

JULY 15, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #13

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, Finance Director Martha Bennett, Special Events Director Frank Miller, City Engineer Terry McGean, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, Transportation Superintendent George Thornes, 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

Father Joseph Corcucci of St. John Neumann Catholic Church led the prayer and Council Member Doug Cymek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The Minutes for Regular Session #12 dated July 1, 2013 were approved as presented.
- B. The Minutes for Work Session dated July 9, 2013 were approved as amended to correct the retirees' years of service.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Mayor Rick Meehan presented Finance Director Martha Bennett with the 27th GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- B. Standing Committee Reports (see Attachments A-C)
 - Council Member Doug Cymek reported on the Police Commission Meeting held on July 10, 2013
 - Council Secretary Mary Knight reported on the Tourism Commission Meeting held on July 8, 2013
 - Council Member Joe Mitrecic reported on the Recreation and Parks Meeting held on July 9, 2013

Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to approve the showing of the Tall Ship NAO Victoria Galeon, from August 20 through September 22, 2014, contingent upon an MOU with the organizer. The MOU must address the cost of the concrete pads and mooring cleats, as well as liability and indemnification; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request Permission to Solicit Bids for Police/Fire/EMS Uniforms; Water and Wastewater Chemicals; and Medical Supplies
- B. Request Permission to Solicit Bids for Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Contract
- C. City Clerk Request for Approval of Non-Profit Springfest/Sunfest Beer Truck Rotation Schedule
- D. City Clerk Request for Approval of Taxi Medallion Transfer
- E. Blue Ocean Taxi Owner Request to Suspend Medallion during Military Deployment
- F. City Engineer Request to Purchase Toughbook Computers under State Contract
- G. Private Event Approval Request for Swim OC Addendum – July 20, 2013
- H. Private Event Approval Request for 15th Annual Lt. Mitch Maiorana Memorial Run Swim Run – July 20, 2013
- I. Private Event Approval Request for Surfers Healing – August 15, 2013
- J. 3-Year Private Event Approval Request for Jesus at the Beach – July 25-27, 2015
- K. Delmarva Irish American Club Request for Approval to Serve Beer and Wine at Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 28, 2013

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve Items A, D, F, G, H, I and K as presented; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

Having no further questions about **Item B**, **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to solicit bids for the Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Contract; seconded by Council Member Dare. The vote was unanimous.**

Having no further questions about **Item C**, **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve the Non-Profit Springfest/Sunfest Beer Truck Rotation Schedule; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

Having no further questions about **Item E**, **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to allow the suspension of Medallion #175 for the duration of the Operator's military deployment, and, to waive the 2014 business license and medallion renewal fee; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

Having no further questions about **Item J**, **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to approve the 3 year approval request for the Jesus at the beach event if the organizer agrees to using the Caroline Street Comfort Station stage; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Transportation Winter Service Reduction (see Attachment D)

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

Review of Debt Obligations presented by Finance Administrator (see Attachment E)

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

Resolution 2013-14 - Opposing Legislation that would Eliminate Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds
Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Resolution 2013-14; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Tony Christ invited the Mayor and Council to the OC Taxpayers for Social Justice meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013. He voiced his opinion about the municipal auditing requirements and the debt ceiling.

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- Herb Pawlukewicz commented on the sidewalks in Caine Woods, the impact fees, the street light poles and a property that needed the grass cut. Council Member Margaret Pillas asked Finance Director Martha Bennett to send Mr. Pawlukewicz a 3 year report on impact fees collected.
- John Medlin spoke about the new tow signs requiring 24-7 access to the impound lot.
- Ellie Diegelmann spoke about various items on the agenda.
- Joe Johnson said his condo rentals are down, and warned that paid parking will affect room rates.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Recor advised that the next work session is scheduled for July 30, 2013.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to request a discussion on allowing permits for surf fisherman to take their vehicle on the beach during the winter; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- Council Member Margaret Pillas reported graffiti on the 7th Street transformer. She also advised that 650,000 national defense employees have been furloughed which may impact tourism.
- Mayor Rick Meehan requested a discussion regarding flood insurance. Also, he wished his secretary well as she recovers from a broken arm. He acknowledged the passing of Steve Falck. He reported that there was a huge turnout for Sundaes at the Park and the laser show. Lastly, he welcomed the American Legion Convention starting Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

ADJOURN

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

MINUTES PREPARED BY KELLY L. ALLMOND, CITY CLERK

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON 8.5.2013



POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OPEN SESSION
July 10, 2013 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Commission Chairperson Doug Cymek, City Manager David Recor, Council Member Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Director of Emergency Services Joe Theobald, Chief Ross Buzzuro, Captain Gregory Guiton, Captain Michel Colbert, Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick, Lt. Scott Harner, PIO Michael Levy

ABSENT: Captain Kevin Kirstein

1. Call to Order 9:03 a.m.
2. The June 10, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. No Old Business.
4. New Business
 - a. Review of Crime Statistics Report – CFS (Calls for Service) and down by 6.3% over same time period 2012. In January 2013, criminal citation law was expanded. In 2013, we have issued 437 criminal citations. In the same time period, we issued 304 drug citations. These would have been custodial arrests in 2012 before the expansion of the criminal citation law. Discussion of total number of calls skews the actual numbers of incidents since it includes business checks. Business checks are a routine part of patrol's job, but are they a call for service? Good to track it, but not necessarily counted in the total number of calls for service.

Action Item – Break down officer initiated calls; break down assaults by first and/or second degree; assure tracking within U.C.R. (Uniform Crime Report) regulations.

Action Item – On monthly statistics report – compare to last year at the same time.
 - b. Review of Walk Smart Campaign – a joint effort between OCPD, State Highway Administration, Maryland Highway Safety Office, local community, local businesses, Chamber of Commerce. This campaign combines engineering, education and enforcement that have made changes to the timing of traffic lights and crosswalk markings. This campaign has been a success with a reduction in pedestrian accidents. There have been 500 pedestrian violations this year and we are educating people on how to Walk Smart. There are instances of citations being given, however, the focus is on education and staying safe in Ocean City.
 - c. Highway Safety Administration is doing a speed study and will have a recommendation on lowering speed limit or other ways to promote safety on Coastal Highway sometime in the fall of 2013.
 - d. Review report on ECD/Taser Usage. Last month there were 17 incidents with 3 actual deployments. Chief Buzzuro believes ECD use can quell a situation – it reduces officer injury, physical confrontation and less lethal force is needed when dealing with a suspect.

Since February 2012, there have been 93 uses of ECD's with 22 deployments. The OCPD currently has 34 devices and 7 additional have just been ordered. Training will be instituted for seven additional police officers as soon as the new ECD's are received.

- e. Discussion of 4 wheel scoot coupes being introduced into Ocean City. OCPD sent photos and specifications to MVA, SHA with the application. The vehicle was found to not meet the specifications for a vehicle to on the road in Maryland. The owners of the vehicle are looking to have legislation passed that would allow this vehicle.
- f. Review of Uniform Crime Report comparing criminal activity in Ocean City over the past 15 years. Assaults have been on the rise since 2003. Burglaries are lower. OCPD wants to look into this closer – UCR is strict in how assaults are reported.
- g. Update on skateboard incidents on the boardwalk – There have been no reports through the Fire Department or the Police Department of injuries on the boardwalk caused by skateboards or bicycles. Skateboards are now allowed on the boardwalk at the same time as bicycles.
- h. Discussion of the new Cale parking machine installation. All are installed except Public Safety Building. They will be installed as soon as the machines arrive. The lining and sign posting can begin now.

Parking tickets are \$15.00 if paid within the first 48 hours, \$25.00 after that time period. Visitors wanting to pay their ticket on line are having problems. It sometimes takes 2 days to have a parking ticket uploaded, and it cannot be paid until it is uploaded. Mayor would like this to be addressed now so it is easier for our visitors to pay their ticket and move on with the vacation. The Town's website is a bit confusing; it is being corrected so that persons are redirected to the OCPD website to pay their ticket once it is on-line.

Parking enforcement is mostly done by PSA's. There are 2 assigned per shift. The northern end PSA's spend most of their time on pedestrian safety. Most shifts will get into residential areas 2-3 times per day for parking enforcement.

Action Item – Look into new technology available through Complus, Cale to make paying a ticket easier on-line.

Action Item – Continue to report on enforcement of Cale parking throughout the summer.

5. Other Business

- a. Discussion of what is included on CAD reports. CAD is not a reporting technique; it is a way to get information out to the emergency personnel. Director Theobald explained that a CAD report is not complete if the incident is not over and therefore is not entirely accurate. There is comprehensive, real time information available on the police department portal.

Action Item – Calls for Service – Police/Fire/EMS

- b. On the State Highway Administration Chart website there are good cameras that show real time traffic – good site for traffic information.

- c. Correspondence and phone call received from local business owner concerning taxi parking on 64th / 65th Street and the Public Safety Parking Lot.

Question of whether one of the conditions of having a taxi medallion could be that the owner of the taxi must have their own parking. Guy Ayres, City Solicitor will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be Monday, August 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2013

The following individuals were in attendance:

Commission Members – Tourism Commission Chair and Council Secretary Mary Knight, Mayor Rick Meehan, Councilman Dennis Dare, Michael James, EDC; and Greg Shockley, Maryland Tourism Commission Chairman. Staff members present were David Recor, City Manager; Donna Abbott, Tourism Director; Larry Noccolino, Convention Center Director; Lisa Osman, Tourism Department; and Tom Shuster, Recreation and Parks Director. Also present were Melanie Pursel, Chamber of Commerce; and Susan Jones, HMRA. Media representatives present were Zach Hoopes, Ocean City Today; and Joanne Shriner, Maryland Coast Dispatch.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Knight at 3 p.m.

Boardwalk Attire Ordinance Consideration

A copy of an ordinance recently adopted by Wildwood, NJ was handed out for review and discussion. Susan Jones stated the HMRA Board had not discussed. Melanie Pursel said she had not heard anything from her members about the need for an ordinance of this type. She felt increased security at certain times would be a better way to address any issues on the Boardwalk. Mayor Meehan said the city attorney believes the town would be challenged legally if an ordinance of this type were to be adopted and that the town would lose. Michael James said he would agree with the city attorney and feels it would be a waste of time and money. It was the consensus of the Tourism Commission that this not be pursued. Action to be taken: Mary Knight will report this back to the Mayor and Council.

Tourism Metrics Update

Donna Abbott handed out a new metrics report she had put together for May 2013, which includes various statistics including requests for guides, calls, website traffic, hotel occupancy, weather and public works statistics. Donna stated she included Salisbury weather stats from the National Weather Service, but is still seeking weather stats for Ocean City as there can be considerable differences between the weather of the two locations. Everyone agreed that the report looked great and that we should decline offers from Nobi and Beacon at this time for metrics studies. There was a suggestion to add police calls and fire calls to the report.

Action: Schedule Donna Abbott for a Work Session in August to present the reports to the Mayor and Council.

Summer Advertising

Ratings are up again this year on MASN in both Baltimore and Washington markets due to the Orioles and Nationals doing so well this season. The MASN ad spots will end this week, but television ads are continuing in all markets on cable through July and mid-August, along with spot tv through July. Spot tv programming includes morning and evening news slots, along with shows like Ellen, Dr. Oz, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune.

Markets include Baltimore, Washington/Northern Virginia, HLLY, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York/New Jersey. Radio will run for two weeks in many markets the first two weeks of August and will include two new spots promoting Hotel Week and Lucky 13 deals and events. Online advertising also runs through the summer.

Larry Noccolino announced that the Convention Center microsite is now up and running. Mayor Meehan said that it looks great.

Organization Updates

Melanie Pursel announced that the Chamber of Commerce is distributing new maps throughout town. She also said that the Chamber has vacation guide rack cards for those people who would like to look at the Vacation Guide online.

Susan Jones stated that she, Melanie Pursel, and Donna Abbott attended the Lower Shore Tourism Alliance Tri-County Council recently, and that they will meet quarterly. The group is being chaired by Senator Mathias. She has been busy moving into the HMRA's new office space and they are already at work on their next trade show. Powerboat races are being scheduled for October 6. She and Melanie both reported Harbor Day at the Docks has been postponed until 2014 and is being completely revamped to be bigger and better with Martin Seafood taking it over.

Tom Shuster reported July 4th events were very successful. He handed out rack cards for Sundaes in the Park and Concerts on the Beach. He stated that the summer camps are going very well.

Greg Shockley reported the school calendar study task force is being organized. He said the state legislative season went very well with the budget for the Office of Tourism Development coming out with increases to market the state.

Michael James said the EDC's next meeting in September will focus on tourism.

Donna mentioned that Rodney the Lifeguard will be in town on Tuesday, July 9, visiting businesses in town. He will be making stops at City Hall, Fisher's Popcorn on the Boardwalk, the ferris wheel on the pier, the paddleboards at Fager's Island, and the Canoe Races at BJ's on the Water.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 12 in Room 214 at the Convention Center.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito, Frank Miller and Lisa Mitchell. Guests included Zach Hoopes and Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 11, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage Use: Tom Shuster reported that the staff is incorporating the use of the stage into the private event application process.
4. OC Tall Ship Visit Request: Frank Miller gave an update on the private event request to host the Tall Ship De Elcano at a location to be determined from August 20 thru September 22. Frank briefed the committee on the two possible locations at the Chicago Avenue Boardwalk between 3rd & 4th Streets and the Coast Guards Station downtown. The committee discussed the feasibility of accommodating the request. Joe Mitrecic agreed to report on the request at the next Council meeting of July 15.
5. Dew Tour 2014 Dates: Lisa Mitchell gave an update of the feasibility of accommodating the Dew Tour from June 26 to June 29, 2014 and its possible impact on July 4th fireworks on the beach. Tim Price has offered the opinion that the July 4th fireworks could be set up at 6:00 a.m. with the Dew Tour broken down by that time. The committee has no objection to the Dew Tour promoters filing an application for June 26-29 for 2014.
6. Off Shore Boat Race 2013: Lisa Mitchell gave an update on a special request of the Off Shore Boat Race scheduled for October 4-6, 2013. The promoters request use of a portion of the Inlet Parking lot for free from Friday thru Sunday to display the boats. The committee did not support the promoters request to use the inlet lot due to the existing Corvette Event scheduled in the Inlet Lot that weekend. The committee provided additional feedback to Lisa to request of the applicant.
7. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park
8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM

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**PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAY
FIXED-ROUTE "3RD" SHIFT WINTER BUS SERVICE," MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY**

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDING

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PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:50 P.M.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Next on the agenda is a public hearing [*for the*] Transportation Winter Service Reduction. Hal?

Public Works Director Hal Adkins

Good Evening. As indicated this in fact is a public hearing for those in attendance. Should you choose to speak when I am done the presentation, not only would I ask that you state your name and address for the record, when you're done your comments, there is in fact a sign-in sheet so the City Clerk may need some additional data from you. If you can do that when you're departing the podium I'd appreciate it.

Back in May 2010 during budget discussions at that time, the Mayor and City Council chose to reduce our winter deployment to what we internally at staff level as "two-two and one" – first shift, second shift, third shift: two buses on the first shift, two buses on the second shift and one bus on the third shift.

For tonight's presentation and the general public's understanding, the first shift normally runs from seven am to three pm; the second shift runs from three pm to eleven; and, historically the third shift runs from eleven to seven am during winter deployment. Again for the public's benefit, the generic definition is a time period that runs normally from around November one to around the end of March or March thirty-first. During recent FY14 budget deliberations, during the wrap-up session, some final decisions were made relative to the third shift. The third shift was not proposed to be totally eliminated; the third shift was requested and then funded with a modification. As I said a moment ago, historically the third shift was eleven pm to seven am. The modification, is at it is proposed that this winter, the third shift would only be run from twelve am to six am on specific days of the week which would not include Monday through Thursday. At that time, in wrapping the budget up, a funding deduction

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or I should say reduction of Sixty Two Thousand Six and Sixty Dollars was assigned to that cut in service. When you go back and you look at the calendar for any given year, and you look at the calendar for the forthcoming year, as I said a moment ago, it's normally around November one-ish through March thirty first. It in fact, flexible in any given year so one would envision as we move forward, as a result of this hearing, this year it may actually be from October twenty eighth through April third. If then tie in the fact that during the budget discussions in which this decision was proposed, we also emphasis the need that there would be some specific dates during the winter – specific holidays during the winter, that it may be justifiable to add that service back in. If I recall and George recalls, the Council is willing to do so. So, we went back through, and for the record I wanted to state that this coming winter, in fact, if you look at the calendar of events – you're look at the holidays - it's actually projected to be a reduction of roughly Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars. Not the Sixty-Two, Six-Sixty [\$62,060]. I am not asking for any funding adjustments tonight, it is not necessary. In my discussions with the budget manager, we would basically go look at a snapshot of our performance of this summer to see whether any adjustment is necessary, but that's not really the point for this evening. The other thing I wanted to mention to the Council and the general public, in review of our historical records, for the third shift, if you look at the historical records from eleven p.m. to seven a.m., your average ridership was forty eight. If you then narrow it down and you look at your historical ridership from midnight to six a.m., it's roughly forty to forty one riders depending on what year you looked at. We do not have data in which record the individuals names so therefore the only thing I want to share with the Council and those in attendance this evening is, if you rely on human interaction which is sometimes is the best, we sat down and we spoke to one of our long-term year-round part-time drivers who operated that shift. The gentleman by the name of George Peek, and I wanted the Council to realize is that its George's opinion, in knowing these riders that it's not twenty riders riding two times that night, it's not ten riders riding four times that night. He feels that about ninety percent of the forty riders are in fact single rides, single destination – going home or going somewhere. That basically sums it up. I wanted to give you a snapshot of where we stood on it. This is a public hearing, it is the opportunity for those in attendance to come forth to the podium and share your concern or opinion if you care to do so.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Hal, thank you. [*Is there*] anyone in the audience [*who would*] like to speak to this matter? Yes Sir.

Citizen John Medlin

John Medlin, Sixtieth Street. I ride the bus. The bus system in Ocean City is the best. With the third shift gone on those days in the winter, it will still be the best. I ride two other bus systems: one in North Carolina – the Town's about forty-five [*or*] fifty thousand people. It runs from five thirty a.m. to six thirty p.m. during the Thanksgiving [*and*] Christmas time, they extend the hours to eight thirty so people can go Christmas shopping. But after eight thirty, there's nothing. I ride the Washington-Metro System, the bus that was closest to my house there ran during rush hour – used to run – they eliminated it. The bus that was second closest to my house runs until seven p.m. Hey if it's running too late in the evening, be thankful.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Thank you Sir. [*Would*] anyone else like to speak to this subject? Yes Ma'am?

Citizen Ellie Diegelmann

Ellie Diegelmann One-o-Six a hundred Twentieth Street, Ocean City, Maryland. I ride the bus but I do perceive myself ever riding that late at night or that early in the morning. However it sounds like there are enough people that are affected by it, whether for work purposes or what not then it might make a difference, and as I requested in the past, for whatever other bus lines here in Ocean City, if you wanted to eliminate it and replace that with some sort of a voucher system for people who don't make very much money and have to take the bus as relying on

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the bus for transportation, say if they took a cab to get home from work or what not then they would somehow be reimbursed by their employer by the Town by whatever. I know that sounds like a far stretch but if it's gonna save us forty-five thousand dollars and we have to spend, who knows, maybe five thousand or something like that then it looks that way, we're looking out for everybody's needs and we're not wasting any extra money that we don't need to be wasting. I've request this voucher system before and nobody was in favor of it, but I still think it's a good idea. There was another thought I had too on this. I can't think of anything other than some of the other expenses that we incur, we go to the bond market just to borrow like sixty or more thousand and then we're gonna stop this. Kind of a catch twenty two situation, we just need to look out for everybody but watch your purse strings as well. Thank you.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Alright, Council Member Pillas?

Council Member Margaret Pillas

Yes, I have a question for Hal then based on that. Have we ever received information for any of the people? I know you already said you don't have their names, but do you remember anybody that rides the bus during that period of time stating a hardship or contacting us.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins

I have received no emails, text messages or visitation on this issue. The only interaction that we've had is the last time it was brought up before the Council a few years ago during a budget discussion. I think you may have been here back then. Beyond that, haven't heard a thing, and to the best my knowledge, and I will ask for reinforcement from George right now, I haven't received anything as a result of the ad that went out in preparation for this evening's hearing.

Council Secretary Mary Knight

And I think our Town and the people riding the bus say, 'it's a nice system and the Town's generous,' and thank you Ellie for bringing up your concerns, and I think we are concerned for everybody but they need to speak up and tell us. You know we're not mind readers, we don't know and, you know, I [*do not*] want to create a hardship on people and you know, I don't want to create a hardship but I'd like to know if there is one, so thank you.

Citizen Ellie Diegelmann

I did remember what else I was going to say, the only other thing I was, insofar as from a commerce standpoint it doesn't appear to me there's quite often I drive home from West Ocean City to Hundred and Twentieth Street late at night like that from work and in the Winter months that doesn't appear to be much of a bar crowd or restaurant crowd that late at night at all. It seems like the sidewalks have completely rolled up. You know, around that time of night.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Alright. Council Member Ashley, you had something?

Council Member Brent Ashley

Well yeah. I believe the government exists to serve its people and my initial thought on this is to vote against it. We spend sixty-two thousand on a design study and here we're only saving forty five thousand. However, as Margaret said, and let me back here a minute, I was approached last week by several people that ride the bus and said they would be here at the meetings to speak up but they're not here so, as Margaret said, we're not mind readers. If you have an objection to something you should be here to speak up about it. If not, than this is what happens.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Yes Sir, come on up.

Citizen Chris Norris

Chris Norris, President of the Ocean City AARP. Like Hal, I saw this article also in the newspaper and I also received absolutely no phone calls at my home, emails relative to the night's participation above. I represent anywhere from two hundred to two hundred and fifty members and they do call me and email me quite regularly on different issues but I never received any phone call [or] email whatsoever relative to this matter.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Thank you very much. Thank you Sir. Yes Sir?

Citizen Herb Pawlukewicz

Herb Pawlukewicz, Caine Woods Section Ocean City. Did you ever think of using ADA buses or a small minivan? The hours you want to shut down to save on fuel and everything. Compensate a little bit to people that use it during those hours they work, most of the people are working, not coming out of restaurants or whatever.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Yes we have.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins

Yes we have considered that. We've looked at the operating costs per the hour per bus. We've looked at the operating cost per hour for a van. The motion of the Mayor and Council, the topic for tonight's discussion, was to terminate the service at twelve midnight.

Citizen Herb Pawlukewicz

All you need is a small minivan – you pick eight ten people up to back and forth you know you save a lot fuel and everything. You pay more wages you paid than anything.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins

Completely understood.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Anyone else in the audience? [Pause] Thank you for your comments. Council Member Mitrecic?

Council Member Joe Mitrecic

Motion to close the public hearing.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Council Member Knight?

Council Secretary Mary Knight

Second.

Council President Lloyd Martin

I have a motion by Council Member Mitrecic and a second by Council Member Knight to close the public hearing. All those in favor? The vote is unanimous. Hal, thank you.

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Public Works Director Hal Adkins

Thank you, at this point the Transportation Department will author a letter to the MTA along with minutes from this evening. The question of concurrence, when we receive a copy of their concurrence, assuming that is what we get it, we will share it with the City Manager's Office.

Council President Lloyd Martin

Alright, thank you Hal.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins

Thank you.

End 7:02 p.m.



OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



Infrastructure, Bonded Debt, and Obligations
June 30, 2013

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Built by Bonds

- ▶ Gorman Ave Water Plant
- ▶ Northside Park land and facilities
- ▶ Public Works Complex land and buildings
- ▶ Street Paving – 4 bond issues
- ▶ 40th St, 100th St, and 4th St Parking Lots
- ▶ Beach Replenishment
- ▶ Public Safety Building
- ▶ Bulkheads
- ▶ Storm Drains
- ▶ Water & Wastewater mains

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-Town of Ocean City, Maryland

Built by Bonds

- ▶ Wastewater Plant – over \$40 million
- ▶ Northside Park Gym
- ▶ Convention Center
- ▶ Streets – Baltimore Ave 15th- 33rd , Bayshore Dr, St. Louis, and paving overlays
- ▶ Boardwalk
- ▶ Land at 64th St, parking lots, and well sites
- ▶ Restrooms
- ▶ Fire Stations
- ▶ Hangars

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Built by Bonds 1982 - 2012

▶ Capital Infrastructure	\$ 223,322,503
▶ Principal Payments	<u>(135,704,380)</u>
▶ Balance 06/30/13	<u>\$ 87,618,123</u>

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Actual Value of Ocean City Properties

Over 200% Increase in past 10 years



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Bond Issue	Interest Rates	Amount outstanding	
		Original Issue	June 30, 2013
Recreation Complex Bond of 1998	4.64% \$	1,200,000	\$ 107,732
Municipal Refunding Bonds of 2004	4.125-5.00%	31,325,000	6,445,000
Municipal Purpose Bonds of 2005	2.00-5.00%	21,050,000	1,965,000
Airport Improvement Bond of 2005	3.20%	1,025,000	763,088
Airport Improvement Bond of 2006	3.50%	4,100,000	3,395,000
Municipal Refunding Bonds of 2007	3.50-5.00%	22,320,000	14,315,000
Municipal Refunding Bonds of 2009	2.00-4.00%	12,745,000	10,710,000
Airport Improvement Bond of 2010	5.82%	725,000	662,900
Municipal Purpose Bonds of 2010	1.00-5.60%	18,105,000	15,055,000
Municipal Refunding Bonds of 2012		33,560,000	33,560,000
Deferred amounts			
	For issuance premium	1,952,718	1,750,325
	On refunding	(2,188,282)	(652,611)
		<u>\$ 145,919,436</u>	<u>\$ 88,076,434</u>

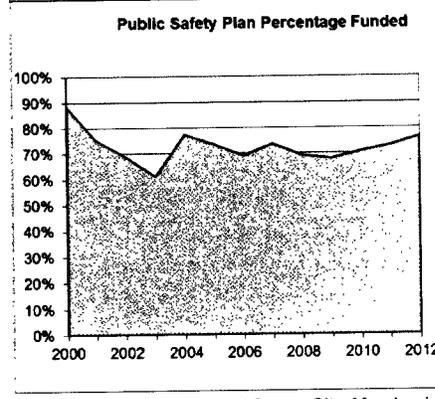
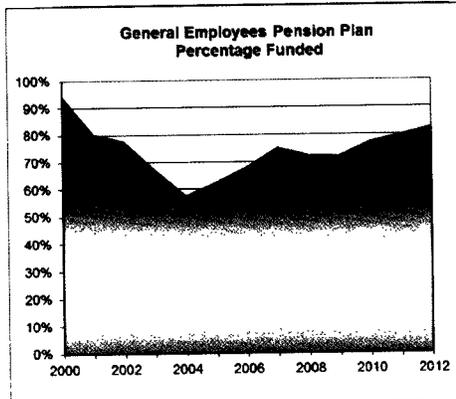
Loan	Maturity	Amount outstanding	
		Original Issue	June 30, 2013
Soil Erosion Control 6th St.	2016	71,000	11,360
Soil Erosion Control 1st St	2017	106,112	21,222
Soil Erosion Control S Ocean Dr	2023	548,115	309,650
Soil Erosion Control Robin Drive	2026	297,171	297,171
		<u>\$ 1,022,398</u>	<u>\$ 639,403</u>

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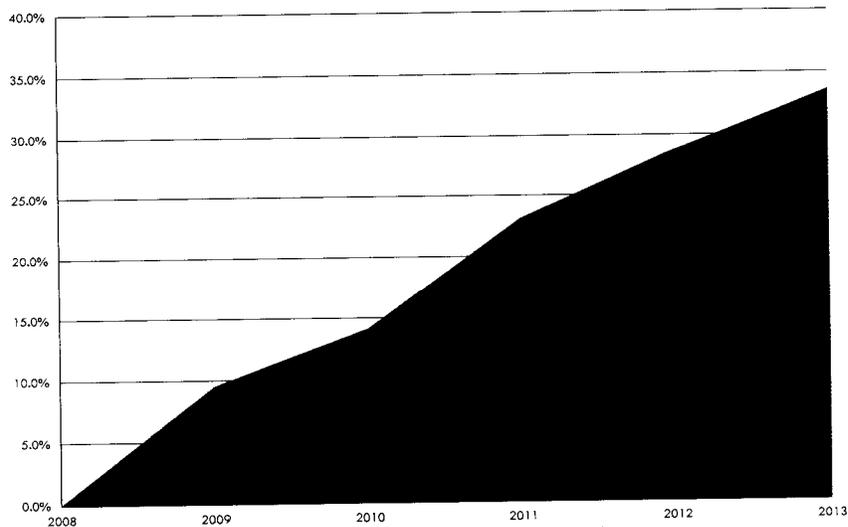
Financial Management Practices – Pensions

Town has funded 100% of required contributions since inception
10-year amortization of unfunded liability



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Retiree Health Plan % Funded 2008 - 2013



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Financial Management Practices – Debt Policy

- The Town will not finance current operations
- Capital projects are financed no longer than the expected useful life
- The Town is committed to funding a significant portion on PAYGO basis each year
- All debt is capital related; fixed rate; no swaps or derivatives; or floating rate debt
- Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds debt service is self-supporting
- Convention Center debt paid from food & beverage tax

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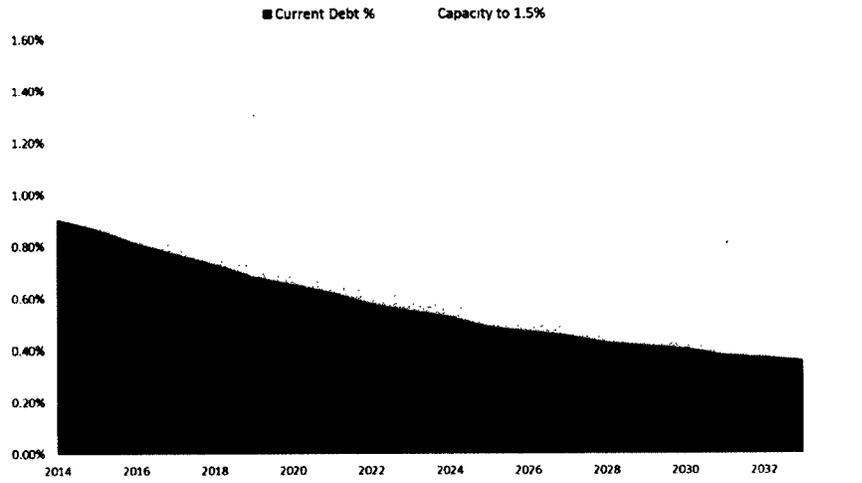
DEBT RATIOS COMPARED TO POLICY CEILINGS & TARGETS

