October 26, 2010
WORK SESSION
MAYOR & COUNCIL
TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President James S. Hall, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek and Joe Hall, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Senior Project Manager Dean Dashiell, Ocean City Police Department Captain Kevin Kirstein, Special Programs/Grants Coordinator Wayne Pryor, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Jim Hall called this work session to order at 12:00 p.m.; then, **Council Member Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, (2) discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal if public discussion or disclosure adversely impacts the public body's ability to competitively bid or make proposals; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

1. Council President Hall re-opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m., and reported that legal and contractual matters were discussed in the closed session. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President James S. Hall, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek, Joe Hall and Brent Ashley, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres and City Clerk Kathleen Mathias.

2. Public Works Director Hal Adkins requested permission to continue the Boardwalk Decking Maintenance Project with Kade Construction under the Contractor's 2009 pricing. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

3. City Clerk Kathleen Mathias presented, for approval, a Taxi Medallion Transfer (Medallion Numbers 24, 25, 26, and 27) from Memory Lane Transportation, Inc. T/A Classic Taxi to Taxi Taxi, LLC. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

4. City Clerk Kathleen Mathias requested the following for approval:

   (1) To hold the South-end Beach Parcels auction for December 1, 2010. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve auctioning the South-end Beach Parcels; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

   (2) To change the codified date for auctioning the Beach Photo Franchise. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2010-32 amending Chapter 39, Article VIII, entitled *Beach Photographers*, to change the auction date to "the first Monday in December;" seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Secretary Martin moved to pass Ordinance 2010-32 as an Emergency Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous. The Mayor concurred with the vote.

Current Beach Photo Franchise Operator Patrick McLaughlin addressed the Council to summarize the fundamental changes to the telescope picture business over the past decade. He explained that new technology, like camera phones and social media, profoundly impacted the customers' experience and demand for telescopes. **Council Secretary Martin moved to reduce the set annual franchise fee from $300,000.00 to $150,000.00; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 4-3 with Council Members Hall, Ashley and Pillas opposed.**

(3) Upcoming bid opening for the Beach Photo Franchise. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve the upcoming bid opening for the Beach Photo Franchise; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous**

5. Ocean City Police Department Captain Kevin Kirstein requested permission to purchase seven (7) Toughbook Computers, seven (7) Microsoft Office Licenses, seven (7) E-Tix printers and scanners and three (3) Panasonic Arbitrator in-car cameras, for the sum of $57,562.07, through the Justice Assistant Grant. **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

6. City Engineer Terry McGean requested approval to sole source purchase a portable stage from Stage Right, in the amount of $90,524.00 (funded by the Capital Reserve account with the concurrence of the Maryland Stadium Authority) for the Convention Center. **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

7. Council Secretary Lloyd Martin reported on the Police Commission Meeting of September 8, 2010 (see Attachment A).

8. Council Secretary Martin reported on the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting of September 28, 2010 (see Attachment B).

9. Council Member Mary Knight reported on the Tourism Commission Meeting of October 7, 2010 (see Attachment C).

Special Programs/Grants Coordinator Wayne Pryor announced that the Eastern Shore Community Foundation approved a $2000.00 grant to the MEDTRAN Program.

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION
September 8, 2010 3:00 P.M.

Present: City Manager Dennis Dare, Mayor Richard Meehan, Chairman Lloyd Martin, Council Member Doug Cymek, Council Member Jim Hall, Chief Bernadette DiPino, Captains Bokinsky, Colbert, Kirstein, and Bunting, PFC Hugh Bean, Crime Analyst Brandon Reim, Risk Manager Christine Parks, Records Supervisor Michelle Monico, City Solicitor Guy Ayres

1. Minutes of August 11, 2010 Police Commission Open Session Minutes were approved. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cymek and seconded by Councilman Jim Hall.

2. Taxi Issues

   A. Discussion of Taxi Medallions for Winter Season – A medallions may be deactivated and stored at city hall for a maximum period of six months in a one year cycle. A medallion may be activated and deactivated once with no fee, a second activation and deactivation will result in an administrative fee of $100 per vehicle.

   B. Discussion of replacement of medallion #39 (Owner -Karl Kufchak). The medallion is in the vehicle which was towed as a result of an accident. Chief Dipino contacted the tow company and requested the medallion be returned. We have not received the medallion. City Solicitor Guy Ayres will write a letter to Fred Drake Automotive in Smyrna, Delaware asking them to return the medallion which is the property of the Town of Ocean City.

   C. Discussion of Random Drug Testing – Christine Parks will explore vendors who will be able to meet our needs to coordinate random drug testing. The appropriate vendor(s) will give a presentation at the next Police Commission. Taxi medallion holder should pay for the drug testing. Testing could occur anytime during the calendar year. A taxi company must report to the Police Department the name of any taxi driver who leaves their employment. The taxi driver must report to the police department when he leaves his current employer or when he is employed by another taxi company.

