



June 14, 2011  
Corrected, See Item #9  
Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
Town of Ocean City

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In attendance: 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, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, City Engineer Terry McGean, Captain Mike Colbert, Captain Victor Bunting, Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons, Tourism Director Debbie Turk, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Jim Hall called this Work Session to order at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then, **Council Member Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, 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 5-0 with Council Members Pillas and Cymek absent.**

1. Council President Hall re-opened the meeting at 1:00 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, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster, Media Manager Donna Abbott, Tourism Director Debbie Turk, Dean Langrall of Langrall Media, and, Andrew Malis of MGH, Inc.. Council President Hall advised that the vote to close the meeting was unanimous.

Bryan Lilley of OC Air Show, LLC reported on the success of the 2011 Air Show. He said the show received excellent media and web coverage and ticket sales were up 10-12%. Additionally, he advised that the "Where to Stay" page on the OC AirShow website resulted in \$31,520.00.00 in hotel bookings revenue. Council President Hall advised that Mr. Lilley would return and report on the final numbers.

2. Bid Opening: Transfer Station Concrete Renovations\*  
(Staff Estimate: \$460,000.00; \*Bid Bond Required)

| Bidders                       | Lump Sum            |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bearing Construction          | \$604,000.00        |
| <b>D.W. Burt Construction</b> | <b>\$374,953.00</b> |
| Harkins Concrete Construction | \$407,619.00        |

**Council Member Cymek moved to acknowledge the apparent lowest bid from D.W. Burt Construction; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

3. City Engineer Terry McGean made a recommendation to award the apparent lowest bidder, **Artisan Skate Parks**, in the amount of \$26,650.00, for concrete repair work to the Skate Bowl. **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
4. Captain Mike Colbert requested approval to purchase a license plate reader, for the amount of \$20,577.00 from Federal Signal (paid for by a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention). **Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
5. Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons requested permission to sole source contract with Maryland Coast Towing, in the amount of \$4,450.00 (FY Budget Allocation: \$45,000.00) to perform outfall maintenance. Mayor Meehan called for the vote. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council President Hall abstained.**

Council Member Joe Hall reported that, in today's closed session, Council Member Knight moved to forego MGH's the one hundred thousand dollar gas give-away initiative; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 4-3 with Council Member Joe Hall, Council Member Ashley, and Council Member Pillas opposed.

6. Tourism Director Debbie Turk presented a request from the Dew Tour Organizers to paint the Worcester Street water tower with a "Thank You for Visiting" and "Home of the Dew Tour." **Council Member Knight moved to allow Tourism Director Debbie Turk explore the water tower and boardwalk banner concepts; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Pillas opposed.**
7. **Discussion of Street Performer safety guidelines** Worcester County Health Officer Debbie Goeller was not in attendance so Council President Hall suggested postponing this discussion. Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore reported that the congestion of street performers and spectators on North Division Street dangerously compromises the Fire Departments' ability to gain access to the boardwalk. **Council Member Knight moved to proceed with an ordinance, for the next Regular Session prohibiting performances on North Division Street to maintain free and clear emergency access; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin out of the room.** Fire Marshal Sam Villani said generators should not be permitted on the boardwalk because of the shock hazard and hot exhaust. Council Member Pillas posed the question of liability. Council President Hall asked for further discussion in a future work session.
8. Captain Victor Bunting requested that the Mayor and Council pursue legislation to allow the Ocean City Police Department to review criminal histories on taxi and tow drivers. **Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
9. Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster made a recommendation to adopt a policy for the sale of wine at Springfest and Sunfest. **Council Member Pillas moved to adopt the policy to allow the current list of non-profit organizations to sell wine; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.** **Council Member Pillas moved to allow the OC Recreation Boosters to sell wine; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**

10. Council Member Joe Hall requested a report on the deployment of buses during peak season. Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Public Works Transportation Superintendent George Thornes and a team of shift supervisors were present to explain the deployment process and challenges therein. Director Adkins assured that summer bus deployment is a highly coordinated effort to mobilize all available resources during peak rider-ship levels.
11. Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston presented a Planning Commission recommendation regarding Outdoor Lighting Standards. **Council Member Knight moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation as presented and request that City Solicitor Ayres draft an ordinance for First Reading at the next regular meeting; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin out of the room.**
12. City Clerk Kathleen Mathias recommended approval of the transfer of Taxi Medallion #90 from Dave's Taxi to Taxi Taxi, LLC. She advised that the transfer was \$3,000.00 and the \$750.00 transfer fee was paid. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**

*[In the April 4, 2011 Regular Session, City Clerk Kathleen Mathias presented, for approval, the merger of two independent medallions. Council President Hall remanded this item to City Clerk Mathias for further study].* City Clerk Mathias recommended approval for the merger of two independent medallions #'s 169 and 166 to form The Cab Guys, LLC. She advised that all legal issues were resolved and all drivers are licensed and permitted. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.** Council Member Joe Hall asked for a future discussion on medallion transfers.
13. Council Member Ashley requested approval to designate a parking space for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Comfort Station Attendant. City Engineer advised that the recommended parking spot on 9<sup>th</sup> Street just west of Wilmington Lane must be reviewed and approved by the City Solicitor.

Council Member Pillas asked for a future discussion on abandoned properties and scooter rental issues. Council President Hall asked that it be placed on an upcoming work session agenda.

**Council Member Knight moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**