

November 18, 2013



REGULAR SESSION #21

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, Police Chief Ross Buzzuro, 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 Secretary Mary Knight led the prayer, and Boy Scout Troop 225 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were approved as presented:

- A. Regular Session #20 dated November 4, 2013
- B. Work Session dated November 12, 2013

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Standing Committee Reports

- Council Member Doug Cymek, accompanied by Police Chief Ross Buzzuro, reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2013 Police Commission meeting (see Attachment A).

Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to concur with the OCPD's request to the State Highway Administration to close the Route 50 Drawbridge, from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on July 4th; seconded by Council Member Pillas. The vote was unanimous.

- Council Member Joe Mitrecic reviewed the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Recreation and Parks Commission meeting (see Attachment B).

Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to approve the 2015 Special Events Calendar as presented (see Attachment B-1); seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.

Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to proceed with posting the Horseback Riding RFP; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was 5-2 with Council Members Dare and Mitrecic opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Bid Award Recommendation for Convention Center Road Sign Repair
- B. Private Event Approval Request for Walk MS – April 12, 2014
- C. Private Event Approval Request for Fehr/Knott Wedding on the Boardwalk – May 10, 2014
- D. Private Event Approval Request for Swim OC – July 19, 2014
- E. 3-Year Private Event Approval Request for Christmas Parade – December 5, 2015

Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve Items A, B, D & E as presented; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous. Having no further questions, **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to approve Item C pending receipt of the insurance certificate; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

MISCELLEANEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Update on Founders Entertainment 2014 Music Festival presented by Tom Russell of Founders Entertainment [*Postponed: representative was a no-show*].

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

Resolution 2013-18: adopting the Ocean City Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to ratify Resolution 2013-8; seconded by Council Secretary Knight. The vote was unanimous.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Ron Steen spoke about the Comptrollers assessment of the 3% Admissions and Amusement Tax. He asked the Council to pardon this tax in this future.
- Dorothy Morris shared her bad experience with Greyhound. She said she was stranded in Annapolis because the bus never showed, and, no one from Greyhound would help her. Council President Martin referred this matter to City Staff.
- Tony Christ asserted the Performing Arts Center is an item based on want and not need. He also said that certain annual conventioners have cancelled their three-year contract because of the reduction in exhibit space. Convention Center Director Larry Noccolino said that, although he seeks to solidify multiple-year agreements with his clients, he is unaware of any three-year contract with the client to which Mr. Christ refers.
- Will Edmunds asked the Council to include, in the Operator's financial statements, a declaration that all State and Federal taxes have been paid.
- Ellie Diegelmann asked where the money allocated to the Cat Organizations came from. Council Member Joe Mitrecic advised that all the funds were reserved in the FY2014 budget process.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager David Recor reported that the following items are scheduled for discussion in the November 26, 2013 Work Session:

1. Bid Openings: Roof Replacement & Skate Park Shade Structure
2. Retirement Recognition of James Purnell, Wastewater Department
3. Bid Award Recommendation for Medical Supplies presented by Procurement Manager
4. Request Approval to Solicit Bids for Phase 2 of Boardwalk Camera Installation presented by
5. City Engineer
6. Presentation of Beach Patrol Headquarters Building Design presented by City Engineer
7. Request for Approval of Off-Season MEDEVAC Landing Zone at the Park and Ride presented by Deputy Fire Chief

8. Discussion of Community Newsletter and Calendar presented by Communications Manager
9. Request to Approve Social Media Policy presented by Communications Manager
10. Request to Approve Veterans' Hiring Policy presented by Human Resource Director

INSERTED ITEM:

Assistant City Solicitor Heather Stansbury recommended that the Council convene into closed session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. **Council Member Joe Mitrecic moved to convene into closed session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss legal matters; seconded by Council Member Ashley. The vote was unanimous.**

Council President Lloyd Martin reopened the meeting at 7:20 and reported that legal matters were discussed in the 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, Acting City Solicitor Heather Stansbury, City Clerk Kelly Allmond. The vote to close the meeting was unanimous.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Meehan thanked Troop 225 for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

Council Secretary Mary Knight moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Mitrecic. The vote was unanimous.

Approved on
12.2.13
Kelly Allmond

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

November 8, 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 Michael Colbert, Lt. Scott Harner; Lt. Scott Kirkpatrick

ABSENT: City Solicitor Guy Ayres

1. Call to Order 9:05 a.m.
2. The October 11, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the October Crime Statistics. There continues to be an increase in officer-initiated Calls for Service from October 2012 – a 30.2% increase. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the week-by-week statistics report that shows decreases almost across the board in all crimes. Collisions are down by 14 compared to October 2012; Malicious Destruction is down by almost half and Alcohol Violations are down to 10 versus 27 in October 2012. Council President Martin commended Officers for their pro-active officer-initiated calls.

