

## **Council Discusses Convention Center Expansion in Work Session**

OCEAN CITY, MD (January 12, 2010) – The Ocean City Mayor and Council voted unanimously to request the City Solicitor to prepare a resolution declaring the Mayor and Council's intent to reimburse expenditures in an upcoming bond issue for the Town's share of the cost to expand the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

City Engineer Terry McGean reported to the Mayor and Council during their January 12 work session that in order for the expansion to be completed for the 2012 season, the design work needs to begin soon.

On February 4, 2009, the Mayor and City Council approved the expansion of the convention center in two phases, the first being a new expansion of 20,000 sq. ft. of ballroom space. Approval was contingent on the Town receiving commitment from the State of Maryland for 50 percent of the estimated \$8.1 million cost of the project. At the State Board of Public Works meeting held January 6, 2010, the Board of Public Works voted unanimously to approve State funding in an amount not to exceed \$4.8 million for the project.