmer
4. Sam Ketterman of Davenport & Company, LLC gave a presentation on the Building America Bonds Program borne of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He explained that this program, designed to create jobs and help municipalities access the capital markets in the midst of the credit crunch, gives qualified issuers a 35% rebate from the government to offset the cost of issuing taxable bonds (see Attachment A).

5. Public Works Director Hal Adkins requested approval to contract with **Delta Airport Consultants** for an Airfield Pavement Evaluation for \$99,000.00 (FAA pays 95%, MAA pays 2.5% and the Town pays 2.5% or \$2,499.00). **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
6. *[In March 2010, the Mayor and Council learned that CareFirst, the Town's health benefit Provider, will renew their contract at a 30% higher rate. The Council asked Human Resource Director Wayne Evans to send the health care plan contract out for bid.]* Bolton Partner's Certified Employee Benefits Specialist Kay Moran reported on the results of the bid solicitation. She advised that CIGNA and United Health Care responded with plans similar to that of CareFirst's; however, both plans came with increased financial risk to the Town. CareFirst, she advised, countered with a dual option PPO/HMO Plan (Preferred Provider Organization/Health Maintenance Organization) which requires 15% of personnel to opt for the HMO. CareFirst's renewal rate will increase only 14% (FY11 Budget allowance – 20% increase). She recommended that the Town choose the CareFirst dual-option plan. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to accept this recommendation and asked Bolton Partners to present a lower-cost plan for new hires; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Joe Hall opposed.**
7. City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented **Resolution 2010–12** to correct the Air Show Franchise Area as determined in Resolution 2010-6. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve Resolution 2010-12; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Lloyd Martin out of the room.**
8. City Solicitor Ayres proposed a correction to Ordinance 2010-17 which amends Chapter 6 of the Town Code, entitled "*Animals*." He said that the Code should clarify what animals are allowed for retail sale. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to correct the Ordinance to allow the retail sale of animals within a "manageable length;" seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 5-2 with Council Member Margaret Pillas and Joe Hall opposed.**
9. City Clerk Kathleen Mathias presented, for approval, a Taxi Medallion (#122) Transfer Request from Taha Bourgo of Academy Taxi to Ertan Cokguler of Ocean's Nite Taxi. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
10. City Clerk Mathias presented a list of 2011 Maryland Municipal League Legislative Initiatives for the Council's review (see Attachment). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to endorse the Helmet Law, Tax Differential and Architect Legislation and, if allowed to choose more than three, the Unemployment Legislation; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight.**

Human Resource Director Wayne Evans advised that he is awaiting information from the Director of the Reimbursable Employer's Division which, he hopes, will offer the Council a better understanding of the unemployment issue. Seeing that more information is need, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin withdrew his motion. Council President Mitrecic asked City Clerk Mathias to present this matter in the next work session.

11. Council Member Mary Knight reported on the Tourism Commission Meeting held on May 6, 2010 (see Attachment B).
12. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission Meeting of April 7, 2010 (see Attachment C).
13. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting of May 11, 2010.

Mayor Meehan expressed concern about the crane situated on 1111 Edgewater Avenue. City Manager Dare advised that City Engineer McGean is addressing the issue.

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to adjourn at 2:28 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.



Build America Bonds “BABS”

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Evolution of Build America Bond Program

- Originated with 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package)
- Goal – Create jobs and help municipalities access the capital markets in the midst of the credit crunch and create jobs
- April 2009 - UVA was one of the first to access the market using this method
- As of May 12, 2010, over 1,200 separate issuers have come to market with a total par value in excess of \$100 billion

How Build America Bonds Work

- Qualifying issuers receive a 35% rebate from the government to offset the cost of issuing taxable bonds
- The issuer can choose between giving the rebate to the investor or retaining the rebate
- Issuers have kept the subsidy
- Certain restrictions as to reoffering price

Benefits to the Issuer

- Issuer sells fully taxable bonds (Federal taxable, State tax-exempt)
- US Government rebates 35% of the interest directly back to the issuer
- Some issues qualify for 45% rebate if they are considered “Recovery Zone” bonds
- Subsidy is paid to the issuer over the life of the bond
- Bonds issued in Maryland are exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland

Benefits of the Build America Bond Subsidy

Maturity	Tax-Exempt Yield	Taxable Yield	Subsidy	Net Yield After Subsidy	Spread (bps)
2012	0.59	1.20	35%	0.78	-19
2015	1.51	2.75	35%	1.79	-28
2020	2.89	4.33	35%	2.81	8
2025	3.37	5.03	35%	3.27	10
2030	3.83	5.58	35%	3.63	20
2040	4.19	6.07	35%	3.95	24

Maturity	Tax-Exempt Yield	Taxable Yield	Subsidy	Net Yield After Subsidy	Spread (bps)
2012	0.59	1.20	28%	0.86	-27
2015	1.51	2.75	28%	1.98	-47
2020	2.89	4.33	28%	3.12	-23
2025	3.37	5.03	28%	3.62	-25
2030	3.83	5.58	28%	4.02	-19
2040	4.19	6.07	28%	4.37	-18

The Market

- Taxable Municipals are not new
- Volume has been a small part of the municipal market over the years
- 2009 saw the volume of taxable municipals explode
- Taxable Municipals were 21% of the volume in 2009
- Taxable Municipals have averaged about 7% of the annual volume since 2000
- Currently, BABs are approximately 26% of the municipal market

Build America Bond Program

- Only certain types of issues qualify for the BAB subsidy
- BABs cannot be used to refund outstanding issues
- Program is viewed as being very successful
- Scheduled to expire at the end of 2010
- Will be extended in all likelihood
- Current jobs bill has provision to extend and expand the program
- Could include issuers and types of issues that have previously been ineligible for the program (refunding issues, hospital issues, etc.)
- Include reduction of subsidy to 28% proposals

Important things to remember

- Keep in mind the Build America Bond subsidy is just a “subsidy”
- It is not a guarantee by the United States Government
- Ability to pay principal and interest still rests with the specific municipality and its ability to make debt service payments

Who are the buyers?

- Insurance companies
- Money managers
- Pension Funds
- Retail investors (IRA accounts, individuals purchasing bonds as an alternative to corporates)
- Bond funds
- Foreign investors

Why are these groups buying BABS?

- Investors view Municipal credits as being stronger than corporate credits in most cases
- “*U.S. Municipal Bond Defaults and Recoveries, 1970-2009*” released by Moody’s last week
- Only 54 rated issues have defaulted since 1970 (51 have been non-GO debt)
- Sample size: approximately 18,400 municipal ratings
- 5-year cumulative default rate for investment-grade municipal debt is 0.03% vs. 0.97% for corporate issuers
- Buyers who don’t need tax-exempt income are seeking diversification with stronger overall credit characteristics

Build America Bond Experience

<u>Date</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>State</u>	Tax Exempt		BABs (Subsidized)		Combined			<u>Ratings</u>		
			<u>Amount (\$m)</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>Amount (\$m)</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>Amount (\$m)</u>	<u>TIC</u>	<u>Avg Life (yrs)</u>	<u>Moody's</u>	<u>S&P</u>	<u>Fitch</u>
11/12/09	Carroll County	MD	31,880	2.26%	34,650	3.39%	66,530	3.09%	10.56	Aa2	AA+	AA+
11/17/09	St. Mary's County	MD	13,055	2.35%	16,945	3.51%	30,000	3.24%	10.98	Aa3	AA	AA
12/01/09	Wicomico County	MD	None	None	16,465	3.54%	16,465	3.54%	14.66	A2	AA-	A+
12/08/09	Caroline County	MD	None	None	7,700	3.58%	7,700	3.58%	13.19	A3	A	NR
01/05/10	Frederick County	MD	59,705	2.43%	90,115	3.60%	149,820	3.32%	11.86	Aa2	AA+	AA+
02/16/10	Cecil County	MD	25,160	2.33%	15,420	3.42%	40,580	2.95%	10.06	Aa3	AA	NR
04/06/10	Charles County	MD	24,730	2.50%	11,415	3.33%	36,145	2.90%	7.86	Aa1	AA	AAA
05/11/10	Calvert County	MD	14,750	2.25%	6,660	3.08%	21,410	2.66%	7.79	Aa1	AA+	AAA
06/23/09	Alexandria, City of	VA	35,200	2.68%	44,500	3.50%	79,700	3.28%	11.48	Aaa	AAA	NR
07/14/09	Spotsylvania County	VA	11,665	2.40%	15,905	3.67%	27,570	3.36%	12.08	Aa3	AA	AA-
09/09/09	James City County	VA	None	None	14,935	3.34%	14,935	3.34%	11.31	Aa3	AA	AA
10/15/09	Blacksburg, Town of	VA	None	None	3,180	3.35%	3,180	3.35%	11.89	A1	AA	NR
07/28/09	Gaston County	NC	21,980	2.46%	58,020	3.64%	80,000	3.47%	12.87	Aa3	AA-	NR
12/17/09	Horry County	SC	5,040	2.49%	6,960	3.47%	12,000	3.24%	11.72	Aa3	AA	AA-

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2010 MML LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Name of Municipality, Chapter or Department submitting request: [Town of Ocean City](#)

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INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address:

Ocean City hosts approximately 300,000 people a week as Maryland's only beach resort. These vacationers are often looking for alternative ways to travel throughout the town. This combined with rising gas prices have brought an increase in scooter and moped riders. We have 6 scooter rental operations in town renting 84 scooters. Since scooters are not licensed, we do not know how many private owners and operators exist. Safety is always a concern when these visitors operate a vehicle they are unfamiliar with on unfamiliar roadways. From 1999 to 2008 we had 50 crashes involving scooters. Fourteen of these were incapacitating injuries and in the majority of accidents 26 of the operators were between the age of 16 and 24.

2. Describe the requested legislation:

We would be interested in having legislation introduced to require operators and passengers of these scooters and mopeds to wear a helmet.

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem:

Statistics and reports have shown that wearing protective headgear has reduced injuries and death for motorcycle operators. Helmets are also required for those under age 14 to operate a bicycle. We believe that requiring helmets will protect the users of these alternative vehicles.

4. The proposed legislation would address: Only your municipality

Only municipalities in your county Only statewide municipalities

All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality?

The businesses that rent scooters and mopeds would be required to provide helmets to their renters and operators. There would be an initial cost for these businesses to provide helmets. We would expect that the costs would be passed along to the consumer.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law, i.e., action by another level of government or changes in administrative procedures?

Since our main thoroughfare is a State highway, we would not be able to adopt local legislation governing operations on the State highway.

2. If administrative remedies have already been pursued, what were they and what was the outcome? N/A

3. What other state and/or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal?

Maryland State Police and local police departments and agencies would need to enforce any adopted legislation. The Motor Vehicle Administration would need to incorporate appropriate safety standards. Any other jurisdiction where these vehicles are rented would require notification of new laws governing rental requirements.

4. Have any state agencies been contacted about the proposal? If yes, what was their reaction?

We have not contacted any state agencies regarding this proposed legislation.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Has the League considered this proposal in a previous year? If yes, describe any significant changes in circumstances that might improve its chances of success in 2010:

Not that we are aware.

2. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior sessions? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known:

Yes, in 2006 legislation was introduced as HB 496 entitled "Motor Scooters and Mopeds- Protective Headgear - Requirement."

3. Has this proposed legislation been implemented by any other city, county or state? If yes, please describe where it has been implemented and cite any existing law or model code upon which the proposal is based:

California and Florida require helmets for motorized scooter operators. Hawaii requires helmets until age 17.

Signature of authorized municipal, chapter or departmental official

Richard W. Meehan

Print Name Date

Indicate the date of the meeting where the governing body of the municipality, chapter or department endorsed the request: May 26, 2009

Return LAR Form To:

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Annapolis, MD 21401
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INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address: [Provisions for business occupations and professions requiring a licensed architect for certain work under Section 3-203 was enacted in 1991 and amended in 1998 to allow repairs and alterations and certain work to be excepted if the work does not exceed \\$5,000 in estimated costs, including labor and materials. Inflationary cost of labor and materials limits small projects that were exempt under the \\$5,000 limit.](#)

2. Describe the requested legislation: [Increase the exemption to \\$25,000 for estimated costs, including labor and materials.](#)

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem: [Increasing the exemption amount to \\$25,000 will allow minor repairs and alterations in the same manner as set forth in the 1998 laws.](#)

4. The proposed legislation would address: _____ Only your municipality
_____ Only municipalities in your county X Only statewide municipalities
_____ All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality? [No.](#)

OVER...

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Could the problem be resolved by something other than a new law, i.e., action by another level of government or changes in administrative procedures? **No.**
2. If administrative remedies have already been pursued, what were they and what was the outcome?
3. What other state and/or local agencies, if any, would be affected by this proposal? **All municipalities throughout the state would be affected, including building officials.**
4. Have any state agencies been contacted about the proposal? If yes, what was their reaction? **Yes, the Attorney General's office.**

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. Has the League considered this proposal in a previous year? If yes, describe any significant changes in circumstances that might improve its chances of success in 2010: **Not since its sponsorship during the 1997-1998 legislative session.**
2. Has this request been considered by the General Assembly in prior sessions? If yes, please provide the bill number, year, and outcome of legislation, if known: **House Bill 528 in 1998 provided for a \$5,000 exemption.**
3. Has this proposed legislation been implemented by any other city, county or state? If yes, please describe where it has been implemented and cite any existing law or model code upon which the proposal is based: **No.**

Signature of authorized municipal, chapter
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Print name

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INTRODUCTION

1. Describe the problem or situation the request is intended to address: [Double taxation has been a concern for Ocean City residents for a number of years. We do not have property tax set offs or a property tax differential because Worcester County is not required to do so.](#)

2. Describe the requested legislation: [We would request that legislation be introduced which would require Worcester County to be made a "shall" counties \(instead of being "may"\) for equity in tax differential.](#)

3. Describe how the requested legislation would remedy the problem: [Legislation would require Worcester County to provide a property tax set off or property tax differential to municipalities that provide duplicate services financed by municipal and county tax dollars. This is the most equitable solution for all municipal taxpayers in Worcester County.](#)

4. The proposed legislation would address: Only your municipality

Only municipalities in your county Only statewide municipalities

All counties and municipalities in the entire state

5. Would the proposed remedy have a significant fiscal impact on your municipality? [Yes, there would be a significant fiscal impact for Ocean City taxpayers. The Municipal & Financial Services Group prepared a tax differential study for the town in November 2007 and found that there were duplicated services in planning and zoning, police, fire and rescue, animal control, emergency communications, highways and streets, parks and recreation, and economic development. The study recommended a reduction in the county tax rate of \\$0.22 with a minimum savings of \\$13,894,610 for Ocean City taxpayers.](#)

OCEAN CITY TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY – MAY 6, 2010 – 3:00 PM
ROLAND E POWELL CONVENTION CENTER
ROOM 214

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Knight called the meeting to order. Members present included: Mary Knight, Melanie Pursel, Lloyd Martin, Susan Jones and Mayor Meehan. Members absent included: Margaret Pillas and Michael James. Staff present included: Deb Turk, Donna Abbott, Rick Hamilton, Fred Wise and Dennis Dare. Guests present included: John Gehrig representing the OC Chamber of Commerce, Greg Shockley representing Maryland Tourism Development Board, Jon Tremellen representing OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and Scott Lennox and Dave Messick representing Hooked on OC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2010

Motion by Jon Tremellen, Seconded by Lloyd Martin to accept the minutes from the April 1, 2010 Tourism Commission meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

HOOKED ON OC: Scott Lennox stated Hooked on OC has been produced locally for 6 years and broadcasted the regional fishing show and nationally broadcasted sport fishing for the last 3 years. Scott and Dave propose a change and would like to expand the internet presence through facebook, twitter, my space and youtube. The town's sponsorship would include: Ocean City MD as title sponsor on Hooked on OC on a regional level, 2 (30-second) spots per episode to 200,000 households regionally in MediaCom and ComCast markets, hyperlink on HookedonOC.com and opportunity to use social media to promote Ocean City as a brand. Scott and Dave would like to produce more videos on Ocean City events and post on the internet, which has proven to be extremely successful over this past year. Scott and Dave requested the Town continue to sponsor Hooked on OC. Mary Knight thanked Scott and Dave for the presentation and stated the Tourism Commission would vote next month on the sponsorship issue.

UPDATES

DEPT OF TOURISM/Advertising: Deb Turk reported TV and online advertising begins May 10, getting ready to change up the front page of website (ococean.com), getting ready to push the deals page out, "Rodney Saves" and iphone app icon would be prominently displayed on front page, production begins on new TV commercials in early July. Deb stated also working with Rec & Parks and Eagle's Landing to maximize the Town's advertising buying power.

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER/Communications/Public Relations: Written report attached to agenda packet. Donna Abbott added the Town has been receiving a lot of media attention from Baltimore and DC. The next PR/Mayor event would take place just prior to Memorial Day at the Bay Bridge.

