

December 19, 2011
Regular Session #24
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City

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

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

Council Member Margaret Pillas (Absent)

ATTENDANCE

Mayor/Interim City Manager 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, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, General Services Director Joe Sobczak, Tourism Director Debbie Turk, Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette DiPino, 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

Pastor Daryl McCready of Son Rise Church in Berlin led the prayer, and Council President Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan reported that the next Regular Session is scheduled for January 3, 2012. He addressed the following items for discussion in this meeting:

Human Resource Director Wayne Evans pointed an error in the 2004 Public Safety Pension Plan pertaining to sick leave credits. As a result six (6) retirees were overpaid a combined sum of \$2,500.00. **Council Member Knight moved approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2011-38 to correct the sick leave credit calculation in the Public Safety Pension Plan; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Council Member Joe Hall moved to ratify Emergency Ordinance 2011-38; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent. The Mayor concurred.

Secondly, **Council Member Martin moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2011-39 to correct an erroneous calculation in the General Employee Pension Plan; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Council Member Knight moved to ratify Emergency Ordinance 2011-39; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent. The Mayor concurred with the vote.

Council Member Ashley moved to forgive the past overpayments and make Ordinance 2011-38 effective immediately; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following items were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session – dated November 15, 2011
- B. Regular Session #21 – dated November 21, 2011

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Rick Meehan issued a proclamation designating December as Toys for Tots Month. Present to accept this proclamation were members of the Marine Corp League.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[On December 13, 2011, the Pension Committee voted, in the open session of the Pension Meeting, to contract with Springsted, Inc. for City Manager Search services.] Senior Vice President John Anzivino reviewed Springsted's search process (see Attachment A).

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Team Maryland
Presented by: Terry Hasseltine, Director of the Maryland Office of Sports Marketing
Mr. Hasseltine presented his intentions to partner with the Town in bringing amateur sports events to Ocean City. Mayor Meehan noted that Team Maryland was instrumental in bringing the Dew Tour to town.
- B. Tourism Advisory Board Members John Gehrig and Tom Perlozzo made a recommendation to reclassify the Convention Senter Director to the Convention Center and Tourism Development Director who would oversee the Convention Center expansion, sales and marketing efforts; and, add one sales position immediately to market and sell the Convention Center.

Council Member Jim Hall asked that TAB to present this recommendation when Council Member Pillas is present. Mayor Meehan said that the internal realignment will be addressed in early January. He also asked TAB for their recent Consultant's report.

- C. Discussion Pertaining to Equipment Trust Fund – FY12 Vehicle Replacements
Presented by: Public Works Director Hal Adkins and General Services Director Joe Sobczak
Public Works Director Hal Adkins requested approval to purchase three pickup trucks, one 12-passenger van, and one 2-wheel drive SUV for a total expenditure of \$125,000.00 (paid from the Equipment Trust Fund). **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Ayres presented the Second Reading of Ordinance 2011-37 to Amend Chapter 2, entitled Administration, Adding Article VIII, Disposition of Personal Property (to authorize the sale of surplus personal property as determined by the city manager and approved by resolution). **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to ratify Ordinance 2011-37; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan presented the following for approval:

- A. Recommendation of Bid Award for Park and Ride Decking Replacement
Meyer's Group LLC for 11.41 per board installed contingent upon concurrence with the MTA
Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.
- B. Recommendation of Bid Award for Runway 02/20 Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
George & Lynch, Inc. for \$2,405,438.30 (95% funded by the FAA). **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
- C. Approval of Engineering Services Contract: **Delta Aviation for Construction**
Administration Services Pertaining to the Rehabilitation of Runway 02/20 **Council Member Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
- D. Transfer of Taxi Medallion Transfer #96 (Transferred for \$3,000.00 from Gary Thompson of Northend Taxi to Forster Louis of Lou Lou Taxi with a transfer fee of \$750.00) **Council Member Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Council President Hall assured citizens that the Council was unaware of problems related to a K-9 Officer Charlie. He requested approval to reimburse former Officer Campbell for the surgery expense. **Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Joe Hall and Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Joe Groves mentioned that the K-9 Charlie blog was anonymous and unsubstantiated.

Rob Greenspan shared his dissatisfaction with the Ocean City Police Department.

Randy Hambrick shared his dissatisfaction of the Mayor and Council, and, suggested that they improve winter bus service.

Brad Hoffman thanked the Council and Staff for doing a great job with his special events.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The Council wished all citizens a happy holiday season.

Council Member Cymek asked for citizens to pray for the little girl and mother who were critically injured when their vehicle was struck by a speeding vehicle.

Mayor Meehan reminded citizens of the New Years Day Mayor's Open House at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall and the Penguin Swim.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.