

**Regular Session #8
April 19, 2010
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City**

Mayor Richard W. Meehan
Council President Joe Mitrecic (absent)
Council Secretary Lloyd Martin (presiding)

Council Member Jim Hall
Council Member Margaret Pillas
Council Member Mary Knight
Council Member Doug Cymek
Council Member Joe Hall (absent)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Jim Hall, Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Airport Manager George Goodrow, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin called this Regular Session to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Council Member Jim Hall led the prayer, and Council Member Doug Cymek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dare reported on the following items scheduled for discussion in the upcoming work session:

- (1) Bid Openings for renovations to the South Transit Center
- (2) Presentation on the Route 50 Bridge Options – presented by Kenya Lucas of the State Highway Administration
- (3) Discussion on allowing corporations to bid on beach equipment rental franchises – presented by City Clerk Carol Jacobs
- (4) Review of proposed amendments to the storm water ordinance – presented by City Engineer Terry McGean
- (5) Review of the bid award for the Fire House Bunk Room renovations – presented by City Engineer Terry McGean

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Work Session held on March 30, 2010 and Regular Session #7 held on April 5, 2010 were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

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

- A. **Free State Corvette Club OC Weekend**, on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Present for questions was Wyatt Greenwalt of Free State Corvette Club. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the event for 2010, 2011 and 2012 with the following caveats: (1) Insurance Certificate is submitted, (2) Tent permit must be obtained from the Fire Marshal's Office; and, (3) the Public Works Department requests a pre-planning meeting with event organizers; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- B. **Knights of Columbus Procession**, on Saturday, May 15, 2010, starting at the Princess Royale. Present for questions was John Trainor of Maryland State Council for the Knights of Columbus. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the event with the following caveats: (1) Insurance Certificate is submitted, (2) the traffic pattern from 91st - 110th Street remain in place until after participants return to the hotel after the church service; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- C. **17th Annual Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim**, on Saturday, January 1, 2011, in front of the Princess Royale. Present for questions were Amy Unger and Patricia Ilczuk-Lavanceau of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the event for 2010, 2011 and 2012; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- D. **Delmarva ESA Surf Series 2010 on various dates**. Present for questions was Christopher Makibbin of the Eastern Surfer's Association. **Council Member Jim Hall moved approve the event for 2010, 2011 and 2012 with the following caveats: (1) the Insurance Certificate is submitted, (2) participants adhere to surf and beach ordinances, (3) the 'Season Opener' and the 'Witch Surf Series' must be held at 48th Street instead of the Inlet, and (4) the 8 parking places will be reserved at the Inlet Parking Lot, and overnight parking of leaving of equipment is not permitted; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- E. **Terryville High School Band and Choir Performance**, on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Ocean City Hilton from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.. Present for questions was Tim Keane, Director of Music of Terryville High School. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the event; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

Additionally, Private Events Coordinator Mitchell presented requests from the event organizers of Boardwalkin for Pets and the OC ½ Marathon scheduled for April 24, 2010. She said that Boardwalkin' for pets requested 10 free parking spaces for event organizers at the Inlet Parking Lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and, the OC ½ Marathon event organizers requested free parking for participants in exchange for an added \$250.00 to the permit fee. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore requested permission to temporarily store Fire equipment at the Keyser Point Yard for (not to exceed) 12 months. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

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- B. Hugh Cropper IV, Esquire from Cowdrey, Thompson and Karsten, representing de Lazy Lizard on 302 and 308 South First Street, requested permission to use gravel or clam shells for their parking lot. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to allow the gravel or clam shells for the project currently underway, and, that the lot remain free of debris and weeds; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following items for approval:

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-6 ^{specific} authorizing the Mayor and City Council to issue and sell a general obligation installment bond not to exceed Seven Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$725,000.00) to be designated as the Airport Improvement Bond of 2010 (proceeds of the bond will be allocated for Hangar construction.) **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-6; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance 2010-7 amending Chapter 90, entitled *Traffic and Vehicles*, providing for a single tow operator for police-initiated tows. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to postpone discussion of this matter until further notice; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- C. First Reading of Ordinance 2010-8 ^{specific} authorizing the sale of surplus municipal property in May 2010. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-8; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- D. First Reading of Ordinance 2010-9 ^{specific} amending the Employees of Ocean City, Maryland Pension Plan and Trust and the Ocean City, Maryland Public Safety Employees Pension Plan and Trust allowing employees to be re-employed without losing benefits. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-9; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- E. Resolution 2010-7 establishing Water and Wastewater Rates. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Resolution 2010-7 as corrected; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. City Manager Dare reported on the FY2011 budget and advised that the Constant Yield Tax Rate will increase by one cent to \$.4053 effective July 1, 2010. He advised that budget presentations will begin on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

City Manager Dare presented the following Staff recommendations:

- B. A request from Chief Larmore for approval to sole-source purchase 14 sets of turnout gear from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., for the sum of \$24,500.00. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

- C. Airport Manager George Goodrow requested permission to hold an open house to celebrate the Airport's 50th Anniversary from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 8, 2010. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- D. A request from City Engineer Terry McGean for permission to solicit bids for a secondary security authentication system for the Police Department's mobile computers. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Melvin commented on obtaining grants for the MEDTRAN service.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin advised that the Spring Cleanup produced 128 tons of solid waste, 3 tons of hazardous material and 1.3 tons of electronics.

Mayor Meehan reminded the forum of the Arbor Day Celebration this Friday at Northside Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council President Joe Mitrecic and Council Member Joe Hall absent.