

APRIL 16, 2012
Regular Session #8
Town of Ocean City, Maryland

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

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, Media Manager Donna Abbott, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Deputy Director Dick Malone, Public Works Deputy Director Jim Parsons, Finance Director Martha Bennett, 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 Brent Ashley moved to convene into closed session to 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 Joe Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Pastor Carolyn Frances of the Coastal Sanctuary of Berlin, Maryland led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

Mayor Meehan reported that the following items will be discussed in the May 1, 2012 Work Session:

1. Bid Opening –
 - RFP for Annual Airport Mowing
 - RFP for Arc Flash Hazard Analysis
 - RFP for Solid Waste Transport & Disposal
2. Proclamation Designating May 1 – 7 as Youth Week
3. Discussion of Light-Up-Downtown Winter Celebration Presented by: Brian McCarthy, Downtown Association and Glenn Irwin, OCDC

4. Maryland State Highway Administration – Spring Meeting Presented by: Donnie Drewer, District Engineer
5. Bid Award Recommendation for Airport Terminal Renovations Presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
6. Update from Recreation and Parks Presented by: Tom Shuster, Director and Kate Gaddis, Recreation Superintendent
7. Continued Discussion of Central Reservation System Presented by: Donna Abbott, Communications Manager/Interim Tourism Director and Mayor Richard Meehan, Interim City Manager
8. Contest for an Official Ocean City Song Presented by: Donna Abbott, Communications Manager/Interim Tourism Director
9. Request for Sole Source Purchase of Turnout Gear Presented by: Chief Chris Larmore
10. Fire Department Quarterly Report and Request to Utilize 13th St. & Bay for Fireboat Berth Presented by: Chief Chris Larmore
11. Bid Award Recommendation for 4th Street Property Demolition Presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer
12. Request Approval to Hold Reverse Auction for Electricity Supply Presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following were approved as presented:

- A. Regular Session #6 dated March 19, 2012
- B. Work Session dated March 27, 2012
- C. Regular Session #7 dated April 2, 2012

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor/Interim City Manager Rick Meehan presented the following:

- A. Proclamation Designating the Week of April 16, 2012 as Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Week
- B. Proclamation Designating April 26, 2012 as Diakonia Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow Day

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Seaside Christian Academy Bike-a-Thon – Friday, April 27, 2012, from Noon to 3:00 p.m., starting at 27th Street - presented by: Gwen Cordner, Seaside Christian Academy **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. MD State Firemen’s Association Annual Parade – 3-Year Approval: June 20, 2012; June 19, 2013; and June 18, 2014 - presented by: Roger Steger, Sr., OCVFC and MD State Firemen’s Association **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

- C. Marine Corps Pull-Up Challenge – June 1-3, 2012 - presented by: Sgt. Abrams, U.S. Marine Corps **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- D. M.O.O.D. Beach to the Bay Charity Drive – Saturday, September 8, 2012 - Fred Ludwig, Home of the Brave, Dover, DE **Council Member Joe Hall moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. OOctoberfest – October 19-21, 2012 and October 26-28, 2012 - presented by: Bob Rothermel, Special Event Productions/T.E.A.M. Productions **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- F. Summer of Thanks Events - OC Beach Lights, Fireworks and Big Flag – Various Dates - presented by: Bob Rothermel, Special Event Productions/T.E.A.M. Productions **Council Member Cymek moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- G. OC Half Marathon – 3 Year Approval – Adding April 26, 2014 **Council Member Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Invitation to the 26th Annual AARP Chapter 1917 Health Fair – Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - presented by: Chris Norris, President of the Local Chapter, Dr. Stephen Waters, Dawn Denton and Toni Keiser.
- B. Presentation of RezEZ Central Reservations System - presented by: Ann McGinnis Hillyer
Also present for comment was John Gehrig.
Council Secretary Martin moved to proceed with the concept with further discussion in an upcoming council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.
- C. **Discussion of Street Lighting on St. Louis Avenue**
City Engineer Terry McGean advised the Council that the cost to install decorative street lighting on St. Louis Avenue. He advised that the installation cost amounts to \$550,000 or \$27,900.00 per year over the next twenty years. The monthly electric costs are estimated at \$7,600 per year. Council President Hall advised that this matter will be considered during budget hearings.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. First Reading – Ordinance 2012-15 to Extend the Moratorium on Business Licenses for Certain Motorized Vehicles Which are Not State Registered (extends the moratorium on the issuance of business licenses associated with the rental or sale of vehicles such as scooters and scoot coupes)

Council Member Knight moved approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-15 to extend the moratorium through May 15, 2012; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Hall and Ashley opposed.

Council Member Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-15 as an emergency ordinance; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Hall and Ashley opposed. The Mayor concurred with the vote.

- B. First Reading – Ordinance 2012-16 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) **Council Member Knight moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-16 as amended to exempt existing businesses from the conditional use process if they are compliant with the current regulations; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Joe Hall and Ashley opposed.**
- C. First Reading – Ordinance 2012-17 to Amend Chapter 110 Entitled Zoning (changes conditional use section to allow for rental of small displacement vehicles). **Council Member Knight moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2012-17 with an amendment to include the Bayside Marine District; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Joe Hall and Ashley opposed.**

Council Member Joe Hall requested that Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston provide a list of potential non-complying businesses before second reading.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Upcoming RFP for (1) Golf Carts and (2) Arc Flash Hazard Analysis
Council Member Knight moved to proceed with the RFP process; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous. (2) Council Member Joe Hall moved to proceed with the RFP process; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Recommendation of Bid Award for Cardboard Recycling
Council Member Knight moved to contract with Allied Waste for \$160/ton subject to City Solicitor Ayres approval of the contract; seconded by Council Member Joe Hall. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Peter Gjikuria thanked the Mayor and Council for their work on regulating scooter businesses, and, expressed opposition to the EZ Reservation system.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Knight said that volunteers are still needed for the Komen Race.

Council Member Pillas suggested the display of building numbers on all beach front buildings so that people can reference their location in an emergency.

Council Member Ashley asked the Mayor to look in to holding an annual Irish Festival. Mayor Meehan suggested that the private sector consider this idea.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Secretary Martin moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. ; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.