

July 5, 2011
Regular Session #13
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

Council Member Richard W. Meehan
Council President James S. Hall
Council Secretary Lloyd Martin

Council Member Margaret Pillas
Council Member Mary Knight
Council Member Doug Cymek
Council Member Joe Hall
Council Member Brent Ashley

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, Tourism Director Debbie Turk, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jim Hall 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

Ocean City Beach Patrol Lieutenant Ward Kovacs led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Meehan asked the forum recognized the passing of local business owner Brice Phillips.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

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

1. Presentation on Proposed Art League Building: presented by Rena Thaler
2. Approval of Recommendation from Tourism Advisory Board: presented by Melanie Pursel, Chair
3. Review of Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 110 Regarding Parking for open, unenclosed outdoor dining areas: presented by Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith
4. Request for Sole Source Purchase of Combination Jet/Vacuum Sewer Cleaner: presented by Public Works Wastewater Superintendent Charlie Felin
5. Discussion Pertaining to Insurance Level Requirements for Sightseeing and Paragliding Operations at the Airport: presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins

6. Discussion Pertaining to the Transportation Development Plan (TDP) Specific to the Creation of an Advisory Committee: presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins
7. Report on Requested "Thank You" Campaign: presented by Communications Manager Donna Abbott
8. Bid Openings

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. **9/11 Parade of Brothers** – Sunday, September 11, 2011, September 11, 2012 and 2013
Present for questions was John Tartufo, Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Maryland Chapter 3. **Council Member Ashley moved to approve the event with instruct Mrs. Mitchell to coordinate the parking arrangement with public works; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. **Surfers Healing** – Thursday, August 18, 2011. Present for questions was Katherine O'Brien
Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

Inserted Item:

Lanny Hickman requested approval to serve beer and wine in Fiesta Park for the Democratic Club on July 12, 2011. **Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tourism Director Debbie Turk presented the Dew Tour's request to mount a promotional message on the Worcester Street Water Towner saying, "Welcome to Ocean City Proud Home of the Dew Tour", and, a request to allow promotional banners on the boardwalk. **Council Member Knight moved to approve the application of a vinyl sign on the water tower, and, post promotional banners on the boardwalk; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

Street Performer Augustine DiGiovanna requested permission to play his steel drums on North Division Street in front of the Mug & Mallet. City Solicitor Ayres advised that the Code has no provision for exceptions. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve;** *[The motion failed for lack of a second.]* The Council suggested that Mr. DiGiovanna move to the end to 2nd Street, or, ask the Mug & Mallet to make room for him.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Ayres presented the First Reading of Ordinance 2011-24 amending Chapter 110, entitled *Zoning* (establishes regulations limiting the intensity and location of outdoor lighting). John Medlin pointed out that this ordinance will grandfather existing properties. Council President Hall requested setting this matter for the next work session for further discussion. **Council Member Knight moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2011-24; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Jim Hall and Margaret Pillas opposed.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Dare presented the following for approval:

- A. Upcoming Bid Openings – Front Load Refuse Truck, Trash Compactor for the Convention Center **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve the bid openings; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous;** and, WAS Thickening and Related Improvements Progressive Cavity Pumps **Council Member Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Request for sole source purchase of two dissolved air flotation units for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from West Tech Engineering. **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Notification of upcoming proposal to purchase a new sewer vacuum truck. Chief Deputy Public Works Director James Parsons was present for questions. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Herb Pawlukewicz mentioned that he saw advertisements for Ocean City on the New Jersey Turnpike. Next, he commented on gas prices on the Shore, and, questioned why scoot coupes' are not ticketed for traffic violations. Council President Hall suggested he request an OCPD ride-a-long to appreciate the OCPD's methods.

Augustine DiGiovanna complimented the Mayor and Council on their attention to the Street Performer process.

Ellie Diegelmann said the agenda is confusing.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Pillas encouraged everyone to attend the Bay Bridge Toll Public Hearing on July 14th at 5:30pm at Stephen Decatur Middle School. She also asked City Engineer McGean to look into the traffic pattern on 94th Street. Lastly, she asked for a future discussion on an ordinance requiring the display T-Shirt prices.

Mayor Meehan mentioned that the 1111 Edgewater Avenue property is progressing well. He also thanked Public Works for keeping the beach clean.

Council Member Ashley gave Mr. Melvin a personal check for \$1,000.00 as a donation to the MEDTRAN Plus Program. Mr. Melvin was present to accept Council Member Ashley's donation.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.