

October 15, 2012
Regular Session #20
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 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, City Manager David Recor, Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, 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 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Father Stanislov Esposito of Holy Savior Catholic Church led the prayer, and Council Member Joe Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Recor advised that there is no work session next week; however, upcoming discussions are as follows:

1. Closed Session – Monday, November 5, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Legal and Personnel Mattersbid Bid Opening – Caroline Street Comfort Station and Stage
2. Quarterly Fire/EMS Report – presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore
3. Request to sole source purchase one paramedic unit – presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore
4. Update from Founders Entertainment
5. Request to Consider Amendments to Town Code Chapter 30 Entitled Environment,
6. Article V. Noise - presented by: Brett Wolf, Noise Control Board Chairmanactuarial
7. Request to Sole Source Purchase Actuarial Services for Risk Department Report - presented by: Eric Lagstrom, Risk Manager
8. Discussion of Baltimore Avenue Banner Installations - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director

9. Request Funding Allocation to Purchase a Boom Mower Tractor Attachment - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
10. Request Funding Allocation and Contract Award for District Court Roof Renovations - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
11. Request Local Match Funding for a Variable Message Sign - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
12. Request for 5-Year Extension of the Ayres Creek Kayak Launch Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and City Council and Maryland Coastal Bays - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
13. Request to Extend the Direct Media Transit Advertising Contract - presented by: Hal Adkins, Public Works Director
14. Request Approval of Taxi Medallion Transfers - presented by: Kelly Allmond, City Clerk
15. Request Approval of the 2013 Regular and Work Session Meeting Dates - presented by: David Recor, City Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session dated September 11, 2012
- B. Regular Session #18 dated September 17, 2012
- C. Work Session dated September 25, 2012
- D. Regular Session #19 dated October 1, 2012

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Proclamation Designating the Month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

Private Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell presented the following for approval:

- A. Dew Tour - Date Hold Application for June 20-23, 2013 **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Let's Walk on the Boards for St. Jude's Children's Hospital – 3-Year Approval: April 6, 2013; April 5, 2014; and April 4, 2015 **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. "Holiday Gifts for Our Soldiers" Campaign - presented by: Anna Foulz, Chair, Star Charities
- B. Approval of Candidates for November 6, 2012 Municipal Election - presented by: Kelly Allmond, City Clerk **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Ayres presented the following for approval:

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-29 to Amend Benefits Paid or Provided to Certain Municipal Employees (to change the health savings account contribution amount for employees participating in the high deductible health plan) **Council Member Ashley moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-29; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-30 to Authorize the Purchase of Real Property Known as 718 Kelly Road (to acquire real property for the expansion of a wastewater pumping station) **Council Member Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-30; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Recor presented the following for approval:

- A. Upcoming Bid Opening for Wastewater Clarigester Project and Caroline Street Station **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Bid Award Recommendation for Chemicals **Council Secretary Martin moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**
- C. Request Approval to Proceed with 2012 Beach Equipment Auction of North End Parcels **Council Member Mary Knight moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Martin. The vote was 4-3 with Council Members Pillas, Ashley and Joe Hall opposed.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

John Adkins spoke about early voting, and, he advised that he began work with a contractor of Delmarva Power who will be laying cable in Caine Woods.

Ellie Diegelmann said she is concerned about the noise during special events like Cruisers and Bike Week. She suggested stricter enforcement in residential areas.

Greg DeMarco said the general employees started pushing for collective bargaining when former City Manager Dare was dismissed.

Will Edmunds requested that the Council reconsider changing the Code to allow only 33% ownership of all beach parcels.

Andy Roland said he noticed that Public Works Employees are re-pounding nails into the newer boards on the boardwalk. Public Works Director Hal Adkins explained that the nails are popping up because of board shrinkage which is normal after installation.

Joe Bushnell asked Council Member Pillas to explain why she feels the Fraternal Order of Police are not considerate in their negotiations. Council Member Pillas said she does not agree with the fees incurred from negotiations.

James Moxely said the general employees want an advocate that is not under the Mayor and Council's control. He also said that the recent ads in the newspaper unfairly represent the proposed collective bargaining of general employees. He said the ads suggest that the union would raise taxes.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Margaret Pillas asked the City Manager for a report on the Eagles Landing Gold Card Policy. Also, she asked for clarification on the City Clerk's job description.

Council Member Doug Cymek advised that the AARP is hosting a candidate forum at the Ocean City Elks Lodge on October 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Meehan advised the forum that on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday October 17th, the State Highway Administration will be working on Route 90 lighting. Also, he advised that Scunny McClusker's family sent a letter of commendation regarding the Ocean City Paramedics role.

ADJOURNMENT

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