



## CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Private Event Approval Request for Park Place Treasure Hunt at the Beach – September 21-22, 2013
- B. 3-Year Private Event Approval Request for Sunfest Kite Festival – September 24-27, 2015
- C. Request to Sole Source Purchase Breathing Apparatuses
- D. Request Approval to Solicit Bids for Convention Center Message Sign Repairs
- E. Bid Award Recommendation for Annual Concrete Sidewalk Maintenance Contract
- F. Request Approval to Solicit Bids for 94th Street Water Tank Painting
- G. Request Approval to Solicit Bids for Fire Hydrant Maintenance Project
- H. Request Approval to Solicit Bids for MTA Funded West Ocean City Park & Ride Boardwalk Re-decking

**Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve all Items except for Item F; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.** Having no further questions, **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve Item F to solicit bids for the 94<sup>th</sup> Street painting project and to request an alternate bid for artistic expression or a logo; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

## MISCELLENEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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Private Event Approval Request for Susan Komen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual OC Race for the Cure – April 13, 2014

**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the event; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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- Herb Pawlukewicz spoke about fixture charges, the boardwalk crime report and painting the water tower.
- John Adkins spoke about the boardwalk crime report and thanked the Ocean City Police Department for their service this summer.
- Mac Bolcum spoke about the Town's Charter pertaining to the handling of petitions. **Council Member Brent Ashley moved to stay Ordinance 2013-10 regarding paid parking immediately; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was 2-5 with Council Members Martin, Knight, Cymek, Dare and Mitrecic opposed.** The motion failed.
- Ron Deacon spoke about involving citizens if paid parking is ever discussed again.
- Ellie Diegelmann had questions about the agenda.
- Mike Feend spoke about out against paid parking.

## COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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Review of tentative work session agenda for August 27, 2013

1. Bid Opening – Uniforms
2. Tourism Director Presentation of New Tourism Metrics Report
3. Introduction of Bond Counsel Cheryl O'Donnell Guth of McGuire Woods LLP presented by Finance Administrator
4. Solid Waste Manager Bid Award Recommendation for Roll-off Containers and Dumpsters
5. Public Works Director and Solid Waste Manager Bid Award Recommendation for Refuse Trucks
6. Finance Administrator Request for Approval to Purchase Vehicles on State Contract
7. Public Works Director discussion of the Horse and Carriage Rides
8. Public Works Director discussion on Street Paving
9. Deputy Public Works Director Request for Approval to Solicit Bids for New Sign Machine
10. City Engineer Request for Approval to Purchase Boardwalk Fiber Optic Equipment and Connections on State Contract
11. City Engineer Discussion of Vehicles on the Beach during the Off-Season
12. City Engineer Continued Discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan
13. Ratification of Traffic Regulation 2013-02 – Grants Permission for Motorcycle Parking on 1st Street Adjacent to de Lazy Lizard during OC BikeFest from Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15, 2013

Also, City Manager Recor, accompanied by Planning and Community Development Director Matt Margotta, advised the Council that City Staff is actively working on bringing the 13806 Fiesta Road property into compliance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

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Mayor Meehan said he was glad to hear, at the Beach Replenishment Anniversary Ceremony, State Comptroller Peter Franchot's positive comments about the legislative initiative to make the first day of school after Labor Day. Also, he said that Governor O'Malley, Senator Ben Cardin, Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger and Senator Barbara Mikulski's Representative all spoke about how the local, County, State and Federal partnership made the beach replenishment project happen.

Lastly, he wished Frank and Mary Knight a happy 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ADJOURN**

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**Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

*Approved by mee  
on September 3, 2013  
Kerry Allmon*

# **POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

## **OPEN SESSION**

August 12, 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, Chief Ross Buzzuro, Director of Emergency Services Joe Theobald, Captain Kevin Kirstein, Captain Gregory Guiton, Captain Michael Colbert and Lt. Scott Harner

**ABSENT:** City Solicitor Guy Ayres

1. Call to Order 9:05 a.m.
2. The July 10, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. Discussion of Four Wheel Scoot Coupe – At this time, the subject vehicle does not meet State requirements. The Town and OCPD have no influence over the process to have those requirements changed.
4. Update on Highway Safety by Lt. Harner. The Walk Smart program includes more than just walking, but also bicycle safety. Because of our influx of visitors from surrounding towns and from other countries, it is important to teach bicycle safety as well. These phenomenal statistics show that this program works: Bicycle accidents are down 50%; Scooter accidents are down 68% and Pedestrian accidents are down 56%.

The State Highway Administration invested funding into studying Coastal Highway. There are four zones along Coastal Highway. There seems to be a problem with the timing of the 94<sup>th</sup> Street traffic lights – that is Zone C. There have been complaints of backups in this area. There is going to be a change to the timing threshold effective August 12, 2013 to help alleviate this problem. At the end of the summer, the SHA will be able to study all of the information gathered and make recommendations for all four zones for the summer of 2014.

It is important to remember that the public safety is our first priority. Our statistics are too good to discount. If we can adjust the timing of the lights without affecting pedestrian and bike safety, then they will be adjusted.

Recommendation was made that the public be informed of this process so that they are familiar with what SHA and the City are doing.

There has been a study performed by SHA on lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour from 33<sup>rd</sup> to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. The study is now complete and is in the hands of SHA to make the final recommendation. The decision should be made by the Spring 2014 meeting.

5. Discussion was held on the opening and closing times for the Route 50 drawbridge after the fireworks on July 4th. The Federal Register currently states that the bridge will be closed from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Lt. Harner has had discussions with the Coast Guard and

learned that we can request a change to the time or an extension of the time so the bridge will remain down so there is uninterrupted traffic flow at the end of the fireworks. Lt. Harner has been asked to contact the Coast Guard and to reach out to the Judith M Captain and/or Charter Captain's Association, as we do not want to cause delay problems for the boaters who may be stuck waiting for the drawbridge. Lt. Harner will report at the next Police Commission meeting in September.

6. Crime Analysis and ECD/Taser Update – OCPD statistical analysis shows that our numbers are down, including disorderliness, calls for service and the use of ECD/Tasers – reductions all around the board.

OCPD has had 97 ECD/Taser events this year. There were only five incidents in July with one deployment. This shows that ECD/Tasers quickly gets the incident under control without injury to the suspect or to the police officer.

7. Chief Buzzuro discussed crime on the boardwalk from 2010 to 2013. Boardwalk crimes in 2013 are in line with the previous years and in some cases reduced.
8. New Business – Discussion on taxicabs parking on public streets. On certain streets in Ocean City, there are taxicabs lined up all day, taking up parking for restaurant's customers. There is a Taxi Cab Ordinance and this is a question for the City Solicitor.

Motion made by Mayor Meehan and Seconded by Council President Lloyd Martin, that City Manager, David Recor meet with City Solicitor, Guy Ayres and come back to the Police Commission with recommendations regarding this matter.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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

Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2013

The following individuals were in attendance:

Commission Members – Tourism Commission Chair and Council Secretary Mary Knight, Mayor Rick Meehan, Councilman Dennis Dare, and Councilman Joe Mitrecic, Tom Perlozzo, Chamber, Michael James, EDC. Staff members present were David Recor, City Manager; Donna Abbott, Tourism Director; Larry Nocolino, Convention Center Director; Lisa Osman, Tourism Department; Tom Shuster, Recreation and Parks Director; Frank Miller, Special Events. Also present Melanie Pursel, Chamber of Commerce; Susan Jones, HMRA; Greg Shockley, MTPB; and Andy Malis and Alison Fiorelli, MGH. 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.

Tourism Metrics Update

Donna Abbott handed out metrics reports for May and June 2013. She will present these reports to the Mayor and Council at the Work Session on August 27. Mary asked Susan Jones if HMRA could get zipcode information from hotels. Her board does not meet until after summer and will discuss then.

Wine in the Park

Chris Nokes and Jerry Hardesty introduced staff and said they were happy with the success of the first Wine in the Park in June and are working to increase promotion of next year's event. They want to develop a stronger partnership with hotels and businesses. They will be working with Nic Hills to promote the 2014 event. In 2014, Wine in the Park will run simultaneously with Art's Alive at Northside Park. Tom Shuster reported the dates will work to have it at Northside Park along with Art's Alive. Melanie Pursel offered to add a section in the 2014 Vacation Guide to better publicize the event. Susan Jones also offered to add the event to her online mailings. Tourism Director Donna Abbott said information about Wine in the Park could also be included in some of the Art's Alive promotions.

Action: Send email list of attendees from this meeting to Chris Nokes.

Enhanced CVB membership listings and ad serving on ococean

Alison Fiorelli provided a presentation on tiered membership listing options on the tourism website ococean for the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). Currently businesses pay \$200 for a CVB membership, which entitles them to a listing on the website among other benefits. In the proposal presented by MGH, a tiered membership would offer a means of offering more visibility on ococean. A four-tier system was presented, which would have options ranging from a basic business name and address listing, to having a more expanded description, to having a fixed placement ad at the top of the list. An option was also presented that businesses could purchase a fixed placement ad for one week at a time. Banner ad placements could also be an option for members.

Mary Knight suggested that we distribute a survey to current CVB members along with members of the Chamber and HMRA to see what the interest would be for a new membership and advertisements.

Action taken: MGH will develop the survey with Donna Abbott, who will report back results at the October Tourism Commission Meeting. Results and recommendations will then be presented to the Mayor and Council.

#### Updates from other Departments & Organizations

Melanie Pursel has been working with the Comptroller's office regarding schools starting after Labor Day news conference scheduled for August 15 on the boardwalk in front of the museum. She also announced that the Chamber's annual Emerald Ball will be held at the Clarion on September 6.

Susan Jones stated that Hotel Week is August 18-29 and that 33 hotels are participating.

Frank Miller announced that the Tall Ship Event is finalized. The ship will be arriving on August 20 and will be here through September 2. Visitors can tour the ship from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., with certain nights having extended hours until 9:00 p.m. For more information, the website is tallshipevent.com.

Tom Shuster announced that day camps and sports camps were very strong this summer. There is a LAX tournament Thursday - Sunday, and there will be a basketball tournament inside the gym. He also announced that the Coca-Cola Polar Bears will be a new display added to the Winterfest of Lights this year.

Larry Noccolino announced that MACo is here this week. He also stated that the Convention Center has started awarding Outstanding Employee of the Month Awards. Staging for Phase 2 of the Convention Center Construction will start on August 27.

Andy Malis mentioned that Rodney was in town on July 9 and that MGH has posted video on Facebook of that day's activities.

Mayor Meehan announced that he will be attending the Welcome Ceremony for the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Convention on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. at the Convention Center. He also mentioned that there will be a celebration on Saturday, August 27, for the new boardwalk and the 25<sup>th</sup> year of beach replenishment.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9 at 3 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of City Hall.

Recreation and Parks Committee  
August 13, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:12 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, David Recor, Tom Shuster, Susan Petito, Frank Miller, Butch Arbin and Lisa Mitchell. Guests included Zach Hoopes and Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 9, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Private Special Events: Lisa Mitchell presented information about the new Delmarva Diesel special event proposed for October 13, 2013 on the beach. Lisa recommended the date requested be changed due to conflict with the existing approved event for Fall Cruisin OC.

Lisa Mitchell provided the proposed race course for the Ocean City Beach to Boardwalk Half Marathon and 5K proposed for Sunday, March 9, 2014. The special event request will be presented to the Council, Monday, August 19.

Lisa updated the committee on the route for the Ocean City Half Marathon Running Festival planned for April 14, 2014. Chris Klebe, event promoter, requests reversing the start and finish locations for the event. A change may affect the Route 50 Kelley Bridge opening for the event and include the use of the Springfest entertainment tent for post race events. Lisa left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

4. Beach Patrol Update: Captain Butch Arbin gave an update on surfing and surfing beaches so far this season. The changes to scheduled surfing beaches have been implemented and the surfing community has received the changes positively.

Butch also gave an update on Beach Patrol operations this season and a review of statistics and rescue responses. The number of rescues to date for 2013 is down compared to 2012. Butch also described the staffing compliments so far this season and the high quality of staff.

The committee discussed the proposed new Beach Patrol Headquarters Downtown. The project will require a design and cost estimate. This will be discussed at an upcoming Council meeting.

5. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park. Joe Mitrecic asked that the agenda include a review and discussion of the Athletic Field Rental cancellation policy.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM