

March 4, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #4

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 ^{ABSENT}
DOUGLAS CYMEK
BRENT ASHLEY
DENNIS DARE
JOSEPH MITRECIC

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Planning and Community Development Director Matt Margotta, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Margaret Pillas was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lloyd Martin called this meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 North Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842; then, **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to convene into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, and, 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; seconded by Council Secretary Knight The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Mitrecic and Pillas absent.**

Council President Lloyd Martin re-opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Joe Groves led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 – 5:45 P.M.

Council President Lloyd Martin reported that legal and personnel matters were discussed in closed session. Persons present were: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Manager David Recor, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kelly Allmond and Board of Zoning & Appeals Nominee Marcia Rigsby. He advised that the vote to end the closed session was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.

Council Member Mitrecic moved to appoint Marcia Rigsby to the Board of Zoning and Appeals; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.

Mayor Meehan issued, and Marcia Rigsby swore to, the Oath of Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session dated February 12, 2013
- B. Regular Session #3 dated February 19, 2013

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Appointment of Council Committees and Commissions - presented by Mayor Meehan (see Attachment A).
[Note: *Council Member Dennis Dare was appointed as an alternate on the Coastal Bays Resource Committee (Public Works Director Hal Adkins serves as primary).*]

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Tony Christ asked for the present value of all present and future obligations. Council President Lloyd Martin remanded this question to City Manager Recor and staff.
- Al Wendling asserted that there are too many bars in Ocean City.
- Joe Groves said he is glad that the Council revived the commissions and committees.
- John Adkins thanked the Council for adding the opportunity for Citizen Comment to Work Sessions. Next, he asserted that municipal elections should be merged with State and Federal Elections. Lastly, he pointed out that the transportation budget is subsidized by the General Fund.
- Ellie Diegelmann berated the Council for limiting citizen comments to 3 minutes. She asked that all future agendas be posted in pdf format. She also pointed out that the Council Meetings are starting 10 minutes earlier than the posted time.
- Joe Cryer said the Council's service to the Community is to be commended.
- Herb Pawlukewicz asked the Council why Comcast now charges for digital converters. Council President Lloyd Martin said he will look into the matter. He also pointed out that residents should not have to pay for solid waste services to businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA

Request from Caine Woods Community Association to Serve Beer and Wine at Association Events **Council Secretary Knight moved to approve the request for the April 13, 2013 event at Fiesta Park, June 22, 2013 Community Picnic, August 6, 2013 'National Night Out' event, and, the August 24, 2013 Fall Community Picnic; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

MISCELLENEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request from William Rothermel to Approve Concept for Eagle Scout Service Project (see Attachment B) **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve the project with the Council's final approval on the "Marker"; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY2014 Annual Transportation Grant (see Attachment C). **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.** City Manager Dare asked Mayor Meehan to file an appeal to the State of Maryland to change Ocean City's designation as a Rural [Transit] Provider to Urban [Transit] Provider.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2013-2 to amend Chapter 39 Entitled Franchises (to prohibit vending in any area south of 27th Street and east of Baltimore Avenue) **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Ordinance 2013-2; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - B. First Reading – Ordinance [2012-3] to adopt FY13 budget amendment #1 **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-3; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - C. First Reading – Ordinance [2013-4] to amend chapter 110, entitled zoning (to permit miniature golf as a conditional use in the downtown mixed use zoning district) **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-4; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - D. First Reading – Ordinance [2013-5] to Amend Chapter 110, Entitled Zoning (to clarify the calculation of required parking for Mixed Use development) **Council Secretary Knight moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2013-5; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.** City Solicitor Ayres pointed out a typographical error on the first paragraph, referring to the amended subsection, which should read “[*Subsection*] 10-933(3)”.
 - E. Resolution [2013-02] authorizing the sale of surplus personal property (four (4) trolley style buses) **Council Secretary Knight moved to ratify Resolution 2013-02; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - F. Resolution [2013-03] authorizing the city manager to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration for grants **Council Secretary Knight moved to ratify Resolution 2013-03; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - G. Resolution [2013-04] authorizing the sale of food, beverages and merchandise for Air Show **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Ordinance 2013-04; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
 - H. Approval of Ocean City Police Department General Order 400 D-2, Dealing with Individuals with Disabilities and ADA Requirements **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to approve General Order 400 D-2; seconded by Council Member Doug Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.** [Note: The Mayor concurred with the vote upon signature of General Order 400 D-2.]
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COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Recor reported that after the Tuesday, March 12, 2013 closed session at 12:00 p.m., the following items are tentatively scheduled for discussion:

1. Pedestrian Safety Awareness Campaign proposal presented by Karen Waggoner, Lower Shore Regional Traffic Safety Program Manager for Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
2. Ocean City Development Corporation Annual Report presented by Executive Director Glenn Irwin and President Bob Givarz
3. Quarterly Recreation and Parks Report presented by the Recreation and Parks Director
4. Emergency Management Institute training report presented by Emergency Services Director
5. Quarterly Fire/EMS Report presented by Fire Chief
6. City Clerk request to approve changes to Policy and Procedure Manual Item 600-11, "Banner Policy"

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Mitrecic thanked Ocean City Paramedics for their professional response to his medical emergency, and, thanked the Community for their well-wishes.

Council Member Brent Ashley expressed concern that he was not informed of the Cheerleader's issue with the Performing Arts Center. City Manager Recor explained that City Staff and Epic Productions resolved the matter in a conference call earlier in the week.

Mayor Rick Meehan said the grand opening of the new Art League Building was attended by 500-600 patrons.

ADJOURN

Council Secretary Knight moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Kelly L. Allmond, CMC

Minutes approved by the Mayor and Council on: _____

Certified by: _____

City Clerk, Kelly L. Allmond, CMC

Mayor and City Council Legislative Committees and Commissions
Presented by Mayor Rick Meehan

At the Council Meeting of January 29, 2013, the Council voted to reinstate the Mayor and City Council Legislative Committees and Commissions listed below.

At that meeting, the Council President asked that all council members let me know what committees and or commissions they maybe interested in serving on. On 2/9/2013, I sent an email to all Council Members asking them to email to me their requests if they had not already done so. On Monday February 18, 2013, I sent individual emails to both Council Members Pillas and Ashley who had not yet replied. On Tuesday February 26, 2013, I spoke personally with both Council Member Pillas and Council Member Ashley and both stated they were not interested in serving on the council committees and commissions as proposed.

Based on this information and confirmation by the Council, I appoint the following members to the Mayor and Council Legislative Commissions and Committees:

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Rick Meehan
Doug Cymek
Lloyd Martin
Dennis Dare

TOURISM COMMISSION

Mayor Rick Meehan
Mary Knight
Dennis Dare
Joe Mitrecic

NOSIE BOARD LIASON

Doug Cymek
Alternate: Lloyd Martin

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mayor Rick Meehan
Council President Martin

BEACH MEDIATION

Joe Mitrecic
Alternate: Mary Knight

RISK RETENTION COMMITTEE

Doug Cymek
Alternate: Dennis Dare

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL

Mayor Rick Meehan
Joe Mitrecic

HUMANE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Rick Meehan
Mary Knight
Dennis Dare

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Mary Knight

COASTAL RESOURCES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Mary Knight

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Dennis Dare
Lloyd Martin
Joe Mitrecic

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS
FOUNDATION BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Dennis Dare (Alternate)
[Hal Adkins - Primary]

The Tourism Commission will also include:

- 1 representative from the Hotel Motel Restaurant Association
- 1 representative from the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce
- 1 representative from the Economic Development Committee
- 1 representative from the Ocean City Development Corporation
- The Chairman of the State Tourism Commission – non voting member

Meetings will also include:

- The City Manager
- The Director of Tourism
- The Director of the Convention Center
- Representative from Ocean City Special Events
- Executive Director of HMRA
- Executive Director of The Chamber of Commerce

The Police Commission meetings will also include:

- The City Manager
- The Chief of Police

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings will also include:

- The City Manager
- The Director of Parks and Recreation

A Council Chairperson will be chosen for each committee.

Agendas for these meetings will be prepared by the Commission or Committee Chairperson and the Department Head.

Minutes of these meetings will be taken and placed on the agenda at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council and reported by the Chairperson.

Meetings will be open to the public and the press. Closed session guidelines will be followed.

Surfing Committee: Presented by Mayor Rick Meehan

Shelly Dawson – Surfriders

Chris Shanahan – K Coast Surf Shop

Chris Tilghman - Resident

Lee Gerachis – Malibu’s Surf Shop

Joe Groves – Plaza Condominium/ DCMA

Jon Tremellen – Princess Royal Hotel

Mick Chester

Rick Pairo

Greg Shockley – Shoreman Hotel

Butch Arbin – Captain Beach Patrol

Ward Kovacs – Beach Patrol

Tom Shuster – Director Parks and Recreation

David Recor – City Manager

Members of The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

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**WILLIAM B. ROTHERMEL
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OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 21842**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
SUBJECT: Eagle Scout Project
DATE: February 25, 2013

I AM A MEMBER OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 261 AND HAVE ACHIEVED THE RANK OF LIFE SCOUT. I AM NOW ELIGIBLE TO WORK TOWARDS THE RANK OF EAGLE. ONE OF THE PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF ACHIEVING EAGLE IS TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT THAT ENHANCES THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF OCEAN CITY, I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PLACEMENT OF HISTORICAL MARKERS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. HOWEVER, BEFORE I OBTAIN PROJECT APPROVAL BY THE BOY SCOUT'S DISTRICT EAGLE REPRESENTATIVE, I MUST OBTAIN AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE "OWNER" OF THE AREA THAT WILL BE IMPROVED BY THE PROJECT.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE INFORMATIONAL SIGNS OR MARKERS OVERLOOKING THE INLET WHICH SPEAK MORE TO NATURE. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT AT LEAST TWO AREAS IN DOWNTOWN OCEAN CITY AND I AM OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHERS. ONE LOCATION IS WHERE THE TRAIN CAME INTO TOWN AND THE OTHER IS THE SITE WHERE THE TRAIN DEPOT WAS LOCATED. I BELIEVE THESE MARKERS WILL ENHANCE THE WALK ABILITY AND AESTHETICS OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

THEREFORE I AM REQUESTING APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT. I HAVE RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE OCEAN CITY MUSEUM SOCIETY, THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AND THE OCEAN CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

ONCE ALL THE APPROVALS ARE IN PLACE, I WILL WORK WITH THE MUSEUM, THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, AND THE OCDC TO DEVELOP THE CONTENT AND DESIGN OF THE MARKER. I WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE THE RAISING OF THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION. ONCE A DESIGN HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED I WILL COME BACK BEFORE YOU WITH AN UPDATE ON THE ACTUAL DESIGN AS WELL AS ACTUAL LOCATIONS. AT THAT POINT I WOULD BE LOOKING FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED.

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY14 ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Start: [6:45 p.m.]

Council President Lloyd Martin: Next on the agenda is the public hearing for FY2014 annual transportation grant presented by Hal Adkins and George Thorne. George, welcome.

Transportation Superintendent George Thornes: Good evening everyone.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins: Good evening. As indicated this is a once a year public hearing for the public, relative to the transportation budget for FY14. There is a sign-in sheet behind me. When we are done, if you wish to speak, please make sure you leave your name and address, when you leave the podium with the City Clerk.

Different this year than in past, you will notice that I do not have an assistant with me for the hearing impaired. In accordance with the MTA regulations, the advertisement that was run relative to this evening indicated that if such assistance was necessary please call in advance or reach out to us in advance. We received no requests so I will be rolling this evening without an assistant.

The presentation is broken down into two separate components: one deals with the operating budget; the second component will deal with capital requests. The annual operating budget for FY14 is projected as indicated is Five Million Five Hundred Forty Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Three Dollars (\$5,546,343). The overall operating budget is supported by a number of revenue sources, as indicated, and I'm going to go right on through them. Fair box revenue Two Million, Four Forty Three Thousand, Six Eighteen (\$2,443,618), advertising revenue relative to the bus wraps both exterior/interior and the roofs on the trams is Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000) is projected in the coming year. The Senior Bus Passes which are sold, if I recall, on a 2-year interval for \$7.00, was Eight Thousand, Six Thirty Eight Dollars (\$8,638). We have discount coupon books which generate a Hundred Seventy Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$172,708); those are the coupon books for \$15 you get 20 tickets.

The service charges for Greyhound, many people may not realize we work with Greyhound at the West Ocean City Park-n-Ride facility where we operate as their ticketing agency - that brings in Twenty One Thousand

Eight Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$21,808). Then of course the service charges that are received for what is known as MEDTRN in the amount of Thirteen Thousand and Fifteen Dollars (\$13,015).

In addition to that, we are supported by some operating grants. As indicated, we get a Federal grant for Six Hundred Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars (\$604,657), a State grant for Thirty One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$31,125); and what is known as ADA grant of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000). I'd like to pause there for just for one second. For the council's benefit and the citizens' benefit, to let you know, relative to the operating grants the combined amount of the Six Hundred and Eighty Four Thousand, and Thirty One Thousand from the State has been a static number for the last eight years, and the funding for our ADA grant at One Hundred and Ten Thousand has been a static number for the last 13 years.

Next slide please. The General Fund contribution as one the citizen spoke of at the beginning of the meeting, results in One Million, Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,850,774). This year's budget as presented for FY14 in comparison with FY13 is a reduction of roughly Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000).

One of the indicators when studying the performance of transit system is what is known as the Fair Box Recovery Ratio. The Fair Box Recovery Ratio is a comparison of your revenue stream versus your operating costs for a specific fixed route. I wanted to comment to the Council and the citizens that when you look at the State Of Maryland as a whole and you look at the systems relative to sheer ridership, we come in Fourth. The MTA in Baltimore has the highest ridership followed by Montgomery County followed by PG [County], followed by Ocean City. When you look at Fair Box Recovery Ratios from a performance stance and standards that we are required to comply with, with the State, it is considered to be successful if you have a Fair Box Recovery Ratio that exceeds Twenty Five Percent (25%). The MTA - Baltimore has a Fair Box Recovery Ratio of Thirty Six Percent (36%). Montgomery County has a Fair Box Recovery Ratio of Twenty Percent (20%). PG County has a Fair Box Recovery Ratio of Ten Percent (10%). Ocean City has fair box ratio of Forth Five Point Seven-Seven Percent (45.77%) - to show you where we compare to these other agencies, regardless of where our General fund subsidy is at One-point-Eight-Five Million Dollars (\$1.85 Million).

Next slide please. Capital. Each year, we put a list of items together and will request to the State for consideration as indicated that is this year's list. We are requesting Twenty-nine (29) buses. The reality is noted below in parentheses that we have been told in advance that we will most likely receive six (6). The manner in which we go about determining which buses needs replacement deals with Federal criteria for what is known as Useful Life Criteria. Giving you an example, a typical forty-foot bus - the Useful Life Criteria by definition is twelve (12) years in age or in excess of Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) miles. When reviewing our fleet of Sixty-two (62) pieces, we currently have Twenty-nine (29) that have met or exceeded the Useful Life Criteria. As indicated we envision we will be receiving six (6). If I do some quick math, I think that comes to roughly Four Hundred and Fifty Four Thousand dollars (\$454,000) per bus.

Going down the list further, renovations at the North End Transit Center - my, I feel like I just built that yesterday, but in reality it was built 2006. Preventative maintenance on our rolling stock is Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000), renovations to The Park & Ride Transit Center - again, I feel like I built it yesterday, that was in 2001 if I recall. Preventative maintenance contract for the money room, preventative maintenance contract on the overhead doors to the bus barn - that bus barn was built in 1983 and opened in 1984, and then purchases of passenger shelter parts. Grand total from the left column is Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Dollars (\$13,899,000) which would normally be a 90/10 split but if I recall, there's another round of data that should pop up here in a second based on anticipated funding - Three Million, Four Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$3,449,000) and 90/10 split, our local match would be Three Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$344,900) which, in fact, is factored in to the overall FY14 budget - it is to be submitted as a reduction of roughly Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000) from the last year. That concludes the presentation. Are there any questions from the Council or the citizens? Yes Sir?

Council President Lloyd Martin: Come up to the mic please. This is public hearing so everybody can hear what you're saying.

Citizen Tony Christ: [inaudible] ... how it's stacked up as a deficit as a percentage of budget gave, in other words, 1.8 of the roughly Five something. I comparing us [inaudible]the operating deficit as a percent overall.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins: If you could bear with me for one second, real quickly, and I'll be glad to share this with the mayor and council ... [inaudible].

Citizen Tony Christ: [inaudible] I just thought[inaudible]

Public Works Director Hal Adkins: Ellie Diegelmann, 106 120th Street, Ocean City, Maryland. It says the Town contribution is \$77,223 less this year than last year?

Public Works Director Hal Adkins: Right.

Citizen Ellie Diegelmann: Okay. I don't what the figure was for last year but what I do have is that the figure was I think, One-point-Seven-Five million for FY12, I don't know if that's right. And I got that from last week's city Council agenda work session agenda page 99, so I hope I read that right. I was just trying to find out what the FY13 figure was for last year. This year's is "eighteen fifty seven seventy four".

Public Works Director Hal Adkins: The best way to answer you, if you look at the overall operating budget all revenues is, what I'm trying to tell the council and the citizens is that the overall budget we have submitted, is Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000) and change less than the previous year. If you want to focus in on the General Fund contribution that is on one of these slides which was noted as One Million Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,850,774). The general fund contribution for FY14, is in comparison to FY13, which was One Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars (\$1,927,997).

Citizen Ellie Diegelmann: [inaudible] I guess what my concern is is how it's going to affect our pockets, notwithstanding all of the rest of the factors that are involved here. I'm just concerned that we can't afford it because all these other expenses that we have that are being bonded out and all that kind of stuff. Were just going further and further in debt and it's not that we don't need the buses and what not I realize we need them but we just can't go on borrowing and bonding and everything and living outside of our means and living outside of our children's and grandchildren and great-grandchildren means. That's my concern.

Council President Lloyd Martin: Yes sir?

Joseph Cryer, 709 Gulfstream Drive, Ocean City, Maryland. Just from my observation, I think transportation is a loss we have to pay for. I don't know how we are going to pay for it, but to make affordable transportation for people on the highway, I don't see where we can run a profit. So just my initial swag at it is that we're going to lose money, but how much are we going to lose and how is it going to benefit the community. So that's my thought on transportation. I don't, I'd love to beat him up and say, 'you're making too much money and yadi yada yada' but it is just not the case. We're losing money on it and we have to pay the bill.

Council President Lloyd Martin: One more.

John Adkins 8802 Carribbean Drive: I've got two suggestions. One, having rode the bus a lot, if we could put something inside the bus on a sign that shows how much actually comes out of the General Fund, and what it cost us to operate the system. If we could put a small signs, if passengers and people could read to know, that we pay almost 2 million dollars to operate this system out of our General Fund at the local tax

payers subsidize. I think would be something that maybe the people would try to understand what it cost to operate that system. Even know they're only paying three dollars or a dollar.

The next suggestion comes to Hal. We have a Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) in the maintenance budget which I'm sure is reasonable for the fleet that we operate. One suggestion I have is looking at installing synthetic oil in the buses and using bypass oil filters which will take it down to about 3 microns and that's 3 millionths of an inch, you can't, it's thinner than a human hair. But I've used this system on my truck and I know it works I know it works on commercial trucks where they change oil every Fifty to Sixty Thousand Miles (50,000-60,000) miles and I'm sure that we do it a lot sooner than that; but it's something that I would like for the City staff and for the council to consider synthetic oil is about Five-to-Six Dollars (\$5.00 to \$6.00) Dollars a quart compared to a dollar (\$1.00) and a half (\$1.50) for regular oil. But I've been using synthetic oil which doesn't have carbon in it, doesn't burn – been using it since 1979. Long time and the engines will not wear out as soon.

Mayor Rick Meehan: Is that on the same truck? [laughter]

Citizen John Adkins: Nope. Two or three trucks. Thank you.

Council President Lloyd Martin: Anyone else?

Citizen Tony Christ: I asked the question a few moments ago and I want to put the buses in that context because I really, you're going to make me feel easier if you start to view things in this context. It's not only the million eight, and what I got from what Hal said. It's the replacement cost per year which is over Five Hundred (500,000) miles what the proration of - that is every year. It's all of the expense to keep it in existence so the million eight may actually be four or five million a year. Then the question, not only becomes how do we get the million eight, I mean there's a limit to these things and that's a correct way you have to look at your expenses. You can't look at them as a dead number of a million eight and that's why I'm trying and wanting to help with it too, but you need to know what the expense are. Thank you

Council President Lloyd Martin: Anyone else want to speak at the public hearing? If not. Council Member Cymek?

Council Member Doug Cymek Mr. President I make a motion that we close the public hearing.

Council President Lloyd Martin: Council President Mitrecic?

Council Member Joe Mitrecic: Second.

Council President Lloyd Martin: I have a motion by Council Member Cymek and a second by Council Member Mitrecic to close the public hearing. All those in favor? There is 6 in favor with Council Member Pillas absent.

[End: 7:01 p.m.]