

# Budget Hearings - Fiscal Year 14

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

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## 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**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 BUDGET HEARINGS

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, Margaret Pillas and Joe Mitrecic, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland to hear the following budget presentations:

- A. **Water Department** - presented by Public Works Water Superintendent Bud Iman (Attachment A)
- B. **Wastewater Department** - presented by Public Works Wastewater Superintendent Charlie Felin (Attachment B)
- C. **Eagles Landing Golf Course** - presented by Eagles Landing Golf Professional Bob Croll (Attachment C)
- D. **Convention Center and Museum** - presented by Convention Center Director Larry Noccolino (Attachment D)
- E. **Purchasing and Vehicles** - presented by Purchasing Director Joe Sobczak (Attachment E)
- F. **Transportation** - presented by Transportation Superintendent George Thornes (Attachment F)
- G. **Airport** - presented by Airport Superintendent Jaime Giandomenico (Attachment G)
- H. **Information Technology** - presented by City Engineer Terry McGean (Attachment H)
- I. **Risk Management** - presented by Risk Management Director Eric Lagstrom (Attachment I)

No action was taken by Council on this day. **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 3:39 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013 BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUED

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare, Margaret Pillas and Joe Mitrecic, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland to hear the following budget presentations:

- A. **Engineering** - presented by City Engineer Terry McGean (Attachment J)

- B. **Planning & Zoning** - presented by Planning and Community Development Director Matt Margotta (Attachment K)
- C. **Construction Inspection** - presented by City Engineer Terry McGean (Attachment L)
- D. **Tourism Department Budget** - presented by Tourism Director Donna Abbott (Attachment M)  
**Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to reduce the FY14 Advertising Budget by \$300,000.00 to offset the costs of the Air Show, Dew Tour and BikeFest; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. **Recreation & Parks** - presented by Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shuster (Attachment N)  
**Council Member Brent Ashley moved to accept the fee schedule as presented; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 6-0 with Council Secretary Mary Knight out of the room.**
- F. **Emergency Services** - presented by Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald (Attachment O)

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUED**

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Margaret Pillas was absent.

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland to hear the following budget presentations

- A. **Career and Volunteer Fire Department** - presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore and Deputy Cliff Christello (Attachment P)
- B. **Emergency Medical Services** - presented by Emergency Medical Services Director Chuck Barton and Fire Chief Chris Larmore
- C. **Fire Marshal** - presented by Fire Chief Chris Larmore
- D. **Police Department** - presented by Captain/Temporary Police Chief Michael Colbert (Attachment Q)  
**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to support a letter from Mayor Meehan to the Worcester County Commissioners requesting grant funding for the annual drug and alcohol awareness programs; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
- E. **Legal and Mayor's Office** - presented by Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp
- F. **Human Resources** - presented by Human Resources Director Wayne Evans (Attachment R1)
- G. **City Clerk** - presented by City Clerk Kelly Allmond (Attachment R)  
**Council Member Dennis Dare moved to support a letter from Mayor Meehan to the Worcester County Commissioners regarding the Council's intent to merge the Municipal Elections with the State and Federal Elections; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.** Also, the Mayor and Council requested a discussion of this change in an upcoming work session.
- H. **Finance** - presented by Finance Director Martha Bennett (Attachment S)  
**Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to proceed with legislation increasing Ambulance Billing rates; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 3:29 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 BUDGET HEARINGS CONTINUED**

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Margaret Pillas was absent.

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland to hear the following budget presentations (Attachment T):

- A. **Public Works Administration** - presented by Public Works Director Hal Adkins
  - B. **Public Works Construction** - presented by Construction Superintendent Dean Dashiell
  - C. **Public Works Maintenance** - presented by Public Works Deputy Director John VanFossen
  - D. **Solid Waste** - presented by Solid Waste Superintendent Steve Brown
- Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to proceed with legislation to increase bulk pick-up rates as follows: \$20.00 for one item, and \$30.00 for up to three items; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 2:22 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.**

### **APRIL 19, 2013 BUDGET WRAP-UP**

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In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shuster, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Margaret Pillas was absent.

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland to review the FY14 Budget.

City Engineer Terry McGean gave a presentation on potential parking revenue in certain streets and parking lots within municipality (Attachment U).

- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to proceed with legislation to increase the in-season inlet parking rates to \$3.00 per hour on Saturdays and Sundays only; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**
- **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to proceed with legislation to implement paid parking on the west side of Philadelphia Avenue between North Division and S. First Street; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.**
- **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to proceed with legislation to implement paid parking on: (1) the 49th Street Ocean Block, (2) 131st Street from Coastal Highway to Sinepuxent Avenue, and, (3) the 146th Street Ocean Block; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.**

City Engineer McGean gave a presentation on proposed stormwater utility fees (Attachment V)

- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to continue the storm water utility fee discussion in an upcoming work session; seconded by Council Member Dare. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Public Works Director Hal Adkins and Transportation Superintendent George Thornes and Assistant Transportation Superintendent Brian Connor reviewed the operational budget of transit system (Attachment W)

- **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to eliminate the third bus shift and provide service from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, between November 1st and April 1st, with exception to special events and holidays; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.**

Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp reviewed the annual special appropriations:

- **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to establish a special appropriation for the Delmarva Cat Connection and Town Cats contingent upon an MOU; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Joe Mitrecic opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.**
- **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to appropriate \$40,000 to Diakonia contingent upon Worcester County's \$15,000 match contribution; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Joe Mitrecic opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.**
- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to appropriate \$14,333 to the Cricket Center contingent upon, and proportionate to, Worcester County's funding; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.**
- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve all special appropriations as presented; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shuster appeared before Council to address the Council's questions and concerns about reducing Skatepark hours.

- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to proceed with legislation to eliminate weekday Skatepark hours, from Labor Day to Memorial Day, except for scheduled school closing days; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.**

Director Shuster requested approval to make the events coordinator position a full time position.

- **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to keep the private events coordinator position as a part-time position; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Public Works Deputy Director John VanFossen advised the Council that the Town's sign-making machine is failing to meet the demands of the Town as it has reached its life expectancy.

- **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to authorize Public Works to purchase a sign-making machine with savings in the Public Works FY14 budget; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Deputy Director VanFossen advised requested authorization to hire three seasonal positions to meet the demands of the increasing number of special events.

- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to authorize Public Works to hire three additional seasonal maintenance employees; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

**Council Member Brent Ashley moved to convene into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation or any matter affecting one or more appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Council President Lloyd Martin reopened the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and reported that 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 Clerk Kelly Allmond, Public Works Director Hal Adkins and Public Works Deputy Director John VanFossen. The vote to close the meeting was 6-0 with Council Member Margaret Pillas absent.

- **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to proceed with legislation to bond \$871,000 for public safety and garage roof repairs; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.**
- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to maintain the fund balance at 15% and transfer funds over and above 15% to the street paving fund; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.**

Council President Martin scheduled the First Reading of the Budget Ordinance in the May 20, 2013 Regular Session and the Second Reading in the June 3, 2013 Regular Session.

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 3:38 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**