

November 4, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #20

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, City Engineer Terry McGean, Construction Planning and Community Development Director Matt Margotta, Zoning Administrator Blaine Smith, 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 led the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following Minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Regular Session #19 dated October 21, 2013
- B. Work Session dated October 29, 2013

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Change to Town Appointees Serving on MD Coastal Bays Foundation Board of Directors **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to designate Council Member Dennis Dare to the Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation Board of Directors; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. Standing Committee Draft Agendas
 - Council Member Doug Cymek reviewed the Police Commission Meeting Agenda scheduled for November 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. (see Attachment A)
 - Council Secretary Mary Knight reviewed the Tourism Commission Meeting Agenda scheduled for December 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. (see Attachment B)
 - Council Member Joe Mitrecic reviewed the Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting Agenda scheduled for November 12, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (see Attachment C)

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request for Approval to Solicit Bids for Skate Park Shade Structure
- B. Request to Approve Statement of Work for SunGard to Modify Computer Aided Dispatch Software
- C. Request Approval to Rebid Roof Replacement and Restoration Project

- D. Request to Solicit Bids for Northside Park Pier Deck Replacement Labor
- E. 3-Year Private Event Approval Request for Pigs on the Beach – September 26, 2015

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve all Items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

MISCELLENEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Remarks from Ron Pilling on behalf of 2nd Annual Out of Darkness Walk
- B. Private Event Approval Request for OC Beach to Boardwalk Half Marathon & 5K - March 9, 2014 **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the date hold of March 9, 2014 for the OC ½ Marathon and 5k; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.** The Council instructed City Staff to continue reviewing for cost-reduction measures before resubmitting the event application.
- C. Private Event Approval Request for Ocean City Beach Blitz Soccer – August 23, 2014 **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the Soccer Event as presented; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.**

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

- A. Second Reading – Ordinance 2013-14 to Amend Chapter 110 Entitled Zoning (revises language to clarify parking space requirements for restaurant use within shopping centers) **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to ratify Ordinance 2013-14; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.**
- B. First Reading - Ordinance 2013-15 to Amend Chapter 110 Entitled Zoning (to change the definition of building height) **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2013-15; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.** Then, **Council Member Doug Cymek moved ratify Ordinance 2013-15 as an Emergency Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.** The Mayor concurred with the vote.
- C. Resolution 2013-17 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property (to auction surplus vehicles and miscellaneous items on GovDeals.com) **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Resolution 2013-17; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Herb Pawlukewicz asked the Council why dogs are allowed to roam free in the back of pickup trucks. Council Member Doug Cymek explained that the Law requires them to be tethered. He asked why Comcast is raising their rates. City Solicitor Guy Ayres explained that the Mayor and City Council only have a say in the bottom tier services. Mayor Meehan suggested that a Comcast representative appear before Council for an Annual Report. Mr. Pawlukewicz said the Town should buy the employees' pensions which they can transfer into a 401k plan themselves. Mr. Pawlukewicz asked who authorized the continued work on the performing arts center before funding was available. Mayor Meehan and City Engineer Terry McGean explained that no walls were torn down. The plan to move forward was presented and approved by both the former and current Council five times in several open meetings.
- Ellie Diegelmann said the Town should give advanced notice when the Council intends to pass emergency ordinances. Ms. Diegelmann said petitioners are not objecting to the performing arts center rather the indebtedness to taxpayers. The Mayor clarified several points of misinformation: (1) the cost of this project is shared with the State of Maryland; (2) the bond will be paid off by the food tax not property tax; (3) the performing arts center will increase the square footage in the exhibit hall and ballroom; and (4) the organizers of the annual Fire Fighter Convention are satisfied with the new configuration. Council Secretary Mary Knight added that the State of Maryland and the Town based their decision to add the performing arts center on years of in-depth research on the economic impact.

- Joe Cryer said he supports the Performing Arts Center. He said his wife volunteered at the Art League last Sunday. He said that he is lobbying the State for veteran-related issues.
- Marlene Ott, Vice President of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Performing Arts Center.
- Nicole Hills said she is happy about the Performing Arts Center because she can share fine arts with her son.
- Patty Miller encouraged all who hear about the petition to make sure they know the facts before signing. She said if people take time to know the facts, they will find that opposing the bond funding makes no sense.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Recor advised that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the November 12, 2013 Work Session.

1. Bid Openings -
 - MTA Funded West Ocean City Park & Ride Boardwalk Re-decking
 - Northside Park Canoe and/or Kayak Rental Concession
 - Public Works Sign Machine
2. Introduction of Construction Division Manager Woody Vickers presented by Public Works Deputy Director
3. State Highway Administration Fall Meeting presented by Donnie Drewer, District Engineer and Ken Cimino, Assistant District Engineer
4. Discussion of Veterans Preference Employment Policy presented by Human Resource Director
5. Request for Approval of Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan presented by Emergency Services Director
6. Discussion of Security Features for Mayor and Council Executive Meeting Room presented by City Engineer
7. Discussion of FY14 Special Appropriations presented by City Manager

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- Council Member Dennis Dare pointed out that, in the Consent Agenda, there are several items being sold that were used way beyond their productive life which reflects the City's effort to keep costs down.
- Council Member Brent Ashley asked City Manager Recor about the status of the horseback riding request for proposal. City Manager David Recor advised that he will look into it.
- Council President Lloyd Martin said that if one considers the number of visitors (mostly residents of the Greater Ocean City Area) drawn to Winterfest, a performing arts center will have an exponential impact.

ADJOURN

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn at 7:31; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

approved 11.18.13
Gregory R. Raymond



Town of Ocean City, Maryland
Police Commission

Agenda

November 8, 2013 – 9:00 AM
PSB Building, 6501 Coastal Highway

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the October 11, 2013 Meeting
3. Chief's Update on October Crime Statistics
4. Update on Proposed Traffic Ordinance – Seatbelts Required When Riding in Unenclosed Areas of Motor Vehicles
5. CEW/Taser Update
6. New Business
7. Adjournment



Tourism Commission Meeting
Tentative
Agenda
3 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4 2013
Room 214, Convention Center

1) Approval of minutes: October 11, 2013

2) Organizational reports

Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Committee
HMRA
OCDC
MD Tourism Development Board
Dept. of Tourism
Convention Center
Special Events

3) Closed Session – Proposals for new creative - MGH

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 12, 2013
4:00 P.M.
Northside Park Community Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2013
3. 2015 Town Sponsored Special Events Schedule
4. New Private Special Events
5. Banner Policy & Guidelines Review
6. Bayside Park/ Chicago Avenue Mooring Site Update
7. Kayak Rentals Concession RFP Update
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment