



TOWN OF OCEAN CITY
301 N. BALTIMORE AVENUE
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 21842

NOVEMBER 12, 2013 ✦ WORK SESSION

In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Lloyd Martin, Council Secretary Mary Knight, Council Members Margaret Pillas, Doug Cymek, Brent Ashley, Dennis Dare and Joe Mitrecic, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Human Resources Director Wayne Evans, Emergency Services Director Joe Theobald, Public Works Deputy Director John VanFossen, City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the press and interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Lloyd Martin called the meeting to order at Noon, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 301 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland; then, **Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Joe Mitrecic absent.**

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION –NOVEMBER 12, 2013 – 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Council President Martin reopened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and reported that legal matters were discussed in closed session. Persons present were 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 and Executive Office Associate Diana Chavis. The vote to close was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Openings

a. **MTA Funded West Ocean City Park & Ride Boardwalk Re-decking**

- All State's Construction \$130,500
- APEX Construction \$ 90,000
- Bon Contracting \$ 48,900
- Hunter Allied of MD \$ 42,750
- J & L Services \$117,499
- The Myers Group \$ 38,250
- Warwick Supply & Co. \$ 66,000

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to acknowledge the apparent lowest bid from The Myer's Group; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.

b. **Northside Park Canoe and Kayak Rental Concession**

- Best Aquatic Management, LLC

- Coastal Kayak
- Maryland Coastal Bays
- Superfun Eco Tours

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to acknowledge the proposals and remand them to staff for review; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

c. **Public Works Sign Machine**

Only one bid was received. **Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to accept the bid; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

Council Member Margaret Pillas moved to accept the sole bid from Advantage Sign Supply Inc. for the amount of \$32,299; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.

B. Introduction of Construction Division Manager Woody Vickers presented by Public Works Deputy Director

C. State Highway Administration Fall Meeting presented by Donnie Drewer, District Engineer and Ken Cimino, Assistant District Engineer (see Attachment A) [Staff concerns are in bold italics; SHA responses are in plain text].

Discussion of planning process to dualize Rt. 90 (During the strategic planning process the Mayor and Council have requested that SHA begin efforts to dualize Rt. 90) Mr. Drewer advised that the Worcester County Commissioners did not relay any information pertaining to Route 90 in their 2014 application for SHA priorities. He advised that, in the County's Letter of Priority, they list Route 113, Route 589 and Route 50 Bridge respectively. Mayor Meehan assured Mr. Drewer that the Town issued a written statement specific to the need for Route 90's dualization.

This past spring SHA did an inspection of the RT90 bridge(s) relative to structural issues and water infiltration thru the deck. Whatever came of the Study and are any coating/renovation efforts planned for the span(s). Mr. Drewer advised that the Route 90 Structural Inspection is complete and no structural deficiencies were found. They are now looking forward to long term preservation.

RT90 bridge(s) parapet walls... extremely unsightly and need to be either power washed or repainted. Mr. Drewer advised the SHA is unable to wash the parapet walls because there is no way to catch the runoff.

Route 50 Bridge - Condition status and replacement schedule: Mr. Drewer advised that the SHA's goal is to keep the Route 50 Bridge in the best possible shape for as long as possible. He said the SHA just completed a three-year study and found no structural deficiencies.

The chain link fencing on the RT50 Bridge, south side, near the draw span, was damaged by a car accident weeks ago. As of 11/05 it is still damaged and still wrapped with yellow caution tape. Mr. Drewer advised that the damage caused by the accident was more extensive than just the chain link fence. He advised that a contractor is needed to repair the fence and that the procurement process is underway.

State Highway's Assessment: Sidewalk repairs: Mr. Drewer advised that the SHA continues to work on sign and curb repairs as their budget allows.

Status of study for median barrier: He said all mid-block crossing gaps have been removed, and the storm drain repair project started October 24th. Pavement repairs, he added, will be addressed as needed.

Depressed or missing Brick Pavers on Center islands, he advised that the SHA will continue to assess the problem and consider replacing the underlying sand with concrete.

Speed Limit Change: Mr. Cimino advised that the SHA will lower the speed limit on Coastal Highway from 40 to 35 miles per hour.

New Signal at 54th Street: Mr. Cimino reported that a new pedestrian signal has been installed on 54th Street.

- Council Member Dare asked Mr. Cimino to investigate the need for a signal on 112th Street where the Clarion has parking on the west of the highway. Mr. Cimino said his team will monitor that area next summer.

General signal timing adjustments at 28th, 94th, and 130th and lessons learned over the summer: Mr. Cimino acknowledged receipt of eight complaints about traffic light delays and continues to monitor all issues.

- Council Member Mitrecic asked Mr. Cimino to look into the heavy congestion resulting from the left turn signal at 94th Street on northbound Coastal Highway. Mr. Drewer asked the Council to contact him if and when they see future occurrences.

Summary of safety improvements and effectiveness 52nd to 59th Streets and next phase (18th to 34th streets). Assistant District Engineer Ken Cimino reported that public outreach (Walk Smart Campaign) focused studies, and added pedestrian signals dramatically reduced pedestrian casualties on Coastal Highway.

Status of study for "road diet": Mr. Cimino advised that in the course of this study, his team discovered potential for congestion relief and improved safety. He asked the Council to concur with furthering the study. **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to ask the SHA to proceed with the Road Diet Study; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was 6-1 with Council Member Margaret Pillas opposed.**

Update on Baltimore Ave pedestrian safety improvements: Mr. Drewer advised that, in the Spring of 2014, the SHA will continue to add curb bump outs on Baltimore Avenue between 9th and 15th Streets.

- Council Secretary Mary Knight asked Mr. Cimino if one of the two Walmart signals on Route 50 will be eliminated. He advised that the SHA determined that only one signal is needed so one will, in fact, be removed. Also, she asked the SHA to look into avoiding the 50 block backup caused by Delmarva Power's electric pole installations. Mr. Drewer advised that he will look into the issue.

- Council Member Joe Mitrecic asked if the SHA authorized the 4-foot wide electric poles that impose on the ADA required 48 inch sidewalks. Mr. Drewer advised that all but six poles are in compliance. Delmarva Power applied for a variance on the other six.
 - Council Member Brent Ashley advised Mr. Drewer that he almost struck a pedestrian who tried to cross over the Route 50 Bridge. Council Member Ashley asked that the SHA remove the breaks in fencing that allows pedestrians to cross.
 - Council Member Dennis Dare said street lighting is deficient in the southern most section of Coastal Highway, and suggested that, during the median strip revitalization project, they consider adding street lights. Mr. Drewer advised that such installations will require a cost-sharing partnership with the Town and SHA.
- D. Discussion of Veterans Preference Employment Policy presented by Human Resource Director **Council Member Dennis Dare moved to [A.] expand the Town's outreach to veterans by advertising open positions on veterans job boards; [B.] proceed with the development of a policy that includes extending interviews to qualified veteran applicants for each position; [C.] track and evaluate veteran application and placement results, and; [D.] add a policy to include the spouses of disabled veterans; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- E. Request for Approval of Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan presented by Emergency Services Director **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adopt the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan as presented; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**
- F. Discussion of FY14 Special Appropriations presented by City Manager **Council Member Doug Cymek moved to approve the allocation of (1) \$2,500 to Town Cats, (2) \$1,500 to the Delmarva Cat Connection, and; (3) \$14,333 to the Cricket Center, and further, the City Manager shall request for review, copies of all agency budgets; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

ADJOURN

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to adjourn @ 3:30 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

*Approved 11.18.13
Kerry Hall moved*

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FALL MEETING with
MAYOR & COUNCIL OF OCEAN CITY
November 12, 2013**

AGENDA

1) Update on Coastal Hwy Pedestrian Safety Issues

- 1) Speed Limit Change
- 2) New Signal at 54th Street
- 3) General signal timing adjustments at 28th, 94th, and 130th and lessons learned over the summer
- 4) Summary of safety improvements and effectiveness 52nd to 59th Streets and next phase (18th to 34th streets).
- 5) Summary of Walk Smart public awareness campaign
- 6) Status of study for median barrier
- 7) Status of study for "road diet"

2) Update on Baltimore Ave pedestrian safety improvements

3) Rt. 90 Bridge

- 1) Discussion of planning process to dualize Rt. 90 (During the strategic planning process the Mayor and Council have requested that SHA begin efforts to dualize Rt. 90)
- 2) I realize the issue of the RT90 bridge(s) parapet walls has been discussed at previous meetings but, I want to raise the issue once again. They have become extremely unsightly and need to be either power washed or repainted.
- 3) This past spring SHA did an inspection of the RT90 bridge(s) relative to structural issues and water infiltration thru the deck. Whatever came of the Study and are any coating/renovation efforts planned for the span(s).

4) Rt. 50 Bridge condition status and replacement schedule

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- 2) The chain link fencing on the RT50 Bridge, southside, near the draw span, was damaged by a car accident weeks ago. As of 11/05 it is still damaged and still wrapped with yellow caution tape. The appearance is not very attractive for our gateway into Town. We had previously asked SHA to "stock" replacement parts in an effort to avoid long term visual damage.

5) State Highway Assessment

Philadelphia Ave South bound from 33rd Street

1. Pavers missing or uneven around 4"x4" sign posts.
2. Walk of mat loose SW corner 6th & Phil.

Baltimore Ave. North Bound from the Inlet

1. One Way sign bent , median South 1st Street
2. Walk off mat corner loose South Division Street
3. "No Stopping" sign between Caroline & North Division Street west side faded
4. Route 50 sign on West side between 1st & 2nd Street blocked by tree
5. Two (2), "No Stopping" signs on East side between 11th & 12th Street are faded
6. Speed Limit sign on West side ,between 13th & 14th Street has stickers and is being blocked by tree

Philadelphia 9th Street North bound

1. Sidewalk East side between 24th & 25th Street sidewalk is collapsing
2. SW corner of 28th Street sign pole with no sign....?

Coastal Highway Report 94th to Delaware Line – NORTH BOUND

1. Curb repair needed 20 yds. north of 100th st. east sidewalk
2. Tripping hazard around base of telephone pole 100 yds. north of 100th St.
3. Curb repair public beach access just north of Golden Sands
4. Curb repair needed just south of the Irene at telephone pole #62398
5. Curb repair needed 10 yds. north of telephone pole #62398
6. Curb repair needed in front of Seawatch parking garage at telephone pole #13731
7. Curb repair needed at fire hydrant just south of 118th St.
8. Center island just south of 127th St. on curb both sides of storm drain needs curb repair.
9. Tripping hazard on sidewalk at telephone pole #731
10. Center island just north of #authorized vehicles only# near 140th St. at storm drain needs curb repair.
11. Hard to see #authorized vehicles only# sign hard to see at 143rd St. running northbound, probably can't see at night.
12. Yellow pad 'ada truncated dome' at handicapped access missing at 123rd St., north side.
13. Speed limit sign leaning to the south, just north of 123rd St. telephone pole #13731.
14. Yellow pad 'ada truncated dome' at handicapped access missing at 131st St. north side.
15. Handicapped access at telephone pole #3731 at 2'9". in front of Golden Sands.
16. Handicapped access at speed limit sign 20 yds south of 136th st south side at 2'10".

Coastal Highway Report 94th to Delaware Line – SOUTH BOUND

1. Curb repair needed directly at 143 ½ st, directly in front of Sun and Surf Theatre marque.
2. Curb repair needed center island south 133rd St.

3. Curb repair needed 60ft. north of Newport Bay Drive.
4. Curb repair needed north of Old Landing Rd. by telephone pole 62377.
5. Curb repair needed in front of St. Peters Lutheran church.
6. Curb repair needed at clarion hotel marque southbound, just south of Lutheran Church.
7. Curb repair needed at library immediately beside no stopping sign.
8. Speed limit sign partially covered by tree limbs south of 136th St.
9. Ada pad missing 127th n/w handicapped access.
10. Ada pad missing 120th n/w handicapped access.
11. Ada pad needs attention at Jamestown Rd, south side rising up.
12. Ada pad needs replacement 112th St, south side.
13. Ada pad needs to be installed at Channel Buoy Rd, s/w corner.
14. Ada pad needs to be installed 100th St., n/w/ corner.
15. Sidewalk repair needed just north of Jamestown Rd.

Center Island

A few years ago the SHA removed the far majority of the depressed center median sections where large wooden bollards existed for pedestrian crossing. For whatever reason, not all of them were removed. Possibly it was due to lack of funding? At this time the following locations still exist and either the depressions need to be removed (which is preferred) Or, see below.

1. Designated crosswalk 50yds. north of 100th St should be marked for vehicular traffic
2. Designated crosswalk in front of clarion hotel not marked for vehicular traffic.
3. Designated crosswalk in front of Golden Sands at Winter Harbor Drive not marked for vehicular traffic.
4. Designated crosswalk at Old Wharf Road not marked.
5. Designated crosswalk at 112th St not marked.
6. Designated crosswalk at Newport Bay Drive not marked.
7. Uprights on designated crosswalk at Newport Bay Drive deteriorated
8. Uprights on designated crosswalk at 119th St deteriorated and crosswalk not marked for vehicular traffic.
9. Uprights on designated crosswalk at 122nd deteriorated and not marked.
10. Designated crosswalk at 125th not marked.
11. Designated crosswalk at 126th not marked.
12. Designated crosswalk at 129th not marked.
13. Designated crosswalk at 138th not marked.
14. Uprights deteriorated at designated crosswalk and not marked at 140th.

Brick Pavers on Center Island

1. Brick pavers missing and depressed at 143rd.
2. Brick pavers depressed at 139th north and south intersection.
3. Brick pavers depressed at 138th.

4. Brick pavers raised at 138th.
5. Brick pavers raised at 137th.
6. Brick pavers depressed at 137th just south of authorized vehicle crossing.
7. Brick pavers depressed at 136th north and south at intersection.
8. Brick pavers depressed at 135 ½ St.
9. Brick pavers depressed at 133 ½ St.
10. Brick pavers depressed at 133rd St, south.
11. Brick pavers depressed at 130th.
12. Brick pavers depressed north at 126th.
13. Missing brick pavers at 126th.
14. Brick pavers depressed at 123rd St. south.
15. Brick pavers depressed at 121st.
16. Brick pavers in disarray at 121st St., tripping hazard at crossover.
17. Brick pavers depressed at 120th north.
18. Brick pavers missing at 119th St.
19. Brick pavers depressed at 118th St.
20. Brick pavers depressed directly in front of High Point South.
21. Pavers missing north of 122nd.
22. Pavers depressed at Channel Buoy south side.
23. Pavers depressed across from Quay Condo.
24. Pavers depressed across from Atlantis Condo.
25. Pavers depressed at 99th St. intersection, north and south.
26. Brick pavers depressed across from north entrance of roses.
27. Brick pavers depressed across from north entrance of Roses south

6) Storm Drain Catch Basins

What is the status, and overall schedule, for the storm drain catch basin repairs that were referenced in an email dated July 08, 2013, at 3:22 that was authored by Sandy McGee ?

7) Pavement Management/Planning

When it comes to overall SHA Pavement Management/Planning, are any portions of Coastal Highway/Philadelphia Ave slated for surface milling and paving in the near future ? Parts of the surface are starting to show signs of rutting . For an example, please review the surface at the intersection of Coastal Highway and 65th Street, southbound lanes.