	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Actual</u>
▶ Debt as % Assessments	3.0%	1.03%
▶ Debt Service % Expenses	8.0%	6.9%
▶ % Paid in 10 Years	65%	72%

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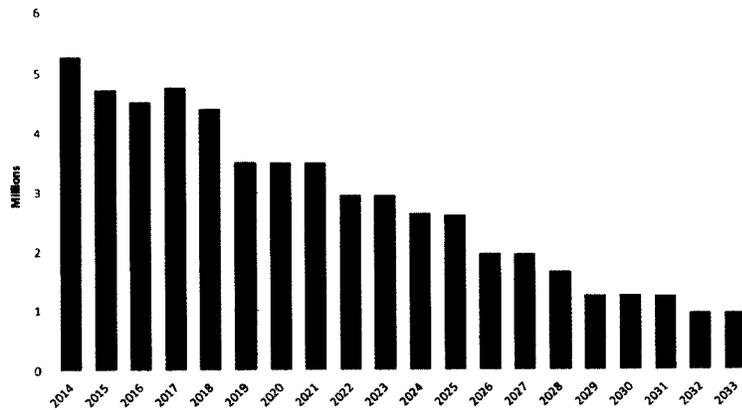
General Fund & County Debt as % Assessments



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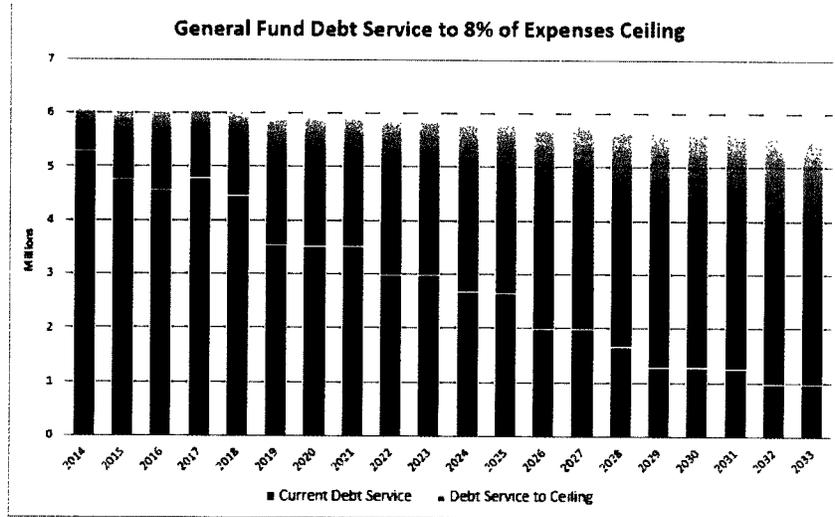
Rapid Debt Retirement – General Fund



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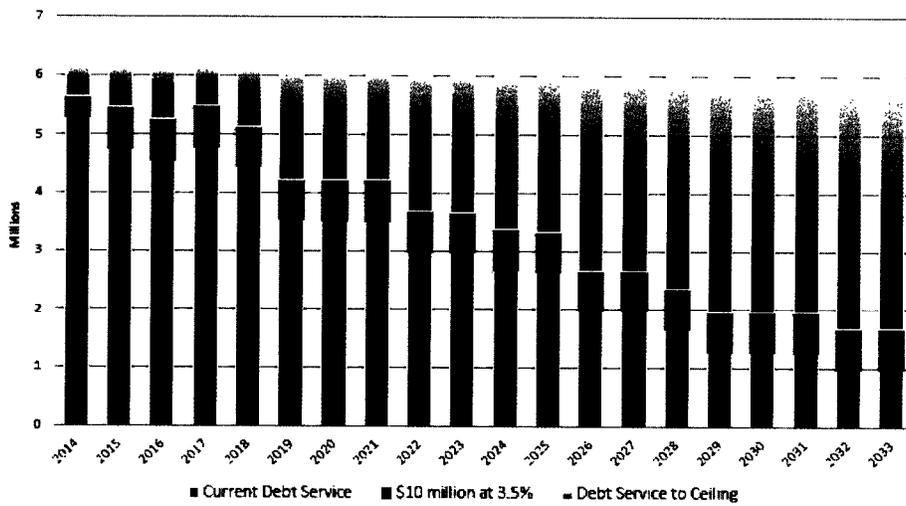
General Fund Debt Service Compared to Policy



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General Fund Debt Service to 8% of Expenses Ceiling



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