

**Regular Session #14
July 19, 2010
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City**

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

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Joe Mitrecic 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 President Joe Mitrecic led the prayer and Council Member Jim Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

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

1. Bid Openings
 - a. 100th Street Water Tank Painting and Repairs
 - b. Gorman Avenue Water Treatment Exterior Coatings
 - c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab and Oxygen Building
 - d. Solid Waste Trash Trucks
 - e. Fire Department Automated Tracking System
2. Request for sole source purchase of middle secondary clarifier repair - Senior Project Manager Dean Dashiell
3. Request for sole source purchase of Elgin Street Broom and Barber Surf Rake – Public Works Maintenance Assistant Superintendent John Van Fossen
4. Recommendation to purchase vehicles under the Maryland State Contract – General Services Director Joe Sobczak
5. Request to sole source purchase three Zoll Defibrillators – presented by Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore
6. Review and approval of Eastern Shore Communicates Alliance – presented by Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald
7. Review of proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 58, entitled *Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions*, requiring signage at point of sale for lasers – presented by City Solicitor Guy Ayres
8. Request for approval of Street Closing for Caine Keys II Annual Picnic on July 31, 2010 – presented by Council Member Doug Cymek

9. Request for approval to serve beer and wine at the Delmarva Irish American Club Annual Picnic at Fiesta Park on Sunday, August 1, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – presented by Mayor Rick Meehan
10. Report on Police Commission Meeting held on June 9, 2010 – presented by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- A. Pigs on the Beach – Saturday, October 2, 2010. Present for questions was Craig Theobald of the Blue Knights. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Sunfest Kite Festival – September 23-26, 2010, September 22-25, 2011, September 20-23, 2012, and September 19-22, 2013. Present for questions was Jay Knerr of the Maryland International Kite Expo. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.** Council Member Pillas asked the Staff for a cost report for all special events.
- C. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk – October 23, 2010, October 29, 2011, October 27, 2012 and October 26, 2013. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the event if they use the tram station or non-intrusive tents on the inlet parking lot (as the tent poles cause damage to the pavement); seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. Resolution 2010-15 declaring the official intent of the Mayor and City Council to reimburse expenditures to be incurred with respect to certain projects or programs or from certain funds with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Mayor and City Council. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to ratify Resolution 2010-15; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Pillas opposed.**
Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to allow Davenport, LLC the option to accept bids as Build America Bonds or tax exempt bonds (then accept the lowest net bid); seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Traffic Regulation 2010-001 granting permission for the White Marlin Open to use 30 feet of parking along Jacqueline Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets from the Fire Hydrant South to the Corner from Friday, July 30, 2010 through Friday, August 6, 2010. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to ratify Traffic Regulation 2010-001; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dennis Dare presented the following for approval:

- A. Upcoming bid opening for the Fire Automated Tracking System. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

- B. Recommendation of bid award to Ocean City Digest/Ocean City Today in the amount of \$2.25 per column inch for a 3 year term. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Jim Hall in abstention.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Bob Melvin suggested that the Council prohibit the sale of laser pointers. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to require all merchants to post health warnings about green/red lasers at the point of sale, and, issue a note with the sale; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Joe Hall opposed.**

Al Wendling advised that he is closing Pop's Joke Shop for health reasons.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Jim Hall mentioned that he is receiving a lot of comments about the need for boardwalk repairs. City Manager Dare advised that the boardwalk needs major renovations with consideration to it's substructure. He advised that Public Works Director Hal Adkins and City Engineer Terry McGean will research and report on the best available methods.

Secondly, Council Member Hall said he is receiving reports that the buses are not running on schedule throughout the day. City Manager Dare advised that more buses are being deployed during peak volume which may be causing the problem.

Council President Mitrecic advised that Chase Bank's Make Summer Fun event had a major adverse impact on boardwalk merchants last weekend. He said the Mayor and Council were led to believe that "prizes" would be awarded; instead, commercial giveaways were distributed to every credit card applicant.

Council Member Pillas asked if tailgating and grilling are allowed at the Inlet Parking Lot. City Solicitor Ayres said an ordinance prohibiting such activity will be ready for review at the next work session.

Also, she expressed concern about the sale of K-2 (a mind altering substance) on the boardwalk. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to ask City Solicitor Ayres to prepare an ordinance adding K-2 to the banned substance list; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Joe Hall opposed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.

Prepared by: Kelly L. Allmond, Deputy City Clerk
Approved by: Kathleen A.P. Mathias, City Clerk
Approved by the Mayor and Council on: