

DECEMBER 17, 2012



REGULAR SESSION #24

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

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDING

MAYOR RICHARD W. MEEHAN Absent

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LLOYD MARTIN
COUNCIL SECRETARY MARY KNIGHT

MARGARET PILLAS
DOUGLAS CYMEK
BRENT ASHLEY Absent
DENNIS DARE
JOSEPH MITRECIC

ATTENDANCE

Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Tourism Director Donna Abbott, Convention Center Director Larry Noccolino, Finance Director Martha Bennett, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lloyd Martin called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 North Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

Council President Lloyd Martin advised the forum that the Conditional Use Request is postponed.

PRAYER & PLEDGE

Reverend Norman Poultney led the prayer and Council Member Dennis Dare led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER ON UPCOMING WORK SESSION

City Manager Recor reported that no work sessions are scheduled for the rest of December 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Mitrecic moved to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Brent Ashley absent.

- A. Regular Session #21 dated November 5, 2012
- B. Organizational Meeting of November 8, 2012
- C. Work Session dated November 13, 2012

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Mitrecic recognized retiring Police Chief Bernadette DiPino's 25 years of service.

PRIVATE EVENT PERMIT REQUESTS

St. George's Blessing of the Waters – Saturday, January 12, 2013 - presented by: Lisa Mitchell, Private Event Coordinator and Michael Vasilikos, St. George Greek Orthodox Church. **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Brent Ashley absent.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of FY13 Consumer Travel Show Options and Alternatives - presented by: Donna Abbott, Tourism Director

Tourism Director Donna Abbott made a recommendation to utilize “Rodney the Lifeguard” to market and promote Ocean City at two consumer travel shows in Washington and Philadelphia and replace the two other consumer travel shows with staff representation at two of the 13 golf shows planned by Golf Getaway in 2013 (three of which are targeting Canada); then, revisit “The Ocean City Experience” following a comprehensive marketing study/plan for the Town of Ocean City.

Brad Hoffman of Spark Productions asserted that, March 2012, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved the concept of, and budgeted \$85,000.00 for, the Ocean City Experience booth. He said he planned to implement the OC Experience in four 2013 tradeshow, and, do several in-town shows at no cost.

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to request that Brad Hoffman of Spark Productions meet with City Manager Recor and Tourism Director Abbott to discuss the actual costs of the “OC Experience,” then report back to the Mayor and Council in the next council meeting on January 7, 2013; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Brent Ashley absent.

- B. Update on Convention Center Auditorium Design – presented by Convention Center Director Larry Noccolino accompanied by Ron Morgan of Becker & Morgan, Mark LaPointe of GWWO Architects and Peck Miller of the Ocean City Cultural Arts Advisory Board

Ron Morgan of Becker & Morgan introduced Mark Lapointe of GWWO Architects who gave a visual presentation of the design of the Convention Center Performing Arts Center. Peck Miller of the Ocean City Cultural Arts Advisory Board said he is very impressed with the design and cooperative spirit of this project.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-31 amending Chapter 30, entitled Environment, Article V. Noise (to increase the municipal infraction fine to \$1,000; 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). **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Ordinance 2012-31; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Brent Ashley absent.** City Manager Recor recommended the Council revisit

the ordinance that requires residential agencies to establish residency within the corporate limits. Council President Lloyd Martin advised that this matter will be considered in an upcoming meeting.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. Request Permission to Extend Financial Advisor Contract and,
- B. Request Permission to Solicit Proposals for Bond Counsel - presented by: Martha Bennett, Finance Administrator

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the 3-year contract extension with Davenport & Company, LLC as the Town's Financial Advisor, and, to solicit proposals for Bond Council; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote 6-0 with Council Member Brent Ashley absent.

- C. Discussion on Transfer of Taxi Medallion #156 - presented by: Kelly Allmond, City Clerk
Council Secretary Knight moved to approve the resubmission of Ruben Ortega's transfer of Medallion #156 to Grazyna Soboczynska of AA Beach/Nite Club Taxi for the amount of \$3,750.00; seconded by Council Member Margaret Pillas. The vote was 4-1 with Council Member Cymek opposed, Council Member Mitrecic abstained, and Council Member Ashley absent.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT

Alvin Wendling requested that the Town provide financial assistance to the Worcester County Senior Center Meal plan. Council Member Doug Cymek personally pledged \$250.00 toward daily lunches. Secondly, Mr. Wendling announced his candidacy as Mayor in the 2014 Municipal Election.

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

Vince Gisriel spoke about the Public Hearing for Delmarva Power's Conditional Use Request. He asked the Council to deny Delmarva Power's request because he found that the advertisement requirements were not met. City Solicitor Ayres advised the Council not to consider Mr. Gisriel's testimony as it is out of order.

John Adkins said the Town should participate in national RV shows; also, he reminded the Council to consider merging the municipal ballot with Worcester County's.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Mitrecic recognized the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy in Newton, Vermont.

Council Secretary Mary Knight reminded the forum of the Mayor's Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on New Year's Day at City Hall, and, the fireworks on New Year's Eve at Northside Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Kelly Allmond
Approved
by MCE on
1.7.2013*