

**February 6, 2012
Regular Session #3
Mayor and Council
Town of Ocean City**

**Mayor 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**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Hall called this Regular Session to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with council to obtain legal advice; and, (2) 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; seconded by Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Council President Hall re-opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and reported that legal and personnel matters were discussed in closed session. Persons present were: Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President Jim Hall, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley and Joe Hall, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis, Tourism Director Deb Turk and Human Resource Director Wayne Evans. He reported that the vote to close the meeting was unanimous.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Deacon Wil Pinder of St. John Newman's Church 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 report that the following items are scheduled in the upcoming work session:

1. Report on Closed Session – Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 12:00 p.m. – Legal and Personnel Matters
2. Bid Opening – RFP for Fireworks
3. Recognition of Mary Cascio for Outstanding Service to the Neighborhood Watch Program Presented by: Chief Bernadette DiPino
4. Retirement Recognition of Sergeant Gary Holtzman Presented by: Chief Bernadette DiPino
5. Presentation of Local Government Insurance Trust Grant Award Presented by: Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director, LGIT
6. Police Chief Update Presented by: Chief Bernadette DiPino
7. Update from Tourism Advisory Board Presented by: Melanie Pursel, Chair, Tourism

Advisory Board

8. Eagles landing irrigation and funding – presented by Parks & Recreation Director Tom Shuster
9. Review of Budget Amendment #1 for FY2012 Presented by: Jennie Knapp, Budget Manager
10. Review and Approval of Project List for 2012 Bonds Presented by: Martha Bennett, Finance Administrator
11. Recommendation of bid award for Beach Equipment Franchise

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Pension Meeting – dated December 13, 2011
- B. Regular Session #1 – dated January 3, 2012
- C. Work Session – dated January 10, 2012
- D. Regular Session #2 dated January 17, 2012

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Bill Badger, Director for the Worcester County Department of Economic Development introduced himself to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Rick Meehan issued a proclamation acknowledging retiree Janice Cropper. He also presented Janice with a Key to the City.

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

- A. 9th Annual Let's Walk the Boards for St. Jude Children's Hospital – Saturday, April 14, 2012 and Date Hold for April 13, 2013. Judy Davis of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital shared that St. Jude's treats sick children without prejudice of race, creed, sex or religion. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve the event with Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Walk MS – Request Three-Year Event Approval - Saturday, April 14, 2012; April 13, 2013; and April 12, 2014. Samantha Flottesmesch of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MD Chapter reported that there are approximately 6700 Marylanders with Multiple Sclerosis. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the event and Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Cruisin' OC – Request Approval for Three-Year Continuation - Adding May 15-18, 2014 **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve the three-year continuation of this event; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Council of Baltimore Ravens Roosts Annual Parade – Request Approval for Three-Year Continuation - Adding May 31, 2014 **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the the event and Date Hold; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

Mayor Meehan recognized Worcester County Commissioner Louise Gulyas in the forum.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-1** to amend Chapter 6 entitled Animals (to allow horseback riding on the beach) as amended **Council Member Ashley moved to ratify**

Ordinance 2012-1 as amended to include a single-day rate of \$20.00 per day; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 4-3 with Council Members Lloyd Martin, Mary Knight and Doug Cymek opposed.

- B. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-2** to amend Chapter 30 entitled Environment (to place volume restrictions on noise emanating from public ways that is audible at a distance of 30 feet from the source of such sound) **Council Secretary Martin moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-2; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-3** to amend Chapter 110, entitled Zoning (to include design guidelines in the site plan approval process) as amended to eliminate single family homes in R-1 and MH areas. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Margaret Pillas and Brent Ashley opposed.**
- D. **First Reading – Ordinance 2012-5** to establish parking rates for all parking spaces with Cale Machine parking (increases rate from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour) **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-5; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Joe Hall and Margaret Pillas opposed.**
- E. **First Reading– Ordinance 2012-6** to authorize the purchase of real property located at 105 Dorchester Street. **Council Member Ashley moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-6; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Joe Hall abstained and Margaret Pillas opposed.**
- F. **First Reading – Ordinance 2012-7** to amend Chapter 30 entitled Environment (to require that a noise permit control number be displayed on the front door of rental property) **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve of Ordinance 2012-7; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- G. **First Reading – Ordinance 2012-8** to amend Chapter 14 entitled Businesses (to change business license categories) **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-8; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- H. **Resolution 2012-2** to authorize the disposition of personal property (to sell equipment and miscellaneous items on GovDeals.com) **Council Secretary Martin moved to ratify Resolution 2012-2; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- I. Approval of **General Order 400 E-1 – Vehicle Operation - Routine and Non-Routine** **Council Member Ashley moved to approve General Order 400 E-1; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.** The Mayor concurred with the vote.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor Meehan advised the Council of the upcoming Bid Opening for Art League Building

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Joe Groves suggested that many condominiums do not have business licenses which, if regulated, could generate more income for the Town. Mayor Meehan said he will request that Business License Inspector Mike Sherman work with the Delmarva Condominium Management Association to

move the effort forward. Council Member Joe Hall asked City Solicitor Ayres if the collected funds can be used in the General Fund. City Solicitor Ayres said no, licensing fees can only be used for regulatory efforts. Secondly, he mentioned that the Council's facial expressions are visible on television. Lastly, he asked Council Member Joe Hall to apologize for his negative Facebook comments pertaining to tourism.

Council Member Joe Hall asserted that his words were clearly misunderstood and taken out of context. He said that property owners bear the expense of cleaning up after tourists.

Rich Hanson responded to Council Member Pillas' statement about meters being "all over Town". He said he wanted it on record that he was not in favor of meters being over Town.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Margaret Pillas asked Mayor Meehan for copies of Departmental Budgets before the City Manager's cut. Also, she asked that each Department present their 5-year projected needs at budget time.

Council Member Joe Hall suggested a song-writer's contest for a Town anthem. Mayor Meehan advised that he will work with MGH.

Council Member Brent Ashley noted that the Council is quick to turn promotional ideas down. He reiterated that tourism levels are improving, but at a lesser rate than other east coast resorts.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn @ 7:26 PM; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.



I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 2012, the Mayor and Council reviewed and approved this document.

City Clerk Kelly L. Allmond
Certified Municipal Clerk