CONVENTION CENTER/Operations/ Expansion: Rick Hamilton stated work continues on the schematic design of the building. The sales report was attached to the agenda packet. Fred Wise added new business is being booked (such as cheerleading, beauty supply company, Tall Cedars of Lebanon 2013, Barbershoppers 2012, Lions Club 2013 & 2014).

DEPT OF REC & PARKS/Special Events: No written report.

WORCESTER COUNTY TOURISM: Written report attached to agenda packet.

OC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Written report attached to agenda packet. Melanie Pursel added the chamber has been encouraging members to use the "Rodney" image in their advertising and working on wrapping up the Air Show event. Melanie distributed a pre-event invitation for the upcoming annual golf tournament. Melanie stated the chamber's map would be ready for distribution by Memorial Day (quantity: 100,000).

EDC=ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: No written report.

HMRA=OC HOTEL-MOTEL-RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION: Written report distributed at the meeting. Susan Jones added "salute to the services" kicks off May 15, deals are listed on the website, working on finalizing details for hotel week (Aug 22-Sept 2), Restaurant Week is May 30-June 6, restaurant guides are due in next week, and plans are underway for the annual customer service seminar (June 8).

MD TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD: No written report. Greg Shockley stated the grant pool increased from \$1 million to \$2.5 million and the grant guidelines are being reworked. Greg reported five of the state visitor centers would remain open (includes the visitor center in Pocomoke).

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Jon Tremellen, Seconded by Lloyd Martin to go to closed session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

After the closed session to discuss contractual matters, the meeting was adjourned.

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
April 7, 2010 3:00 P.M.

Present: City Manager Dennis Dare, Chairman Lloyd Martin, Council Member Doug Cymek, Council Member Jim Hall, Chief Bernadette DiPino, Captains Colbert, Kirstein, and Bunting, Lt. Pacini.

1. Minutes of March 10, 2010 Police Commission Open Session Minutes motion to approve by Councilman Jim Hall and seconded by Councilman Doug Cymek.
2. Taxi Issues
Ninety day probationary temporary taxi licenses were granted to **Nicola Thyen** and **Walter Briddell**. They must maintain a clean record with no violations for a period of ninety days.
3. Traffic and Parking Commission Matters
4. False Alarm Hearings
5. Budget Reports
6. Old Business
 - A. Tow Franchise – Kathy Mathias
The Mayor and Council have approved the sale of a tow franchise for police tows within the Town of Ocean City. The successful bidder for the franchise must own a minimum of two tow trucks and have access to an additional eight tow trucks. The franchisee must respond within 30 minutes. If response time exceeds 30 minutes a different tow truck will be called and the franchisee must pay the cost of the tow. The franchise agreement requires an impound custodian to operate the Impound lot 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from May 1st through Labor Day. During the remainder of the year when the lot is not open, the owner who wishes to retrieve their vehicle from the impound lot must pay an additional after hours access surcharge of \$75. The impound custodian, after taking inventory of the vehicle, shall report any suspected contraband to the police department. The OCPD Records Department will continue to collect fees and fax authorizations to the impound lot. The franchise owner shall be responsible for hazardous materials on the lot and maintain the condition of the lot. The vehicle storage fees will increase to \$20 for the first day and \$25 for each additional day. A request was made for data from CAD for the number of tows, days, number of events, where and vehicles towed from the beach. Storage fees will not apply to seized vehicles while conducting the investigation. The Tow Franchise will be presented at the next council work session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.
7. New Business

Recreation and Parks Committee
May 11, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM at Northside Park. Present were Jim Hall, Joe Mitrecic, Dennis Dare, Susan Petito and Tom Shuster.

Also present was Bryan Russo of the Dispatch.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of March 30, 2010 were approved as presented.
3. Springfest Report: Tom Shuster presented a report on Springfest 2010, which concluded on May 9. The Town celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Springfest and drew 103,339 people to the festival. Tom described the method used to estimate the attendance that has been used since 1999.
4. North Surf Playground: Tom presented the photos of the recently completed playground at North Surf Park. The Committee agreed to schedule a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground on Tuesday, July 13 at 10:00 AM at the park.
5. Other Business: Susan Petito gave an update on the plans for Movies on the Beach for 2010. Susan asked if the Town should consider offering food and beverages for the movie nights. The Committee suggested using the ice cream vending franchise holder. Susan will make the follow-up contact.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.