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

APRIL 30, 2013 ✖ 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 Solicitor Guy Ayres, Risk Management Director Eric Lagstrom, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Recreation and Parks Director Tom Shuster, City Engineer Terry McGean, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the press and interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland; then, **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to (1) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (2) 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 Cymek. The vote was 5-0 with Council Members Mitrecic and Pillas absent**.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.

Council President Lloyd Martin re-opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and 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, Margaret Pillas and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis, Miles & Stockbridge Principal Kathleen Pontone and Associate Julie Siegel, Human Resources Director Wayne Evans, Christopher Rudolph and Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis. He reported that Council Member Doug Cymek moved to appoint Christopher Rudolph to the Board of Zoning and Appeals; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous. The vote to close the meeting was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Alvin Wendling spoke about the allocation of TAB funding, his opposition to Rt. 50 Banner Program and the Beach Patrol Headquarters.
- Mack Bocum asked the Council to reconsider adding paid parking to 146th Street.
- Joe Groves suggested that the Council compromise by implementing paid parking in the premium spots.
- Tony Christ spoke against the employee raises.
- John Adkins spoke about implementing paid parking in the premium spots and a parking permit program, and, paying for storm water management and garbage disposal.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Public Works Maintenance employees for development of lifting device presented by Risk Manager

Risk Management Director Eric Lagstrom recognized Heavy Equipment Operators Vincent Holloway, John Morole, and Maintenance Worker Terry Steimer for developing a heavy-lifting instrument.

B. TAB Update and Request to Approve Funding presented by Chairman Greg Shockley

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to support the Tourism Advisory Board's allocation $4,000.00 for webcasting the Eastern Surfing Association's Regional Championship, May 9-12, 2013; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.

President Shockley also advised that, with the reinstatement of the Tourism Commission, TAB will continue to function but will only provide quarterly reports or as-needed.

C. Discussion of Potential Banner Program for the Rt. 50 Bridge presented by Public Works Director

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to proceed with adding the Route 50 Bridge to the Banner Program; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was unanimous.

D. Discussion of Beach Patrol Headquarters presented by Recreation and Parks Director and City Engineer

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to proceed with the design of the Beach Patrol Headquarters with resolution to reimburse the General Fund with a future bond issuance; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 4-1 with Council Member Ashley opposed and Council Member Pillas absent.

E. Update on FY 14 Financial Operating Plan presented by City Manager and Budget Manager (see Attachment A)

ADJOURN

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.; seconded by Council MemberCymek. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Pillas absent.

Minutes approved on
6. 3. 2013
Lucy L Allmond

ATTACHMENT A

Wrap-Up Reconciliation:

Tax Revenue at .4864:	41,403,913
Tax Revenue at .472	40,178,140
	1,225,773
Net Reductions During Budget Review	(703,339)
Amount Needed to Reduce the Tax Rate to .472	522,434

Changes During Wrap Up 4/19/13:

Items Added Back:	
Appropriation to Delmarva Cat Connection	1,500
Appropriation to Cricket Center	14,333
Computer Program for Additional Public Works position	2,098
3 Seasonal Positions (PW Maintenance)	39,878
Conversion of Part-Time PW Position to Full-Time	11,124
Interest on Bonds for Roof Replacement	15,750
	84,683
Revenue Changes Made 4/19/13:	
Parking - South 1st to N Div West side	35,750
Parking - 49th Street	31,000
Parking 131st Street	24,700
Parking 146th Street	24,000
Parking - Inlet Lot Fee increase	116,000
Skateboard Park Revenue Reduction	(6,397)
	225,053
Expense Reductions Made 4/19/13:	
Skateboard Park Add'l Reduction in Hours	12,810
Private Events Coordinator (Remains Part-Time)	30,419
Elimination of Winter 3rd Shift Bus Service	62,659
	105,888
Amount Needed to Reduce the Tax Rate to .472	**276,176**

Changes Since Wrap Up:

Items Added Back:	
Uniform Shoes for 6 new EMS positions	600
Verizon Start up Fees for Cale Meters	2,070
Web Access Fees for Additional Cale Meters	4,140
FICA for Museum (budgeted incorrectly)	354
	7,164
Amount Needed to Reduce the Tax Rate to .472	**283,340**

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Revenue Increases:	
Business Licenses	1,000
Cable Television Franchise	5,000
Passport Application Fee	714
Recycling Sales	5,000
Miscellaneous	132
Capital Asset Sales	5,000
Boardwalk Train Revenue Estimate	10,000
Total Revenue Increases:	26,846
Amount Needed to Reduce the Tax Rate to .472	**256,494**
Expense Reductions:	
IT Services	4,125
Customer Service Training (HR)	4,000
Beach Replenishment Labor	4,304
Orthographic Imagery (P&Z)	10,000
Postage (Police)	1,000
Communications (Police)	1,000
Printing (Police)	1,000
Tasers - 7 (Police)	12,719
Canine, Food, Electronic Collar (Police)	10,200
Part-Time Salaries (Communications)	1,079
Energy (Communications)	700
APCO conference (Electronics)	2,305
Overhead Door Replacement (Fire Company)	15,863
SCBA Testing and Maintenance (Fie Co.)	17,758
Operational Supplies (Fire Company)	10,000
Fire Gear (Fire Company)	15,000
Part-Time Salaries (EMS)	26,325
Overtime (EMS)	27,500
Hurricane Conference (PW Administration)	2,260
Solar Arrow Board (Public Works - Streets)	4,550
Part-Time Salaries (Public Works - Boardwalk)	6,000
Credit Card Fee Estimate (PW Parking)	5,000
Painting of Vehicles (2) (Solid Waste)	40,000
Shower Stall Replacement (Recreation)	6,000
Credit Card Fee Estimate (Recreation)	1,000
Contracted Services (Recreation - Programs)	4,000
Part-Time Salaries & FICA (Beach Patrol)	11,842
Energy (Winterfest)	1,659
Advertising of Cultural Arts Center (Conv Ctr)	5,000
Overtime (Convention Center)	4,305
	256,494

FY 14 Tax Rate Has Been Reduced to .472