

December 3, 2012



REGULAR SESSION #23

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

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDING

MAYOR RICHARD W. MEEHAN

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LLOYD MARTIN
COUNCIL SECRETARY MARY KNIGHT

MARGARET PILLAS
DOUGLAS CYMEK
BRENT ASHLEY
DENNIS DARE
JOSEPH MITRECIC^{Absent}

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lloyd Martin called this meeting to order at 5:30 PM 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, and, (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; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Joe Mitrecic absent.**

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Council President Lloyd Martin reopened the meeting at 6:06 PM and reported that legal and contractual matters were discussed. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Graylin Smith and Chris Lehman of SB&Co. and Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis. He reported that the motion to close was 6-0 with Council President Mitrecic absent.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

OC Beach Patrol Lieutenant Ward Kovacs led the prayer and Council Member Doug Cymek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager David Recor reported that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the December 11th Work Session:

1. Report on Closed Session – Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 11:30 a.m. – Legal, Real Estate and Personnel Matters
2. Retirement Recognition for Deputy Fire Marshal Jack Hastings
3. Request Approval for Final Design & Construction Documents for Fire Station 4 - presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer
4. Request Permission to Solicit Proposals for Design of Fire Headquarters Renovations and Additions - presented by: Terence McGean, City Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes was postponed.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan and OC Police Chief Bernadette DiPino honored retiring Sergeant Regina Custer for her 30 years of service in the Ocean City Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report on ococean.com Projects – presented by Andy Malis, President of MGH Advertising (see Attachment A)
- B. Report from Independent Auditor – presented by Graylin Smith, SB & Company, LLC (Report included in Attachment B)
- C. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – presented by Finance Director Martha Bennett (see Attachment B)

ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATION FROM, THE CITY SOLICITOR

City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented the following items for approval:

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-31 to Establish Parking Rates (modifies the language of Ordinance 2012-05 by eliminating specific numerical dates of enforcement). **Council Secretary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-31; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mitrecic absent.**
 - B. First Reading – Ordinance 2012-32 to amend Chapter 30, entitled Environment, Article V. Noise (to increase the municipal infraction fine to \$1,000.00; to require a Noise Board hearing after two or more incidences and to consider it a municipal infraction if the property owner does not appear for the hearing, punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00.) **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2012-32; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mitrecic absent.**
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ITEMS REFERRED TO, AND PRESENTATIONS FROM, CITY MANAGER RECOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance Director Martha Bennett requested approval to purchase medical supplies award to the vendors presented on Attachment C. **Council Member Ashley moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote 6-0 with Council Member Joe Mitrecic absent.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Alvin Wendling commented on parking, handicap regulations, funding for the senior center and bars serving intoxicated patrons

Herb Pawlukewicz commented on establishing a handicap line on Election Day, an iron fence on the Route 50 Bridge, no right turn on red and paid parking on the ocean block.

Tony Christ spoke about his self-generated balance sheet for the Town.

Vince Gisriel spoke about Delmarva Power's Public Hearing.

John Adkins suggested that the Town hire the Police Chief from within, and, merging the City ballot with the County ballot.

Ellie Diegelmann spoke about a central reservation system, Andy Malis' presentation, the tennis center, and taxi medallions.

Ruben Ortega asked the Council to reconsider their November 19th decision to retain taxi medallion #156 and approve the transfer to Grazyna Soboczynska for \$3,000.00. Council Member Doug Cymek pointed out that the transfer amount should reflect the full consideration which, as City Solicitor Ayres advised, should include the scrap-value of the vehicle. **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to ask Mr. Ortega to resubmit the application for the full consideration of the transfer; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Margaret Pillas and Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Joe Mitrecic absent.** Grazyna Soboczynska of AA Beach/Nite Club taxi said the taxi business is getting expensive.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Recor advised the Council a Strategic Planning Meeting will be held tomorrow, December 4, 2012 with the Department Heads in attendance.

Secondly, he asked for more Council Members to commit to attending the FEMA Institute February 4-7, 2013 in order to get federal funding.

Lastly, he introduced the new Planning and Community Development Director Matt Margotta to the Mayor and Council.

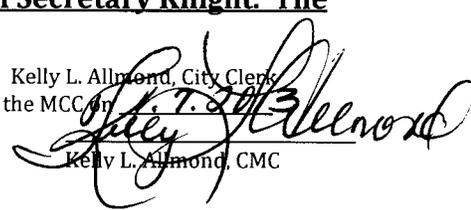
COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan advised on December 6, 2012 he will be out of Town on a media tour.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to adjourn; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Mitrecic absent.

Minutes prepared by: Kelly L. Almond, City Clerk
Minutes approved by the MCC on: 12.7.2012
Minutes certified by:


Kelly L. Almond, CMC