Chief Buzzuro explained the highlights of Week 44 which again shows that officer-initiated calls for service are up by almost 18% in October 2013 with Citizen calls for service are down by 20%. Also there is a 29% increase in DUI arrests over this same time in 2012.

4. Police Commission Chairman Cymek updated the Police Commission on a discussion with City Solicitor Ayres concerning the proposed traffic ordinance requiring seatbelts when riding in unenclosed areas of motor vehicles. Chairman Cymek stated that Mr. Ayres has reviewed the proposal and agrees that the Town can move forward with this Ordinance.
5. Chief Buzzuro reviewed the Taser/CEW statistics. There were two events in October – both were target-only – no deployment. Both suspects were intoxicated and both were serious events – however, officers were able to gain control with the appropriate use of the Taser.
6. Discussion was held about the Route 50 Bridge closing times for July 4th. Lt. Harner to check City Council minutes to see if formal motion was before the full Council. If not, then Lt. Harner will ask for it to be added to formal Council Agenda.
7. Mayor Meehan asked if the change in speed limit on Coastal Highway starts at southbound 62nd Street or 59th Street. There has been some confusion over this by residents. Mayor Meehan asked the Police Department to check in to this as there is a sign between 58th and 59th Streets which states 40 MPH. If the speed limit changes at the Route 90 Bridge (62nd Street), then we need to have that sign removed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, David Recor, Frank Miller, Lisa Mitchell, Susan Petito, and Tom Shuster. Guests included Nancy Howard, JoAnne Shriner and Clara Vaughn.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 15, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Nancy Howard Presentation: Nancy Howard provided an update on the Drive In Disguise Halloween Boardwalk parade conducted on November 19. The cars were decorated for Halloween. Nancy complimented the Town for their support. The Commission discussed how the event could be better promoted in 2014 and integrated into the other events that occur in Ocean City around Halloween. Nancy requested support of \$400 from TAB for 2014. The Commission referred Nancy's request to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.
4. 2015 Town Sponsored Special Events Schedule: Tom Shuster reported that the staff has completed research among the business community regarding the dates for Springfest 2015 coinciding with Mother's Day. The HMRA and Chamber of Commerce have provided written feedback to Frank Miller that they would support Springfest to coincide with Mother's Day weekend provided a concerted effort is made to promote Springfest weekend that year with a focus on Mother's Day. Frank also received feedback from Springfest vendors in support of the proposed dates for 2015.

The Commission agreed to forward the 2015 Special Events schedule to the Council with a favorable recommendation.

5. Horseback Riding on the Beach Concession: David Recor presented a draft RFP for Horseback Riding on the Beach that was developed by the Clerk with input from Frank Miller. The Committee discussed the concept as well as the scope of the RFP. The Commission recommended the RFP be forwarded to the City Solicitor and then sent to the Council without a recommendation from the Commission.
6. New Private Events Update: Lisa Mitchell reported that the promoter of the Beach Frisbee event wants to move his event to the same weekend as the White Marlin Open. The Commission forwarded the request for Council action.

The promoter of the OC Half Marathon wants to reverse the racecourse for 2014 and finish the race at the Inlet Parking Lot rather than starting there. A follow up meeting is scheduled for later this week with Chris Klebe, the event promoter. The event request will be forwarded to the Council for action.

New volleyball events on the beach are pending including one for Memorial weekend 2014.

7. OC Air Show Dates: Frank Miller reported that the promoter of the OC Air Show wants to schedule the 2014 event for June 14 & 15. The promoter and the Harrison Group were looking for feedback from the Town on the proposed dates. The staff had no objection of the dates proposed.
8. Kayak Rental Concession RFP Update: Tom will review the 4 RFPs received at today's Council Work Session. A recommendation of award will be scheduled for the December 2 Council meeting.
9. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM

Town of Ocean City, Maryland
Proposed Town Operated Special Events Schedule for 2015

| <u>EVENT</u> | <u>SCHEDULED DATES</u> |
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| Springfest | May 7-10, 2015 |
| Art's Alive | June 13 & 14, 2015 |
| Concert & Fireworks @ NSP | Saturday, July 4, 2015 |
| Concert & Fireworks on the Beach | Saturday, July 4, 2015 |
| Concerts on the Beach | July 8, 15, 22, 2015 August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015 |
| Sundaes in the Park | July 12, 19, 26, 2015 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015 |
| Sunfest | September 24 - 27, 2015 |
| Winterfest of Lights | November 19, 2015- January 3, 2016 |

Approved by the Recreation & Parks Commission November 12, 2013

P: Tom\Special & Private Events Info\ Special Events Schedule for 2015