

**Regular Session #18
September 20, 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 Engineer Terry McGean, Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Internal Auditor Susan Childs, 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

Father Stanislaw Esposito of Holy Savior Catholic Church led the prayer, and Council Member Mary Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the Work Session, dated August 31, 2010, and, Regular Session #17, dated September 7, 2010 were approved as presented.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Donna Greenwood, Chair of the Beautification Committee presented the 2010 Beauty Spot Awards (see Attachment A).

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Dennis Dare reported that the following will be discussed in the upcoming work session:

1. Review and approval of Engineering Service proposals for Water & Wastewater Master Planning – Presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins
2. Request Approval for Pension Plan Contribution payments to be made in three payments - Presented by: Martha Bennett Lucey, Finance Administrator
3. Approval to Extend Review of Display and Signage for entire Boardwalk to the Boardwalk Development Association - Presented by: Vicki Barrett, Boardwalk Development Association
4. Overview of revised Critical Area Program - Presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer
5. Approval for staffing in the Fire/EMS Division – Presented by Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore
6. Approval of Candidates for October 19, 2010 Municipal Election - Presented by: Kathleen Mathias, City Clerk

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Blessing of the Waters – January 8, 2011, January 7, 2012, January 12, 2013. Presented for questions: Michael Vasilikos, St. George Greek Orthodox Church. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve pending the insurance certificate; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Joe Hall absent.**
- B. Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament – October 7-9, 2010, October 6-8, 2011, October 4-6, 2012 and October 3-5, 2013. Presented for questions was Terry Fleming, Ocean City Surf Anglers. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve pending the insurance certificate; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Joe Hall absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Town Arborist Gregory Purnell presented Donna Conway of the 112th Street Condominium Association with a \$1,500.00 grant, awarded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Board, for planting a series of Crepe Myrtles along their street.
- Internal Auditor Susan Childs, accompanied by Brian Lilley of OC Airshow LLC, advised that she completed her review of OC Airshow LLC's financial records. She reported that the Town is owed Thirty one thousand, three hundred and twenty seven dollars and seventy one cents (\$31,327.71) which is the sum of 35% of the Show's profit plus reimbursement of certain expenditures. Mr. Lilley concurred and said he will render a check for said amount immediately. The Council asked Internal Auditor Childs to submit OC Airshow, LLC's detailed financial records in next week's closed session.

The Council encouraged Mr. Lilley to schedule the 2011 Air Show for the first weekend in June, rather than Mr. Lilley's proposed weekend of June 11th. Mr. Lilley said he will aim for the first weekend in June, and, will return to the Mayor and Council in 4-6 weeks with a progress update.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2010-26 to amend Chapter 11 entitled Zoning (amends building height in mobile home districts). Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith was present for questions.

Council Member Doug Cymek made a subsidiary motion to modify §110-422, paragraph 3, by striking the phrase "life safety regulations" and replace with "building and fire code regulations"; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-26; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.

- B. Second Reading – Ordinance 2010-27 to adopt Budget Amendment #2 for FY2010. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to ratify Ordinance 2010-27; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

- C. First Reading – Ordinance 2010-28 to amend Chapter 106, entitled Waterways (allows repair of previously approved boat and personal watercraft lifts without going back to the Board of Port Wardens. **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Resolution #2010-17 to support Community Investment Tax Credit Application for the Ocean City Development Corporation. Ocean City Development Corporation Director Glenn Irwin was present for questions. **Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Resolution #2010-17; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare made a staff recommendation to reject the bids for the South Transit Center Renovations. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to reject the bids; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Ann McDermott said it was difficult to find parking spaces at the Convention Center during the Primary Election Day. Council President Joe Mitrecic advised that the issue was addressed and will be corrected before the next election.

Shawn Soper introduced Joanne who was replacing Brian Russo.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Margaret Pillas advised that Bike Week parking at deLazy Lizard was handled well.

Mayor Rick Meehan commended the OCPD and all the mutual agencies for a great job during Bike Week. He said there were no major incidents to report. Secondly, he mentioned that the Sunfest Parade, featuring “Beyond the Blue” (the Stephen Decatur High School Choir Group), starts this Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Next the Mayor announced the Sand Castle Home Tour , an Art League Fundraiser starting on Thursday, September 23. He said that 1000 participated last year, which generated \$200,000.00 toward a new building. Thirdly, he said he will attend the “Cops on the Roof” Event on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on 119th Street to benefit Special Olympics.

Lastly, he suggested that everyone watch the Animal Planet on Friday, September 24 @ 9:00 p.m. featuring Ocean City and Stephen Decatur Graduate Josh Hart, in a show about “Noodling”(catching fish with hands and feet).

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was unanimous.