

**Regular Session #17
September 7, 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**

IN ATTENDANCE

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, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, 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

American Legion Chaplain Warren Disbrow led the prayer, and City Manager Dennis Dare led the Pledge of Allegiance

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

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

1. Bid Openings – Public Safety Uniforms
2. Approval of Engineering Services Contract for Dissolved Air Floatation Thickeners, Phase Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
3. Approval of Engineering Services Contract for Delta Aviation – Design of Runway 02/20 Rehabilitation and Associated Improvements -Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
4. Request for Sole Source Purchase of Mobile Police Radio -Presented by: Joe Theobald, Emergency Management Director
5. Recommendation from Board of Port Wardens for Exclusion of Boat Lift Repairs Presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer and Kevin Brown, Chief Building Official and Harbor Master
6. Review of Revised Ocean City Critical Area Program -Presented by: Jesse Houston, Director of Planning and Community Development
7. Update on Community Rating System Program -Presented by: Bob Nelson, City Planner
8. Review and Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Computer Policy Manual on Social Networking -Presented by: Nancy Bloxom, Information Technology Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the Work Session held on August 10, 2010, and, the Regular Session #16 held on August 16, 2010 were approved as presented.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rick Meehan presented a proclamation designating September as National Preparedness Month. Present to accept this proclamation was Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

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

- A. Ocean City Half Marathon/5 K – April 30, 2011 April 28, 2012 and April 27, 2013
Present for questions was Chris Klebe, OC Trirunning. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to approve the event excluding free parking and pending the insurance certificate; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.** The Council asked Mr. Klebe to encourage participants to park at the Park & Ride.
- B. Shenanigan's Irish Pub 5 K and 1 Mile Run – Saturday, March 31, 2011. Present for questions was Chris Klebe, OC Trirunning. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the event pending a pre-planning meeting with Public Works and the insurance certificate; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt at the Beach – September 25 – 26, 2010
Present for questions was Todd Ferrante, Park Place Jewelers. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the event with the following caveats: (1) organizers must comply with beach patrol, (2) acquisition of insurance certificate, and, (3) organizers must provide their own fencing wrap; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from American Legion to fire volleys for Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Present for questions was Sarge Garlitz, Commander of American Legion Post #166. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve this request for a three year period in cooperation with the Ocean City Police Department; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Rena Thaler gave an update on the Ocean City Art League. She reported that the Art League continues their regular monthly exhibits, adult and child workshops, scholarship programs and "Art at the Beach" program. She said that for the first time, the Art League participated in Play-It-Safe with a tie-dye t-shirt event, and, placed permanent art in the Convention Center and Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. She said workshops will continue in September and October with renowned artists. Lastly, she announced the 6th Annual Sand Castle Home Tour, September 23-24, 2010 and, Putting on the Ritz event Saturday, November 27, 2010.
- C. Request for placement of balloon at Convention Center During Realtors Convention
Present for questions was Carl Ortman, Remax **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following items for approval:

- A. First Reading – Ordinance 2010-24 to Authorize and Empower the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City to Issue and Sell Eighteen Million one hundred five thousand dollars (\$18,105,000) Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of it's General Obligation, Fully Registered Bonds (for improvements to Convention Center, land acquisition on 64th Street and public facilities projects). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-24; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Margaret Pillas opposed.**
- B. First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 Entitled Zoning (amends building height in mobile home districts). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-26; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. First Reading – Ordinance to Adopt Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2010 . **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-27; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare presented the following for approval:

- A. Recommendation of bid award to **American Tennis** for resurfacing the tennis courts in the amount of \$11,965.00 (FY11 Budget Allocation = \$15,000.00). **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Upcoming Bid Opening for Water and Wastewater Chemicals and Medical Supplies. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

Inserted Item Council President Joe Mitrecic advised that the advertising contract with MGH will be negotiated in upcoming closed session.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

American Legion Chaplain Warren Disbrow asked for volunteer teachers to instruct grade school students in the history and proper handling of the American Flag.

Al Wendling gave a small gift of appreciation, and, thanked past landlords.

John Medlin talked about the bus schedule and how the buses run throughout the day.

Sue Echterling asked when ordinances are declared law. Council President Mitrecic advised that the law goes into effect after the second reading of the ordinance.

Aaron Clayson introduced himself to the Council. He said he is the "Soldier Statue" on the Boardwalk. He said he spent 45 minutes a day defending himself to the police.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Separate tax number for boat docks? Separate tax bill if dock is deeded separately. Applies to docks held in condominiums.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jim Hall moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Prepared by: Kelly L. Allmond, Deputy City Clerk
Approved by: Carol L. Jacobs, City Clerk
Approved by the Mayor and Council on: