

Regular Session #13
July 6, 2010
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

Mayor Richard W. Meehan
Council President Joe Mitrecic
Council Secretary Lloyd Martin

Council Member Margaret Pillas
Council Member Mary Knight
Council Member Doug Cymek
Council Member Joe Hall

Absent:
Council Member Jim Hall

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, City Clerk Carol Jacobs, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this Regular Session to order at 6:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Father Moyer of St. Paul's Episcopal led the prayer, and Mayor Rick Meehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

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

1. Update on Edgewater Avenue Bulkhead and Street Repairs – presented by City Engineer Terry McGean
2. Report on Compensation Benefits Study – presented by Human Resource Director Wayne Evans
3. Removal of Organization from Springfest and Sunfest Beer Truck Rotation and Approval of Revised Schedule – presented by City Clerk Kathleen Mathias
4. Request Approval for Extension of Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Contract – presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Regular Session #12, dated June 21, 2010 were approved as presented.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Surfers Healing – Monday, August 23, 2010. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**
- B. Somerset Street Art Show – Sunday, July 11, 2010. Present for questions were Rena Thaler, Paige Ruby, Peter Gibson and Glenn Irwin. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bay Princess Resident Andy Anders addressed the Council with concerns about the exterior lighting from the neighboring Rivendell Property. Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith explained that the Rivendell lighting levels meet the minimum Life Safety requirements per the Fire Marshal's Office. The Council asked Zoning Administrator to reassess Rivendell's lighting to see if anything can be done to satisfy the Fire Marshall and both parties.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to allow the Ocean City-Assateague Democratic Club to serve beer and wine at Fiesta Park on July 14, 2010; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2010-20, amending Chapter 58, entitled Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions (amended to include a drinking prohibition on municipal property with the exception of city-endorsed special events). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-20; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.** Then, **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-20 as an Emergency Ordinance; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.** The Mayor concurred with the emergency ratification of Ordinance 2010-20.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance 2010-21, amending Chapter 102-32, entitled Taxicabs (requires that medallioned vehicles pick up passengers on municipal property). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-21; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.** Then, **Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-21 as an Emergency Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.** The Mayor concurred with the emergency ratification of Ordinance 2010-21.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dennis Dare presented the following staff recommendations for approval:

- A. Upcoming bid opening for the annual city-wide stand-by generator preventative maintenance contract. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**

- B. (1) Bid award to **Advantech** for city-wide Fire Alarm Maintenance Contract, for the amount of \$19,920.00 per year for three years (FY10 Budget Allocation = \$20,000.00 per year for three years). **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**

- (2) Bid award to **Columbia Equipment, Inc.** for passenger shelters and display holders (sole bidder) for a 10% local match of \$1,750.80 (90% funded by the Maryland Transit Authority). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**

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Item

City Manager Dare requested approval to hire a cadet to replace a retiring police officer. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Margaret Pillas and Joe Hall opposed and Jim Hall absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Melvin commented on donations for the MEDTRAN Service.

Mary Beach expressed concern about the 1111 Edgewater Avenue job site. She asked if the Council could offer the property owner an extension which would require them to clean up the site and come back when ready to complete the project. The Council requested that City Engineer McGean contact the property owner and request his appearance before the Mayor and Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Hall asked the Council to address the prevalence of irresponsible drinking. Mayor Meehan suggested that Council Member Hall start with promoting awareness in the restaurant industry.

Council Member Doug Cymek expressed concern about scooter rental shops renting to inexperienced drivers and without helmets. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to review and possibly amend the scooter ordinance (Ordinance 2009-18) in an upcoming work session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.**

Council Member Margaret Pillas asked if there are enforceable regulations on picnicking and grilling on the Inlet Parking Lot. The Council asked City Solicitor Ayres to research and clarify enforcement with the Police Department.

Council Member Mary Knight moved to implement Cale' Parking in the City Hall parking lot; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.

Secondly, Council Member Knight suggested that the Council re-consider boardwalk tram hours on holiday weekends.

Council President Joe Mitrecic advised that he is still receiving inquiries about a sworn police officer acting as the Town's Public Information Officer. Reporter Brian Shane suggested that two Public Information Officers are needed because the Press have questions around the clock. Council President Mitrecic said he will refer this matter to the Police Commission for further discussion.

Mayor Rick Meehan thanked the Fraternal Order of Police for working with the Town and forbearing COLA's, step increases and night differentials for a second year in a row.

The Mayor also thanked Castle in the Sands for hosting The Weather Channel's spotlight on Ocean City over the 4th of July weekend. Lastly, he thanked Zambelli Fireworks for a great job on the 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall absent.

Prepared by: Kelly L. Allmond, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by: Kathleen A.P. Mathias, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor and Council on: