

**April 2, 2012
Regular Session #7
Mayor & Council,
Town of Ocean City, Maryland**

Mayor Richard W. Meehan

**Council Member Margaret Pillas
Council Member Douglas Cymek
Council Member Brent Ashley
Council Member Joseph T. Hall, II
Council President James S. Hall**

**Absent were: Council Secretary Lloyd Martin
& Council Member Mary P. Knight**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President Jim Hall, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley and Joe Hall, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Hall called this Regular Session to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then, Council Member Doug Cymek 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 consult with counsel to obtain legal; seconded by Council Member Brent Ashley. The vote was 4-0 with Council Members Mary Knight, Lloyd Martin and Margaret Pillas absent.

Council President Hall re-opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Reverend Raney led the prayer, followed by the forum's Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – Legal and Personnel Matters

Council President Hall reported that legal and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session. Persons present were: Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan, Council President Jim Hall, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Mary Knight, Brent Ashley and Joe Hall, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans and Interim Convention Center Director Wayne Pryor. The vote to close the meeting was unanimous. *[No Action Taken]*.

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Joe Hall moved to convene into closed session on April 11-13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to: (1) consult with council to obtain legal advice; (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 consult with counsel to obtain legal; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan reported that the following will be discussed in the upcoming Work Session:

1. Report on Closed Session of April 10, 2012
2. Bid Openings
 - a. Ocean City Airport Terminal Renovations
 - b. 4th Street Building Demolition
3. Oath of Office for Election Board Members
4. Recognition of Mary Cascio's outstanding service to the Neighborhood Watch Program
5. Police Chief Update
6. Quarterly Crime Report Presented by Crime Analyst Brandon Reim
7. Discussion of Tourism Advisory Board MOU Presented by Melanie Pursel of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce
8. Caroline Street Comfort Station Re-design Presented by City Engineer Terry McGean and Architect David Quillin
9. Fire Department Quarterly Update Presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore
10. Review of Fire Station Buildings to be included in the Bond Issue Presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore
11. Presentation of FY 2013 Budget Presented by: Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Pension Meeting of February 15, 2012
- B. Work Session – dated February 28, 2012
- C. Regular Session #5 – dated March 5, 2012
- D. Work Session – dated March 13, 2012

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan issued the following:

- A. Proclamation Designating April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day. Present to accept was Donna Greenwood, Chairman of the Beautification Committee who advised the forum that an Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Northside Park on April 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m..
- B. Proclamation Recognizing Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club's 40th Anniversary
- C. Presentation of Ocean City University Diplomas (see Attachment A)

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Delmarva ESA Surf Series 2012 – with a date change. Presented by Christopher Makibbin, Delmarva ESA. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve the ESA Surf Series in 2012 with the date change; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**
- B. OC CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday, May 20, 2012 Presented by: Patricia Mulcahy, St. Paul's By the Sea Episcopal Church **Council Member Ashley moved to approve the 2012 OC CROP Hunger Walk; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**
- C. OC Jeep Week Parade – Friday, August 24, 2012 Presented by: Will Lynch and Larry Sackadorf, Commander Hotel, OC Jeep Week and Broken Wing Productions **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the 2012 OC Jeep Week Parade; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**
- D. OC Rally – Saturday, October 20, 2012 Presented by: Nancy Howard, Event Coordinator **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve 2012 OC License Plate Rally ; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**
- E. 3-Year Approval for Various Events – Adding 2014 Dates for:
 - Boardwalkin' for Pets – Saturday, April 26, 2014
 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 20, 2014
 - Good Friday Crosswalk – Friday, April 18, 2014
 - Knights of Columbus Procession – Sunday, May 4, 2014
 - MD International Kite Festival – April 25 – 27, 2014**Council Member Ashley moved to approve the 2014 dates; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Relocate an Alley Located Bayside Between 67th and 68th Streets Presented by: Peck Miller **Council Member Pillas moved to proceed with a public hearing; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. *Postponed* - First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14 Entitled Businesses and Chapter 90 Entitled Traffic and Vehicles (adds rules and regulations for small displacement vehicles such as mopeds, motor scooters and scoot coups)

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- B. *Postponed* - First Reading – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 110 Entitled Zoning (changes conditional use section to allow for rental of small displacement vehicles) Resolution Establishing Municipal Bus Fares To and From the West Ocean City Park and Ride (increase Park and Ride shuttle fare to \$3 ride all day or \$1 per boarding)
- C. Resolution #2012-5 Establishing Municipal Bus Fares To and From the West Ocean City Park and Ride (increase Park and Ride shuttle fare to \$3 ride all day or \$1 per boarding) **Council Member Ashley moved to ratify Resolution 2012-5; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan presented the following:

- A. Recommendations of Bid Awards for (1) Virtual Desktop Project the Wyse Xenith Zero Client hardware, VMWare and Citrix Zen Desktop Software -to **ePlus Technologies**, for the sum of \$55,566.51 (Staff Estimate: \$61,316.00) – **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.** (2) Beach Patrol ATV's to Pete's Cycle for \$5,181.00 each (Staff Estimate: \$15,600.00) **Council Member Pillas moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**; and Art League Building [*City Engineer recommended the bid award to Gillis Gilkerson \$702,184.00 but the vote was postponed until the full Council is present*].
- B. Approval of Taxi Medallion Transfer #167 from Jim Yambor to Fadoul Hachim Bergou in the amount of \$6,000.00. **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Herb Pawlukewicz suggested a carousel at Northside Park and ballroom dancing events in the north end of Town. Council President Jim Hall said he is meeting with the North End Business Alliance this week and make those suggestions.

Greg DeMarco requested that the Mayor and Council waive the signature requirement for the Charter Referendum putting the Collective Bargaining of General Employees to question on the 2012 Ballot. He also noted that Council Member Joe Hall's comments hurt the morale of the employees.

Ellie Diegelmann said the print quality of the agenda is very poor. She also suggested that criminal background checks be performed on taxi drivers.

John Adkins reminded the Council of the \$50,000.00 loss resulting from the Council's denial of hiring police officers. Secondly, he noted that 80% of payroll goes to upper management, not general employees. Council Member Brent Ashley said he resents the criticism.

Joe Groves reminded the Council that their words hurt the morale of the Town.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Margaret Pillas said (1) there is no voting block on this Council, (2) all changes made were to new employees only, (3) Council Member Hall's comments about "being done with them" was taken out of context, (4) the Mayor suggested that the Council consider reducing health benefits for current employees, and, (5) the City Manager's contract was suspended in 1996 but the Council gave Mr. Dare a full retirement. She assured all employees that she loves them and does not want to take anything away from them.

Council Member Brent Ashley thanked Worcester County Marketing Director Lisa Challenger for her help and support with horseback riding on the beach. Secondly, he suggested a "Waste Watch" program which involves training solid waste workers to be on watch for criminal activity. Also, he suggested that Police use golf carts to patrol the boardwalk.

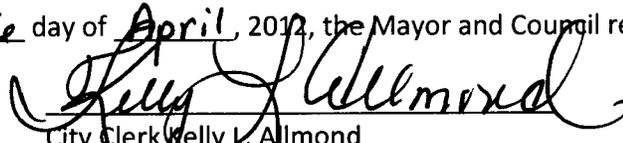
Mayor Meehan asked the Council to support his objection to Senate Bill 892 which changes the video lottery terminal requirements, and, House Bill 1265 which eliminates the prohibition on free food and alcoholic drinks in casinos.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ashley moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Knight and Martin absent.



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


City Clerk Kelly L. Allmond
Certified Municipal Clerk

2012 GRADUATES

Bachelor's Degree

Ocean City University

Andrea W. Albrecht
Walter A. Bozza
Gene Cofiel
Monica E. Cofiel
Ed Dudley
Beth Gladstone
Gary R. Masten
Richard Warren Nagle
Donna Reid
Philip Reid
Valerie J. Staley
Yvonne A. Trageser
Beverly Verner
Larry P. Verner
Diana Gabriela Walsh-Jones

Master's Degree

Ocean City University & Citizens Police Academy

Walter A. Bozza

Doctorate Degree

Ocean City University, Citizens Police Academy & CERT

Walter A. Bozza
Shalimara Anna Kufchak
Joyce Ann Taylor-Showell