

November 21, 2011
Regular Session #21
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

Mayor Richard W. Meehan
Council President James S. Hall
Council Secretary Lloyd Martin (absent)

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

ATTENDANCE

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President James S. Hall, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek, Joe Hall and Brent Ashley, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, 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 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then **Council Member Ashley moved to convene into closed session to: (1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, removal or resignation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or, any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; (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. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Cymek, Martin and Pillas absent.**

Council President Hall reopened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and reported that legal and contractual matters were discussed in the closed meeting. Persons present were Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President Jim Hall, Council Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley and Joe Hall, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis and Interim City Clerk Wayne Pryor.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Reverend Stang from the Bethany United Methodist Church led the prayer and the Pledge.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

Interim City Manager/Mayor Rick Meehan reported that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the upcoming work session:

- (1.) Bid Opening – Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Runway 02/20 (North-South)
Request to Renew Annual Lions Club Lease Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
- (2.) Review and Approval of Changes to Policy and Procedure Manual – PPM 600-1 Snow Removal Policy Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
- (3.) Discussion on Annual Street Improvement Program Funding Options Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director; Martha Bennett, Finance Administrator; Jennie Knapp, Budget Manager and Terence McGean, City Engineer
- (4.) Discussion of Absentee Ballot Voting Process Presented by: Kelly Allmond, Deputy City Clerk
- (5.) Overview of Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) Presented by: Martha Bennett, Finance Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session – dated November 1, 2011
- B. Regular Session #20 – dated November 7, 2011

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan issued a proclamation designating November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Blessing of the Waters – Saturday, January 14, 2012 Michael Vasilikos of St. George Greek Orthodox Church asked the Council to allow them to congregate on the pier. **Council Member Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**
- B. OC Bikefest 2012 – September 13 – 16, 2012 and Date Hold for 2013. Present for questions was Cliff Sutherland of OC Jams. Mr. Sutherland asked the Council to consider providing a credit in 2012 because he believes that OC Jams' \$85,000.00 reimbursement exceeded the actual cost of \$50,000.00 to the Town. **Council Member Knight moved to approve the 2012 and 2013 Date Hold and request and asked staff to review the minutes regarding the Town's financial agreement with OC Jams; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**
- C. Shenanigan's Irish Pub 2nd Annual 5K – Saturday, March 17, 2012 Presented by: Lisa Mitchell, Private Events Coordinator and Chris Klebe, OC Tri-running **Council Member Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wastewater Collection System Infrastructure Upgrades: Wastewater Fund Balance Appropriation
Public Works Director Hal Adkins requested an appropriation of \$350,000.00, from the Wastewater Fund for sewer upgrades on Old Wharf Road. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. First Reading – Ordinance # 2011-35 to Amend Compensation or Benefits Paid or Provided to Certain Municipal Employees (ICMA match reduction for new employees and clarification of match for current employees) **Council Member Knight moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2011-35; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**

Council Member Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2011-35 as an emergency ordinance; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent. The Mayor concurred with the vote.

- B. Second Reading – Ordinance 2011-36 to Amend Chapter 46, Entitled Law Enforcement (establishes a volunteer auxiliary officer program) **Council Member Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2011-36; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent. The Mayor concurred with the vote.**

City Solicitor Guy Ayres reported that the Town received another check, in the amount of \$27,416.85, from the Estate of Virginia Murray, who named the Ocean City Police Department Equestrian Unit. He said the total amount paid to the Town, including payments from her Charitable Trust, is \$378,893.00.

- C. General Order 100 P-2 – Auxiliary Officer Program **Council Member Knight moved to approve the General Order; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent. The Mayor concurred with the vote.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Frank Adkins thanked the Council and the SHA for the Coastal Highway traffic lights.

Thomas Hoffman spoke about dental work for the poor and various other matters.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council Member Pillas announced that the Huey Helicopter is now on display at the Ocean City Airport.

Council Member Ashley asked for more discussion on horseback riding on the beach.

Mayor Meehan spoke about Winterfest's opening ceremony featuring the OC Stars (3rd & 4th graders from Ocean City Elementary). He advised that the hours for Winterfest are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Also, Mayor Meehan advised that the Young Professionals of the OC Chamber of Commerce requested use of a Town bus to transport 35-40 under-privileged children to Walmart for Christmas Shopping on Saturday December 10, 2011. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.**

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Cymek moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Martin absent.