

**October 3, 2011**  
**Regular Session #18**  
**Mayor and Council**  
**Town of Ocean City**

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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

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**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 Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Engineer Terry McGean, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Interim City Clerk Wayne Pryor, 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 & PLEDGE**

Father Moyer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church led the prayer, and Bob Melvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION**

Mayor Rick Meehan reported that the upcoming work session will include the following items:

- (1) Bid Openings for Water & Wastewater Plant Chemicals, and an RFP for Actuarial and Pension Consulting Services
- (2) Introduction of License Inspector Michael Sherman
- (3) Request Approval to Apply for Main Street Designation, presented by: Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston and Ocean City Development Corporation Director Glenn Irwin
- (4) Discussion of Electronic Control Weapons (i.e. Tasers), presented by: Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino
- (5) Update on the Convention Center Expansion, presented by: City Engineer Terry McGean
- (6) Discussion of an Annual Street Improvement Program, presented by: Public Works Director Hal Adkins

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session – dated September 13, 2011
- B. Regular Session #17 – dated September 19, 2011

## ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- A. Mayor Rick Meehan issued a Proclamation honoring the late Al Thomas for his years of dedicated service to the Ocean City Paramedic Foundation. Present to accept this proclamation was his wife, Joan.
- B. Mayor Rick Meehan presented, and concurred with, the Fire Commission's recommendation to appoint Assistant Chief David W. Hartley as the Town of Ocean City Fire Marshal. **Council Secretary Martin moved to appoint David Hartley as Fire Marshal, seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.** Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore announced Fire Marshal Hartley's recent promotion to Deputy Chief of the Ocean City Fire Department.
- C. Play It Safe Committee Chair Donna Greenwood gave a presentation on the 2011 Play It Safe initiative.

## ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following items for approval:

- A. First Reading – **Ordinance 2011-32** to amend Chapter 110, entitled *Zoning* (defines unenclosed, outdoor dining and clarifies required parking for outdoor dining areas). **Council Member Knight moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-32; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. First Reading – **Ordinance 2011-33** authorizing the Mayor and City Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and a fifty-year lease agreement for the construction of and rental of a new Ocean City Arts Center Building at the present site of the building utilized by the Art League of Ocean City, Inc.. Citizen John Medlin asked about the inclusion of tipping fees in the Memorandum of Understanding. John Medlin said tipping fees should be included in the Memorandum of Understanding. Council Member Cymek said tipping fees will be nominal. Mayor Meehan pointed out that demolition of the building will not occur unless the site plan for the new building is approved. **Council Member Cymek moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-33; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Pillas and Ashley opposed.**
- C. First Reading – **Ordinance 2011-34** to authorize the sale of surplus personal property at govdeals.com. **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

## ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor Meehan presented the following:

- A. Mayor Rick Meehan advised the Council of the upcoming bid opening for the Robin Drive Shoreline Protection Project; the Rehabilitation of Runway 02/20; the Park and Ride Decking Replacement; and Actuarial and Pension Consulting Services
- B. Recommendation of Bid Awards for: (1) Police/EMS/Fire Department Uniforms as presented (see Attachment B). **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous;** and, (2) a Fire Hose, from Mercedes Textiles, Inc., in the amount of \$18,951.21 (FY12 Budget Allocation = \$20,000.00). **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

- C. Request to solicit RFP for the Beverage Franchise **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.** He noted that the RFP will provide for an exclusion of the Dew Tour and one main event to be decided by the Town. Parks and Recreation Director Tom Shuster explained the items included in the beverage franchise RFP. Council Member Joe Hall asked for copies of the current contract and an accounting of the total revenue collected from current franchise.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

Bob Melvin announced that effective October 17, 2011, MedTran Plus Service will be available for ADA qualified residents to travel to Pocomoke, Cambridge, Baltimore or Philadelphia for medical visits.

Joe Groves encouraged Council Members to visit the Citizens for Ocean City Facebook page and asked that all posted comments remain positive and solution-oriented.

John Adkins suggested that the Town's costs for labor should factor in the hourly salary and cost of benefits.

David Benton said the Audi/Volkswagen event is burdening the Town's streets and neighborhoods with litter and vandalism. Mayor Meehan said that Worcester County Commissioners and Maryland State Police are aware and equally concerned about the issue.

Herb Pawlukewicz also commented to the problems caused by this event. He asked the Council to look into the 703 139<sup>th</sup> Street single family home with two kitchens.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Council Member Cymek thanked Jeff and Rena Thaler for their efforts on the new Art League Building.

Council Member Knight thanked the Ocean City Insiders for contributing their knowledge to website inquiries about the Town.

Mayor Meehan offered condolences to Donna Greenwood who recently lost her husband, Bill Greenwood.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.