3. Traffic and Parking Commission Matters

   A. Request to close 1st Street along the De Lazy Lizard for motorcycle parking September 16 through September 19, 2010. A motion was made by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Cymek to approve the closure of First St from the Bay to Bayview

Lane from Sept 16-19, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. for motorcycle parking in the designated parking spaces. The closure will be monitored by private security personnel. A recommendation to approve will be sent to the full Mayor and Council for approval at the Work Session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

4. False Alarm Hearings

A. D.A. Kozma was granted the request to have the $100 fee waived; the fee was charged when the number of false alarms reached seven, due to an error the second alarm was classified as a false alarm, the alarm was later classified as a burglary

5. New Business

A. Request to waive storage fees for her jet ski by Eileen Rich was denied. The storage fees will cap at $775 and will not accrue any further if Ms. Rich pays the fees within ten days. Motion made by Councilman Cymek and seconded by Councilman Hall.

B. Parking on City Hall Lot –The parking fees will be waived for weddings and funerals after business hours. The Methodist and Episcopal Church must notify the police department when these events are taking place.

C. Taxi Enforcement and Scooter Enforcement Stats were presented by Crime Analyst Brandon Reim

Councilman Hall suggested a cut off time for scooter rentals or limits on hours of operation. The OCPD will make recommendations at the November 10th Police Commission.

Recreation and Parks Committee
September 28, 2010

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM at Northside Park. Present were Jim Hall, Lloyd Martin, John Sullivan, Lisa Mitchell, Susan Petito, Joe Mitrecic and Tom Shuster.

   Also present was Joanne Shriner of the Coastal Dispatch.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 11, 2010 were approved as presented.

3. Private Special Events Use & Equipment Fees: John Sullivan presented an update on private special event fees and provided a written recommendation for changes to the event fees and equipment use fees.

   The Committee reviewed the recommendations item by item with explanations by the staff. There was consensus of support for the first 8 items on the recommendation list. After further discussion on equipment and support usage fees, the Committee agreed to support charging the For Profit groups 100% of equipment usage fees and to establish a damage/repair bond of $100.00. John Sullivan will prepare a recommendation report to the Council for a presentation at a future work session.

4. Closed Session: At 10:10 a.m. the Committee voted to adjourn to a closed session for a discussion of a contractual matter. Present were Jim Hall, Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, John Sullivan, Susan Petito and Tom Shuster.

   The Committee returned to open session at 10:31 a.m.

5. Other Business: The Committee directed Tom Shuster to prepare a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for Sponsorship Solicitation.

   The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at Northside Park

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

OCEAN CITY TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING
October 7, 2010
ROLAND E POWELL CONVENTION CENTER
ROOM 214

CALL TO ORDER
Mary Knight called the meeting to order. Members present included: Mayor Rick Meehan, Mary Knight, Lloyd Martin, Margaret Pillas, Mary Eastman, Melanie Pursel, John Gehrig, Lisa Challenger and Dennis Dare. Members absent included: Susan Jones, Michael James, Greg Shockley, Ruth Waters and Jon Tremellen. Staff present included: Deb Turk, Donna Abbott, Fred Wise, Rick Hamilton. Guests present included: Christine Cullen representing OC Today and Brian Shane representing The Daily Times

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 2, 2010 minutes approved

Deb Turk - presented an update on advertising – Season Summary coming up on October 20th , MGH contract was renewed, Jack Hennen was honored at Monday night Council meeting, August room tax was up and planning with MGH/business leaders for next year.

Donna Abbott - updated PR- OC Insiders were in town this past weekend, Mayor presented keys to city to top 3 Insiders and planning for next year.

Fred Wise - 2011 dates are down to select target dates. No new groups to report. Working on 2012 dates. Contract out to Trinity Motivation for new January booking that would take 100% of the building.

Rick Hamilton - on track with all approvals for expansion. Architect plans are being finalized.

Lisa Challenger – Welcome Center in Pocomoke is open and operating at less cost than last year. Sent letter to all towns asking for money for photo panel display in center. Have been working on getting interactive touch screens into 6 areas in the county. MD Life has Atlantic Hotel on cover with spread about Berlin. Harbor Day booth over the weekend very busy. PA Outdoor writers here over weekend. Byways committee meeting yesterday with Glenn Irwin. Getting newsletter and Arts Calendar ready for publication. Movie crew in town filming in Berlin and OC. Discovery Center had a very good summer. Dennis asked if bus tours going there and Lisa said yes.

Melanie Pursel – Harbor Day was a big success. Vendors ran out of food. Estimate about 5000 people at event. Broke even financially. Applied for MD Tourism award. Going to Harrisburg Outdoor show. Business after hours at Ocean View Grill. Next Thursday morning business breakfast. Crab Feast next Thursday at Phillips. Candidate forum for state race October 21st 1-4pm at the chamber. Started a Young Professionals

Committee and will meet monthly. Final push for ads in Sea For Yourself. Eunice Sorin scholarships applications available. Chamber Lights contest again this year over holidays. Ballroom on the Beach proposal. Mayor asked Melanie about how to get more people from out-of-town to the event. He noted that he felt it was primarily a local event – Melanie and Lisa agreed. They plan to have more signage on road and have flyers at hotels and get them to promote to guests. Mayor also commented on lights contest – feels strongly that downtown should be better decorated and more lights. Get Downtown Association to get more businesses to put up lights. Melanie will interview Mayor on Comcast show to promote initiative.

Susan Jones – written report submitted

Adjourn to closed session