

**March 19, 2012**  
**Regular Session #6**  
**Town of Ocean City, Maryland**

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

**Council Member Mary P. Knight**  
**Council Member Margaret Pillas**  
**Council Member Douglas Cymek**  
**Council Member Brent Ashley**  
**Council Member Joseph T. Hall, II**

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**ATTENDANCE**

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, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Hall called this Regular Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Sean Rox led the prayer, and Council Member Mary Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION**

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

1. Chief of Police Update
2. Planning Commission Scooter Recommendations Presented by: Jesse Houston, Director of Planning and Community Development
3. Continued Discussion Concerning Supplemental Funding for the Current Street Improvement
4. Program Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
5. OC Experience Update Presented by: Donna Abbott, Communication Manager and Interim Tourism Director
6. Request to Purchase Hurst MOC Combi Tool Presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore and Jennie Knapp, Budget Manager
7. Recommendation of Bid Award of Virtual Desktop Project. Presented by: City Engineer Terry McGean
8. Presentation of the TAB's Memorandum of Understanding regarding disbursement of advertising funds.

## ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan issued a Proclamation Designating April 6, 2012 as Random Act of Kindness Day to Council Member Brent Ashley

## PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

- A. Ride for the Feast – Saturday, May 19, 2012 Presented by: Ted Blankenship, Moveable Feast **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the 2012 Ride for the Feast Program; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Showell Elementary School First Grade Boardwalk Walk – Friday, May 11, 2012 Presented by: Alvson Brabitz **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve the 2012 Showell Elementary School First Grade Boardwalk; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. “Plein-Aire” Artists Paint Ocean City – Friday through Sunday, June 22 - 24, 2012 Presented by: Paige Ruby, Ocean City Art League **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the 2012 “Plein-Aire” Artist Paint Ocean City; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. Beach 5 Sand Soccer Series – Saturday and Sunday, June 23 –24, 2012 **Council Secretary Lloyd Martin moved to approve the 2012 Beach 5 Sand Soccer Series; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. Ocean City Cruzers – June 3 & 10; July 8 & 22; August 5 & 19; September 9 & 23, 2012 **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve the 2012 OC Cruiser events; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- F. Ambridge Area High School Steel Drum Band Performance – Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Presented by: Glenn Irwin of the Ocean City Development Corporation. **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve the 2012 Ambridge Area Highschool Steel Drum Band Performance; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2012 Air Show Update and Request Presented by: Bryan Lilley, Ocean City Air Show, LLC  
Bryan Lilley introduced Steve Webster, Director of Sponsorship Marketing. He reviewed the show line-up featuring the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. He advised that 10 hotels committed to provide hotel rooms for Air Show 2012 performers. Lastly, Mr. Lilley advised that flyovers are scheduled in North Ocean City.
- B. Michael James, representing the North Ocean City Business Alliance, requested that the Town provide an equitable distribution of marketing funds for special events in the North end of Town. He also asked the Council to consider reinstating the Tourism Commission to include elected officials. Council Member Joe Hall said the Tourism Advisory Board was formed to work with all businesses and the Council. **Council Member Hall moved to earmark \$22,000.00 for the development of Special Events in the North End of Town, and asked that the North Ocean City Business Alliance**

return with a plan for special events; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 4-3 with Council Members Cymek, Knight and Martin opposed. All opposing Council Members stressed that they are only opposed to distributing funds without an established marketing plan. Mr. James advised that he will work with Bob Rothermel to develop that plan.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Conditional Use Request – to permit by conditional use in a R-3, General Residential District, the installation of three (3) roof-mounted wind turbines at the site located on the west side of Atlantic Avenue (Boardwalk) and known locally as 1405 Atlantic Avenue in the Town of Ocean City Applicant: Joseph Bartell for Marguerite M. Villa Santa Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve the request and adopt the Planning Commissions Finding of Fact (see Attachment A); seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.

## **ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR**

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-12 to Amend Chapter 102 Entitled Vehicles for Hire (to allow the taxi indicator roof light to be an ad carrier with specific size requirements) Council Member Ashley moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-12; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-13 to Authorize the Sale of Certain Municipal Real Property (Mediterranean Drive – street end) Council Secretary Martin moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-13; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.
- C. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-14 to Authorize the Purchase of Real Property (4<sup>th</sup> Street and Philadelphia Avenue) Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-14; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Pillas opposed.

## **ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan presented the following:

- A. Upcoming Bid Opening - 4<sup>th</sup> Street Property Building Demolition Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Margaret Pillas abstained.
- B. Bid Award Recommendation for Security Cameras Council Member Pillas moved to award the security camera bid to ePlus Technologies in the amount of \$18,187.44 (Staff Estimate: \$18,000.00); seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.

- C. Request Approval of Taxi Medallion Transfer Council Member Pillas moved to approve the transfer of Taxi Medallion #142 from Yameha Taxi to Coastal Cab in the amount of \$4,000.00; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Meehan called Todd Ferrante and Glenn Irwin of the Ocean City Development Corporation who announced that the OCDC will pay the capital costs of \$248,000.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Demolition Project. Mr. Ferranted said they will allocate, from their Inlet Parking Lot fund, up to \$31,000.00 per year for eight years towards the debt service.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Herb Pawlukewicz asked about contractors cleaning the job site upon departure, the status of a distressed Fiesta Park property, and, asked about 703 139<sup>th</sup> Street. Council Member Doug Cymek advised Mr. Pawlkewicz that the Fiesta Park property is not a foreclosure but vacant due to the owner's passing. He assured him the Town's Building Inspectors are monitoring the property. City Engineer Terry McGean reported that 703 139<sup>th</sup> Street was inspected and found no violations.

### COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Mary Knight asked all businesses to 'paint the Town pink' during the Komen Race for the Cure.

Council Member Brent Ashley asked Mayor Meehan to look into the Town's Sister City program and consider adopting a Canadian city as a means to draw Canadian tourists. Mayor Meehan advised that he will look into the Sister City Program.

Mayor Meehan said he will begin a promotional tour in Baltimore this week. He also thank everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

### ADJOURNMENT

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



I hereby certify that on this 16 day of April, 2012, the Mayor and Council reviewed and approved this document.

*Kelly L. Allmond*

City Clerk Kelly L. Allmond  
Certified Municipal Clerk