

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

ATTENDEES:

Members
Pam Buckley
John Staley
Peck Miller
Joel Brous
Lauren Taylor
Tom Singman
Chris Shanahan

Staff
Kay Stroud
Robert Nelson
Heather Stansbury

CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of August 16, 2011 revisited. Unanimous (7-0) approval.
Minutes of September 7, 2011, unanimous (7-0) approval.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

“The Town of Ocean City is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by Federal Law 44CFR Section 201. The Plan described hazards affecting Ocean City and how the Town plans to react and prepare for each hazard. The Plan shall be revised and submitted to the State for review and comments prior to a second public hearing before the Mayor and City Council following this public hearing. A draft plan can be reviewed on the town’s website by going to http://oceancitymd.gov/Planning_and_Zoning/fema.hazard.html “

The record shows that there was no objection to sitting Commissioners for this public hearing. Planner Bob Nelson presented the Plan and revealed the importance of this update to allow the City to receive emergency funding when necessary and to continue our rating system.

No comment from the audience for or against. Mr. Nelson elaborated that the draft will next go to the State for their comments and also from MEMA and FEMA. It will come back for the Mayor & City Council public hearing to be held in December.

Commission Member Taylor expressed particular concern that the Planning Commission is only seeing a draft that has not received any final edits. As a draft the plan could be changed quite a bit with the Planning Commission having endorsed it before those changes are made.

The Commission ultimately decided to move it forward as a draft, but requests that the individual members are given a copy after all comments are included for final review. This way if there are major issues that the Planning Commission has concerns about they can contact Mr. Nelson for proposed changes if necessary prior to the hearing with Mayor and City Council.

MOTION/Miller **SECONDED**/Shanahan Vote was unanimous (7-0) to approve the draft plan as presented and to move it forward in the review process to receive additional comments, data, and maps. Once the updates are completed, the Planning Commission members will receive advance copies in order to still affect proposed changes if necessary through staff prior to the public hearing to be held by the Mayor and City Council.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 PM

<u>John Staley, Secretary</u>	<u>10/4/11</u>
John Staley, Secretary	Date