

# POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## OPEN SESSION

June 10, 2013 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Council President Lloyd Martin, Commission Chairperson Doug Cymek, City Manager David Recor, Council Member Dennis Dare, Acting Chief Gregory Guiton, Captain Michel Colbert, Captain Kevin Kirstein

ABSENT: Mayor Rick Meehan

1. Call to Order 9:03 a.m.
2. The May 13, 2013 Minutes unanimously approved as written.
3. Request by the White Marlin Open for 2 parking spaces (length of 30 feet) along Jacqueline Avenue beginning August 2 through August 10, 2013 for sponsor vehicles. This has been requested and granted without incident for several years. Motion made by Council President Lloyd Martin and Seconded by Dennis Dare to recommend approval of this request to the full Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

4. The administration of the Oath of Office to Police Officers in the absence of the Mayor can be performed by the City Clerk. Anyone other than the Mayor who would administer the oath must be a Notary. Council President recommended that this be tabled and discussed at a future date.
5. Report of actual man hours during May through October of 2012 was discussed. The report is broken down into regular hours, regular overtime hours and premium overtime hours. It shows that there is a spike/bubble in June of man hours which then drops down through October.
6. An updated list of Town of Ocean City licensed bail bondsmen was discussed. At this time, there are 6 bail bond companies with Town of Ocean City business licenses that are listed on the handout distributed in Arrest and Detention Section.

The list of current Bail Bond Services is attached.

7. Texas Inmate Phone (TIP) Telephone System updated – TIP installed the original phone system in 1993/94 and is responsible for all calls for repair service – response time has been acceptable. Problem stems from the phones not connecting to cell phones – seems to be an antiquated system which needs to be updated. Another issue is that telephone connections are not clear.

Two bail bond companies have called attention to the high cost of phone calls from our detention facility. This will be looked into by OCPD.

## NEW BUSINESS

8. City Hall has received telephone calls complaining about towing companies. Certain merchants and condo owners believe that one tow company is putting their own stickers on signs around town without authorization. There is some confusion by towing companies and property owners that they cannot tow a vehicle if another company is listed as being that businesses designated towing company. This needs to be looked into to clear up the confusion.

The adopted regulation is part of H.B. 160 which regulates private tows throughout the State.

OC was involved in a 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit case involving towing in the 1970's – have very rigid tow laws that work. OC should look into an exemption from the regulation. The only exception to a vehicle being towed to the PSB is when it is accident-related and the car needs to be repaired – it is then towed to the individual towing company's facility.

House Bill and PowerPoint presentation being provided to City Manager Recor to evaluate exemption for OC going forward.

9. Complaint made about scooters on Coastal Highway. Several scooter operators and passengers have been observed not wearing helmets.

There are fewer complaints about scooters this year, apparently due to the reduction of rental companies and the number of scooters on the road. There are approximately 8-9 companies still in operation as other companies were not able to obtain the State required insurance on each scooter. One of our current scooter companies wants to bring in a new four wheeler and introduce it to the police department.

10. OCPD is pushing for the use of Complus tickets v. hand written tickets – the revenue is received from Complus tickets faster than handwritten.
11. Update given on ECD/Taser Usage during the month of May: Twelve incidents with four actual deployments. Report details show that officers applied training skills and demonstrated discretion. State of Maryland requires reporting TASER/ECD uses and they collect this information throughout the State.
12. It was reported to Communications about bicycles on the boardwalk after 11:00 a.m. Town's website said bicycles should be off the boardwalk at 11:00. Ordinance 2010-3 states that from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day bikes are allowed from 2 a.m. and 11 a.m. of the same day.
13. Street Performers – Kelly Allmond received a request from Glenn Irwin of OCDC that a member of the OCPD command staff address downtown merchants on street performer issues. It was recommended that the City Manager and City Solicitor coordinate a meeting if appropriate.

14. ECD and Statistical Report update.

Meeting Adjourned 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Police Commission will be Monday, July 8, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Public Safety Building, 6501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842



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***Ocean City, Maryland 21842***

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