

May 6, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #8

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**

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 Solicitor Guy Ayres, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Finance Director Martha Bennett, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Special Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

City Clerk Kelly Allmond led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session dated April 9, 2013
- B. Regular Session #7 dated April 15, 2013

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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- Tony Christ spoke about the cost of employee benefits, and a referendum to oppose the actions pertaining to public debt.
 - Greg DeMarco refuted historical statements made by Tony Christ and historical actions taken by the former Council
 - Joe Cryer spoke about making positive changes to generate revenue like making the airport a drone training site, and, housing visitors' animals.
 - Ron Deacon stated his opposition to paid parking on 146th Street.
 - Chris Norris reminded the forum that the AARP Health Fair is being held the upcoming Wednesday at the Convention Center starting at 9:00 a.m.
 - Austin Purnell stated his opposition to paid parking on 146th Street.
 - Herb Pawlukewicz asked questions about bond issuances and paid parking on the entire ocean block.
 - Debbie Thompson asked the Council to reconsider the decision to close the Skate Park during certain winter hours.

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ask Mayor Meehan to establish a Skatepark committee to reevaluate the Skatepark hours: seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Brent Ashley opposed.

- John Medlin asked about the paid parking revenue.
- Michael Durkin encouraged the Mayor and Council to keep the Skatepark open during the winter.
- Anne Cook said she would like to see the Skatepark stay open.
- Michael Feen said he opposes paid parking on 146th Street.
- Jim Solomon said he would like to see the Skatepark stay open.
- Ellie Diegelmann had various questions and comments about the agenda.
- John Adkins spoke about making the items on the agenda more clear.
- Nolan Graves said he is opposed to the proposed paid parking on 131st Street.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan presented the following:

- A. Proclamation Designating May to be Lyme Disease Awareness Month, present to accept was J. Harrison Phillips
- B. Proclamation Designating May 12-18 to be National Police Week, present to accept was Captain Kevin Kirstein
- C. Proclamation Recognizing May 18-24 to be National Safe Boating Week, present to accept was Jack Toman and Sterling Lyons
- D. Council Standing Committee Draft Agendas for the week of May 13, 2013
 - Council Member Doug Cymek reviewed the Police Commission Agenda for May 13th
 - Council Secretary Mary Knight reviewed the Tourism Commission Agenda for May 13th
 - Council Member Joe Mitrecic reviewed the Recreation and Parks Committee Agenda for May 14th
- E. Standing Committee Report for Surfing Beach Subcommittee Meeting of April 15 and April 30
Council Member Mitrecic presented the modified surfing beach schedule for approval: **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve the modified schedule: seconded by Council Member Dare. The vote was unanimous.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Private Event Approval Request for Delmarva ESA Surf Series – Various Dates
- B. Private Event Approval Request for Seaside Christian Academy Bike-a-thon – May 15, 2013
- C. Private Event Approval Request for 18th Annual Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge – June 8-9, 2013
- D. Private Event Approval Request for Delaware Volleyball Beach Fest – July 6, 2013
- E. Private Event Approval Request for Swim OC – July 20, 2013
- F. Private Event Approval Request for Soccer Resort Beach Tournament – August 24, 2013
- G. City Clerk Request to Approve Picnic Table Agreements

Council Member Dennis Dare moved to approve items B, D & E: seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous. Having no further questions or concerns, **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to approve items A, C & F: seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

OC Reef Foundation Annual Update presented by Captain Monty Hawkins, President

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2013- 08 to Amend Benefits Paid to Certain Municipal Employees (to permit participation of new police employees in the Public Safety defined benefit pension plan and change the

benefit for employees hired after July 2, 2011) **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2013-8 as amended; seconded by Council Member Cymek. The vote was 4-2 with Council Members Ashley and Pillas opposed and Council Member Mitrecic out of the room.**

- B. Resolution 2013-10 to Establishing Ambulance Service Charges and Transport Fees (to match standard fees charges by Maryland ambulance companies and create a single rate structure) **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Resolution 2013-10; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Recor advised that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the work session on May 14, 2013

1. Introduction of Frank Miller, Special Events Coordinator
2. SHA Spring Meeting
3. City Clerk's review of the Agenda Process

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Joe Mitrecic asked for a future discussion on having the whole ½ Marathon Event in Ocean City.

ADJOURN

Council Member Doug Cymek moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

*Minutes approved
on 6.3.2013
Kelly S. Allmond*