TOWN OF OCEAN CITY
301 N. BALTIMORE AVENUE
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 21842

NOVEMBER 27, 2012 ✖ WORK SESSION

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Tourism Director Donna Abbott, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shuster, Special Events Manager John Sullivan, City Clerk Kelly Allmond and Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Lloyd Martin called this meeting to order at 10:30 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 North Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to convene into closed session to: **(1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (2) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to negotiations or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion adversely impacts the Public Body's ability to negotiate; and, (3) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance of employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; any matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and (4) conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations; seconded by Council Member Dennis Dare. The vote was unanimous.**

1. Council President Lloyd Martin reopened the meeting at 1:20 PM and reported that legal, contractual, collective bargaining and personnel matters were discussed in closed session. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Tourism Director Donna Abbott, Human Resource Director Wayne Evans, Fire Chief Chris Larmore, and John Gillman of Miles & Stockbridge. Council President Martin advised that the vote to close the meeting was unanimous.

2. Update from Recreation and Parks - presented by: Tom Shuster, Director of Recreation and Parks and Kate Gaddis, Recreation Superintendent

   Director Shuster presented the 2013 Surfing Beach Schedule for approval. **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to postpone approval of the 2013 Surfing Beach Schedule and ask Mayor Meehan to assemble a committee of citizens and Beach Patrol representatives formulate a new rotation schedule; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

3. Update on Founders Entertainment Music Festival - presented by: Tom Russell, Founders Entertainment

   Mr. Russell proposed a three-day series of live country music on the beach from May 30, 2014 to June 1, 2014 from early afternoon to 11:00 PM of each day. The Council expressed concern that the noise generated from the overnight set-up will disturb neighboring property owners and hotel patrons. Mr. Russell said he is aware, and will make every attempt to minimize, construction noise. He said a production schedule will be issued well before the event.

   City Manager Recor pointed out that the Memorandum of Understanding will address all points of concern; including, notifying all property owners, setting up 75 feet east of the concrete boardwalk and, the production schedule.

   Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the date hold of May 30 – June 1, 2014 contingent upon the establishment and approval of aMemorandum of Understanding (MOU); seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

4. Request Approval of Taxi Medallion Transfers – presented by: Kelly Allmond, City Clerk

   a. **Council Secretary Knight moved to approve the transfer of medallion #135 from Fleet Operator Wayne White of City Cab of Ocean City, Inc. to Independent Operator Ahmad Khan (d/b/a A K Taxi); seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

   b. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to exercise the Council's Right of First Refusal and deny the transfer of medallion #156 from Independent Operator Ruben Ortega to Fleet Operator Grazyna Soboczynska of AA Beach/Ocean's Nite Taxi; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Pillas and Ashley opposed.** Council Secretary Mary Knight suggested that Council review the minimum transfer fee in a future work session.

5. Discussion of FY 2014 Tax Differential - presented by: David Recor, City Manager
   Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to send the Mayor's letter of intent to pursue the Tax Differential by Friday, December 7, 2012, and, instruct City Manager Recor to acquire an updated Tax Differential Study; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Margaret Pillas advised the forum that a meeting regarding property taxes with Worcester County Commissioners will be held this evening from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Stephen Decatur High School.

Council Member Doug Cymek reminded the forum of the upcoming Christmas Parade.

Council Member Mitrecic moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes prepared by: Kelly L. Allmond, City Clerk
Minutes approved by the MCC on 1.7.2013
Minutes certified by: Kelly L Allmond