



February 28, 2012  
Work Session  
Mayor and Council  
Town of Ocean City

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President James S. Hall, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Joe Hall and Brent Ashley, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Finance Director Martha Bennett, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Environmental Engineer Gail Blazer, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Mary Knight was absent.

Council President Jim Hall called this work session to order at 12:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then, **Council Member Pillas moved to convene into closed session to: (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and, (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; seconded Council Secretary Lloyd Martin. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Joe Hall, Brent Ashley and Mary Knight absent.**

1. Report on Closed Session – Tuesday, February 28, 2012 – 12:00 p.m. – Legal and Contractual Matters

Council President Hall reopened this work session at 1:00 PM and reported that legal and matters were discussed in the closed session. Persons present were Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President James S. Hall, Council Secretary Lloyd Martin, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Risk Manager Eric Lagstrom and Executive Office Assistant Diana Chavis. The vote to close the meeting was 6-0 with Council Member Knight absent.

2. Bid Opening - Coastal Highway Median Renovations (Budget Allocation = \$50,000.00)

VENDOR	74 <sup>TH</sup> - 77 <sup>TH</sup>	77 <sup>TH</sup> - 81 <sup>ST</sup>	81 <sup>ST</sup> - 85 <sup>TH</sup>	TOTAL BID
Chesapeake Landscaping	\$7,295.00	\$7,295.00	\$7,295.00	\$43,770.00
Bee Green Landscaping	\$10,076.43	\$10,076.43	\$10,076.43	\$60,458.88

**Council Member Cymek moved to accept the apparent lowest bid from Chesapeake Landscaping with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Knight absent.**

3. Presentation of Revised "Ocean City Experience" Proposal  
Presented by: Brad Hoffman and David Bafford of Spark Productions, LLC

**Council Member Pillas moved to task the Tourism Director to (1) collaborate with MGH, TAB and Brad Hoffman to develop and report on a unified trade show concept with a proposed schedule within 30 days; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Lloyd Martin and Doug Cymek abstained and Mary Knight absent.**

4. Fire Department Update

Ocean City Fire Chief Chris Larmore reported the following:

- (1.) Staff will be fully trained to operate the fireboat by mid July 2012;
- (2.) Two new fire engines are now in service
- (3.) The Fire Department responded to 6000 calls in 2011
- (4.) The Fire Department is under a routine comprehensive audit by Insurance Services Office;
- (5.) the Fire Department is prepared to present a long-range budget plan in May 2012

5. Request to use Critical Area Mitigation Funds for Tree Planting

Environmental Engineer Gail Blazer, accompanied by Public Works Director Hal Adkins, requested an allocation of \$40,000.00 from the Critical Area Mitigation Fund to landscape around the Airport Runway 2/20 fence as required by Worcester County. **Council Member Cymek moved to approve the \$40,000.00 for landscaping; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Joe Hall and Brent Ashley opposed and Mary Knight absent.**

6. Request to use Storm Water Mitigation Funds for Intern

**Council Member Joe Hall moved to allocate \$3,500.00 from the Stormwater Mitigation Fund to pay a summer intern to assist with developing a database for the State of Maryland's TMDL (total maximum daily load) study; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

7. Request Approval to Revise Policy and Procedure 800-10 – Accounting for Bonds Presented by:

Martha Bennett, Finance Administrator **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve PPM 800-10, entitled Accounting for Bonds; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mary Knight.**

8. Notification of Upcoming Bid Opening – Beach Patrol ATV's [No objections]

Presented by: Mayor Richard Meehan, Interim City Manager

9. Discussion to Amend Chapter 6, Entitled Animals (to allow more than 12 horses on the beach at any one time with the approval of the city manager) Presented by: Guy Ayers, City Solicitor

**Council Member Ashley moved to approve an ordinance [2012-11] authorizing the City Manager to issue a special permit for more than 12 horseback riders on the beach at once; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Doug Cymek and Lloyd Martin opposed and Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

**Council Member Ashley moved to ratify Ordinance [2012-11] as an emergency ordinance; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Doug Cymek and Lloyd Martin opposed and Council Member Mary Knight absent.**

**Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn at 2:29 PM; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Mary Knight absent.**

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Approved  
April 2, 2012*