

September 16, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #17

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, Acting City Solicitor Heather Stansbury, Finance Director Martha Bennett, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, 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

Council Member Joe Mitrecic asked for a Moment of Silence for the Washington Naval Yard Shooting Victims, and led the prayer; Council Member Dennis Dare led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Work Session dated August 27, 2013
- B. Regular Session #16 dated September 3, 2013

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Proclamation Designating October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - B. Presentation of Beauty Spot Awards (see Attachment A)
 - C. Standing Committee Reports (see Attachment B-D)
 - Council Member Doug Cymek presented the September 9, 2013 Police Commission Minutes
 - Council Secretary Mary Knight presented the September 9, 2013 Tourism Commission Minutes
 - Council Member Joe Mitrecic presented the September 10, 2013 Recreation and Parks Committee Minutes
- Council Member Dennis Dare moved to establish "Ocean City Beach Patrol Day" on a date in July 2014 which coincides with the OCBP Crew Competitions; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Bid Award Recommendation for Uniforms

- B. 3-Year Private Event Approval Request for Pigs on the Beach - 2013 - 2015 Dates
- C. Request for Approval to Pre-Purchase Roofing Materials through U.S. Communities Contract
Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve Items A and C as presented; seconded by Council Member Dare. The vote was unanimous.

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the Pigs on the Beach event for 2013 and 2014 with remand to staff for review of the 2015 date which conflicts with Sunfest; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.

MISCELLEANEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Discussion of Horse and Carriage Rides on the Boardwalk presented by Public Works Director **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve the dates and route for Horse and Carriage Rides on the Boardwalk as presented (see Attachment E); The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. First Reading - Ordinance 2013-12 to Adopt FY13 Budget Amendment #2
Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2013-12; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.
- B. First Reading - Bond Ordinance 2013-13
Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2013-13; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Tony Christ spoke about the dysfunction of gap accounting and asked City Manager David Recor to work with him on the present value statement. City Manager Recor advised that he intends to work with Mr. Christ.
- Herb Pawlukewicz spoke about tall grass enforcement, and, asked who owns the street light poles
- John Adkins explained that certain poles are owned by Delmarva Power and others are owned by the Town.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Recor thanked Cliff Sutherland and City Staff for a successful Bike Fest. Also, he thanked Public Safety personnel for rapidly responding to the 94th Street house fire. Lastly, he reviewed the tentative work session agenda for October 1, 2013 in which the following items are scheduled:

- (1.) Closed Session 12p.m. to 1p.m.
- (2.) Bid Openings
 - a. 94th Street Water Tank Painting
 - b. Fire Hydrant Maintenance
- (3.) Report on Ocean City Center for the Arts presented by Rina Thaler, Executive Director
- (4.) Pension Plan Actuarial Valuation Report presented by Ed Koebel of Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Margaret Pillas asked that City Staff look at all street ends for drops and consider whether a guard rail is needed. Also, she asked the Council to consider participating in the Earth Hour challenge.

Council President Lloyd Martin said that rude and disrespectful comments and clapping during council meetings will not be tolerated.

Mayor Meehan thanked the Red Knights for leading the procession for the 9/11 Ceremony. He acknowledged the passing of Brian Sterner. Also, in response to Council Member Pillas' concern about street ends, he recalled that certain street end barricades hinder delivery trucks. In response to an earlier comment from Mr. Pawlukewicz, he

did support the installation of audio visual equipment in the Council Chambers. Lastly, he reminded the public that Sunfest starts Thursday morning at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

mcc approved on 10.7.13
Kelly Kellmond

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

September 9, 2013 10:00 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, Chief Ross Buzzuro, Director of Emergency Services Joe Theobald, Captain Kevin Kirstein, Captain Michael Colbert and Lt. Scott Harner

1. Call to Order 10:06 a.m.
2. The August 12, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. Update on Highway Safety by Lt. Harner. Our Walk Smart program continues to show a vast reduction in pedestrian crashes. There will be a Pedestrian Safety meeting with the State Highway Administration on September 18, 2013 at 1:00 at the PSB to review items such as the speed study of Coastal Highway performed by the SHA; the road diet study and a review of the Walk Smart program. Funding for 2014 by the State of Maryland will be similar to that funded in 2013.
4. Lt. Harner spoke with Captain Don of the Judith M and Captain Lewis of the Duckaneer to see if changing the times for opening the Route 50 Bridge would affect them on July 4th. Both Captains said that they can work with the longer closure. Lt. Harner explained that the next step would be to decide the optimum time for the bridge to be kept closed. It was decided that the time would be 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This would mean the opening would be 9:55 and then again at 11:25. This will allow cars to quickly get out of Ocean City after the 4th of July fireworks. Councilman Dare made a Motion to forward the change in bridge closure times to the full City Council, Seconded by Lloyd Martin.
5. Discussion held concerning taxicabs parking on public streets. City Solicitor Ayres recommends speaking directly with the taxi companies to work out a solution. The intent is not to hurt the taxi cab drivers, nor to hurt business. There have been complaints by certain business owners that there are too many cabs parking on public streets which take parking away from their clientele. One taxi company has approached the City inquiring where they could lease space for their drivers. More discussion needs to be held directly with the taxi companies.
6. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the August Crime Statistics. There has been an increase in Officer Initiated Calls for Service but that is a good sign of pro-active police work. We have positive indicators that crime in Ocean City is down compared to August 2012. Through Week 35, there has been a 12.7% reduction in crime. A discussion of creating a statistical analysis of crimes per 1,000 would be helpful. Brandon Reim will be asked to create such an analysis.
7. OCPD has had 9 ECD/Taser events during August with 3 of them being actual deployment. There were no injuries suffered by suspect or police officer during these incidents.

8. Chief Buzzuro explained that 22 additional officers have been trained in ECD/Taser and we are right on target for having all line officers in Patrol equipped with an ECD/Taser by the first of the year. The next stage will be to have all detectives and supervisors up through the rank of Sergeant trained as well. Captain Kirstein wants to thank the community for their financial assistance in purchasing the additional ECD/Tasers.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Recreation and Parks Committee
September 10, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Tom Shuster, Frank Miller, Susan Petito, Lisa Mitchell and David Recor. Guests included Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 13, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Private Special Events: Lisa Mitchell reported that she has received an application for the Ocean City Beach Classic in 2014. The applicant will amend his date request before the application is sent for staff review so as to not conflict with the Dew Tour dates. The committee provided some feedback to Lisa.
4. Athletic Field Rental Cancellations: Tom Shuster presented a report on athletic field rentals for tournaments for 2013. The report notes that so far this season only 4 softball tournaments have been cancelled due to lack of team registrations. Two tournaments have been cancelled due to weather (rainouts). The committee agreed that the number of cancellations did not seem excessive.
5. Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage Procedure: Frank Miller provided a draft of the usage guidelines and requirements for the Caroline Street Boardwalk Stage. Frank asked the committee to review the draft and then provide comments and suggestions to Frank before the next committee meeting.
6. Other Business: Tom Shuster presented a letter from Ines Jones to Mayor Meehan dated June 10 requesting that the Town designate a "Life Guard Day" in recognition of the Beach Patrol. Tom recommended that the suggestion be considered but amended to "Ocean City Beach Patrol Day". Tom recommended that this day of recognition be scheduled to coincide with the OCBP Crew Competitions in July 2014. The committee agreed to recommend this for consideration by the Council at an upcoming meeting.

Frank Miller discussed the recent use of the Bayside Park Boardwalk Mooring at Chicago Avenue by the Spanish Galeon. Frank recommended that the use of the mooring be under the direction of the Recreation and Parks Department and that the Special Events Division be charged with processing the requests for use under the Private Special Events process. The committee agreed with the proposal and agreed to recommend it for consideration to the Council. Frank Miller will make a presentation on the use at a future Council meeting.

Joe Mitrecic reported that the State of Maryland awarded the Town a Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant of \$30,000 for the shade structure at the Ocean Bowl Skatepark.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM

Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2013

The following individuals were in attendance:

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

Mary Knight called meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. She announced that we would start with the partner's updates and would then go into a closed session to discuss contractual items.

Updates from other Departments & Organizations

Susan Jones announced HMRA's new Event Manager, Liz Walk, was recently hired. She stated that HMRA will have a Board Meeting on September 19 and will discuss strategies for collecting zip codes. Susan mentioned that HMRA will have two beer stations at Bikefest to benefit their non-profit fundraiser. She also said that HMRA and the OC Chamber of Commerce will host a Joint Healthcare Seminar on Tuesday, September 17, at the Convention Center.

Melanie Pursel introduced Buck Mann, the new President of the OC Chamber of Commerce. She said that the Annual OC Chamber Grand Ball at the Clarion September 6, went very well. She mentioned that the Start-Up Maryland "Entrepreneur Pitch Bus," made a stop at the Boardwalk Arch today. The event promoted entrepreneurial culture and emphasized the importance of small business formation to our economy. She announced that the 9th Annual OC Chamber Crab Feast will be held on Thursday, October 10, at Phillips Crab House. She distributed the OC Voice for Business publication to all attendees.

Larry Noccolino announced two new groups that may be coming to the Convention Center in 2014, the Transportation Association of Maryland and the Maryland Technology Group. There is also potential for a third group to come. Phase 2 of the Convention Center construction will start on October 20.

Tom Shuster announced that they are busy getting ready for Sunfest. The parade will be held on September 19 at 9:30 a.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Sunfest has re-gained the #1 ranking from Sunshine Artist Magazine. Springfest is ranked #5 in the Top 10. Tickets for the headliners are going well. Beach Boys sold out on May 28.

Todd Ferrante announced that the Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt will be held on September 21-22, and the Sunfest Kite Festival will be held September 19-22.

Citizen in attendance Frank Adkins spoke about making Ocean City more RV-friendly. He suggested that we look into hosting a booth at the RV travel show held in Hershey, PA, to promote Ocean City.

Regular meeting was adjourned and closed session began.

The next meeting will be held on October 11 in Room 214 at the Convention Center.

2013 Beauty Spot Award Winners

Condo: Sea Mist--1301, 3, 5, 7 & 9 Baltimore Avenue and
1304 & 1306 Philadelphia Avenue
Del Ray--#10 129th Street
Braemar Towers--13110 Coastal Highway

Residential: The Lamonts--401 139th Street
The Campbells--605 139th Street
Buck Mann--308 14th Street
Meredith Moore--#9 8th Street
Carla Johnson--#5 8th Street
The Gunthers--1206 Baltimore Avenue

Hotel: Beach Walk --#2 10th Street
Mayflower--1207 Baltimore Avenue

Motel: Days Inn--23rd Street

Restaurant: BLU--24th Street
Bonfire--71st Street
McDonald's--32nd Street

Commercial: Old Pro Golf--68th Street
Town Center--67th Street
Old Pro Golf-- 136th Street

Retail: Designing Windows--8204 Coastal Highway
Mark 4 Hair Salon--8101 Coastal Highway
Dunkin' Donuts--11901 Coastal Highway

Boardwalk An Inn on the Ocean--1001 Atlantic Avenue

Special: Believe In Tomorrow House--#13 66th Street