

March 30, 2010
Work Session
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

In attendance: Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight and Joe Hall, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, City Engineer Terry McGean, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, Special Events Director John Sullivan, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Mayor Meehan and Council Member Cymek were absent, and, Council Secretary Martin was present for a portion of the meeting.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 10:02 a.m.; then, **Council Member Mary Knight 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) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (4) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; (5) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; (6) 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 Margaret Pillas. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Martin, Cymek and Jim Hall absent.**

1. Council President Joe Mitrecic reopened the work session at 1:22 p.m. and reported that legal, real estate, collective bargaining, contractual and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session. Persons present were Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight and Joe Hall, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Public Works Deputy Director Dick Malone, Mary Adeline Bradford, Amy Rothermel, Barbara Schmidt, Jamie Albright, Vicki Barrett and Debbie Cook for the Board of Elections.

Council Member Joe Hall moved to ask City Engineer McGean to coordinate with the Police to relocate the turn-around from South First Street to the ramp heading into the Inlet Parking lot when the Inlet Parking lot is full; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek absent.

Council Member Mary Knight moved to maintain a "one-in, one-out" policy for the Inlet Parking lot when it becomes full (rather than deeming the lot "Full" until 100 vehicles have exited); seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek absent.

Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene the closed session; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek absent.

2. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the transfer of Medallion #170 from B.E.T. Taxi to Nadine Taxi, and, the transfer of Medallion #175 from Conway Taxi to Prama Thapat Taxi, and, to hold a hearing regarding the transfer of Medallion #130 from Memory Lane t/a Classic Taxi to Century Taxi; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.** [*Note: the Council asked Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias to notify the Owners of Classic Taxi and Century Taxi via certified mail.]
3. In accordance with the Town's Employee Introduction Program, Solid Waste Manager Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Employees J.P. Johnson and Tyrone Smith.
4. Public Works Director Hal Adkins reported on the off-island ADA Medical Transportation Service Pilot Program (see [Attachment A](#)). **Council Member Jim Hall moved place the cost of the MedTran Program in the FY11 Budget, and, to include the requested stops within 500 yards of the Route 50 corridor; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
5. Finance Administrator Martha Lucey presented the Memorandum of Understanding with Worcester County for the collection of City taxes (see [Attachment B](#)) as approved by City Solicitor Guy Ayres. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
6. Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston presented the Critical Area Commission's Comprehensive Plan (see [Attachment C](#)). Present for questions were Critical Area Commission Staff Members Kate Schmidt and Roby Hurley. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to accept Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston's recommendation to send the proposed Critical Area Plan to the Critical Areas Commission for approval; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
7. City Clerk Carol Jacobs presented the annual boardwalk picnic table agreements for approval. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the picnic table agreements for the Doughroller on 2 South Division Street (\$525.00 for 13 tables); the Alaska Stand (3 tables for \$275.00; Son Shine Foods, Inc. (Atlantic Stand) (\$350.00 for 6 tables); and Tiki Sunrise on Somerset Street (\$400.00 for 8 tables); seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
8. City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented a draft resolution for allowing concessions and alcohol sales at the O.C. Air Show. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to proceed with ratifying the proposed resolution at the next Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
9. City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented Resolution #2010-5 establishing certain taxi rates, effective April 1, 2010. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve Resolution #2010-5; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall . The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**

10. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias presented PPM 600-4, entitled *Special Event Permit Requests*, as amended. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**

11. City Manager Dare presented the following recommendations:

- Revenue Enhancement: **establish a bench maintenance fund** by (1) selling 200 benches that are in need of restoration and repair for \$200.00 each. (2) upon the sale of a dedicated bench (price: \$1,400.00), the Town will remove one (old) non-dedicated bench to be fully restored; then, (3) sell the fully restored benches as people purchase dedicated benches. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Cymek and Martin absent.**
- Cost Saving Measure: **optional program for management's cell phones** (potential savings: \$4,023.00). Mr. Dare recommended offering an optional program for employees to use their personal phones in exchange for a payroll stipend. He advised that the employee would have to agree to have their personal call records subject to public scrutiny. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek and Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**
- Cost Saving Measure: **reduce seasonal workforce wages** (potential savings of \$43,503.00 per season). Adjust seasonal wages to the Market Data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (see Attachment D). **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Member Doug Cymek and Council Secretary Lloyd Martin absent.**

Also, Mr. Dare advised that, FY10 Budget Amendment #2, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp will propose to balance the revenue and expenses and apply all remaining funds to the retiree health insurance deficit.

Lastly, Mr. Dare advised that the 19-month hiring freeze remains in effect. In addition, he reported that 28 of the 59 job vacancies positions are in public works. Furthermore, 27 retirees accepted the incentive plan to date.

12. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission held on February 16, 2010 (see [Attachment E](#)).

13. Council Member Jim Hall reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting held on February 23, 2010 (see [Attachment F](#)).