



August 26, 2008
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

In attendance: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Nancy Howard, Council Members Jim Hall, Jay Hancock, Mary Knight and Margaret Pillas, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Finance Administrator Martha Lucey, Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp, Human Resource Director Roger Weseman, Public Works Director Hal Adkins, City Engineer Terry McGean, Assistant Public Works Director James Parsons, Public Works Project Superintendent Dick Malone, Public Works Solid Waste Superintendent Woodrow Shockley, Planning and Community Development Director Jesse Houston, General Services Director Joe Sobczak, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Chief Chris Larmore, Tourism/Convention Center Director Mike Noah, Tourism/Convention Center Assistant Director Debbie Travers, Ocean City Police Department Captain Kevin Kirstein, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Allmond, Members of the Press and Interested Parties. Council Member Lloyd Martin was absent.

Council President Joe Mitrecic called this work session to order at 12:04 p.m.; then, **Council Member Mary Knight moved to convene into closed session to discuss legal, real estate and contractual matters; seconded by Council Secretary Nancy Howard. The vote was unanimous.** Council President Joe Mitrecic acknowledged Citizen John Medlin's "objection" to the Council convening into closed session.

The Open Session reconvened at 1:18 p.m..

1. Council President Joe Mitrecic reported on the closed session held just prior to this open session. Topics of discussion were: (1) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, (2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; (3) to consult with Staff, Consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigations; (4) to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter, and; (5) to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal if public discussion or disclosure adversely impacts the public body's ability to competitively bid or make proposals. Persons present were: Mayor Rick Meehan, Council President Joe Mitrecic, Council Secretary Nancy Howard, Council Members Jim Hall, Jay Hancock, Mary Knight and Margaret Pillas, City Manager Dennis Dare, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias, Public Works Director Hal Adkins and City Clerk Carol Jacobs. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to deny the request for a late payment on a beach parcel from Teresa Hamilton; seconded by Council Member Jay Hancock. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.**
2. In accordance with the Town's Employee Recognition Program, Public Works Solid Waste Superintendent Woodrow Shockley introduced Solid Waste Department Employees Charles Marble and Timothy Dale.

3. Bid openings:

A. Miscellaneous Painting and Repairs to the (“A”)Wastewater Clarifier, (“B”) Convention Center Entrances and (“C”) Coast Guard Tower (FY09 Budget Allocation = \$375,000, *Bid Bond Required)

Vendor	Sum of Bid for A, B & C
Maccari Companies, Inc., Stanton, Delaware	\$289,450.00
Bay Town Painting, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland	\$203,960.00
K&K Painting and Construction, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland	\$389,000.00
S&T Painting Co., Parkton Maryland	\$538,800.00

Council Member Mary Knight moved to acknowledge the apparent low bid from Bay Town Painting, Inc. with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.

B. Two Trucks with Utility Bodies (FY09 Budget Allocation = \$83,680.00)

Vendor	Bid
Barr Truck, Salisbury, Maryland	\$83,390.00
Criswell Chevrolet Fleet Sales, Gaithersburg, Maryland	\$86,382.00
Bob Bell Automotive, Baltimore, Maryland	\$85,646.00
Central Truck Center, Landover, Maryland	\$89,908.00
King Pontiac GMC, Gaithersburg, Maryland	\$83,746.00

Council Member Jim Hall moved to acknowledge the apparent low bid from Barr Truck with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.

C. Convention Center Carpet (FY09 Budget Allocation = \$120,000.00, *Bid Bond Required)

Vendor	Bid
Carpets by the Ocean, Bishopville, Maryland	\$183,771.00
OC Floor Gallery, Ocean City, Maryland	\$135,800.00
Value Carpet One, Salisbury, Maryland	\$139,548.00

Council Member Jim Hall moved to acknowledge the apparent low bid from OC Floor Gallery with remand to Staff for review; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.

**D. Painting – Airport Hangars and Terminal Building
(FY09 Budget Allocation = \$26,000.00)**

Vendor	Bid
Strobel Painting, Selbyville, Delaware	\$32,280.00
Pularski Contracting, Berlin, Maryland	\$84,115.00
Shore Painting, Ocean City, Maryland	\$36,680.00
Eastern Shore Property Management	\$29,139.75
R&R Coatings, Inc., Salisbury, Maryland	\$31,500.00
Excel Coatings, Salisbury, Maryland	\$69,718.00

Council Member Jim Hall moved to acknowledge the apparent low bid from Eastern Shore Property Management; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.

4. Budget Analyst Jennie Knapp presented FY08 Budget Amendment #2 for approval. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to proceed with the First Reading of Budget Amendment #2 in the next Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.**
5. Assistant to City Manager Kathy Mathias presented the revised Schedule for the Springfest and Sunfest Beer Truck Sponsorship. **Council Member Jim Hall moved to approve the revised schedule; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 5-0 with Council Secretary Nancy Howard out of the room and Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.**
6. Human Resource Director Roger Weseman proposed revisions to the Town's Policy on Retirement Recognition. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to approve the revised policy with amendments; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.**
7. City Solicitor Guy Ayres presented a proposed amendment to Chapter 102, entitled *Vehicles for Hire*, changing permitting procedures for taxi drivers and taxi employers. **Council Secretary Nancy Howard moved to proceed with the First Reading in the next Regular Session; seconded by Council Member Mary Knight. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.**
8. Council Member Margaret Pillas reported on the Tourism Commission of August 7, 2008 (See Attachment A).

Council Member Mary Knight moved to adjourn at 2:18 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Jim Hall. The vote was 6-0 with Council Member Lloyd Martin absent.

ATTACHMENT A

OCEAN CITY TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2008 – 3:00 PM
ROLAND E POWELL CONVENTION CENTER
MEETING ROOM 214

CALL TO ORDER

Margaret Pillas called the meeting to order. Members present included: Margaret Pillas, Dr. Berger, Susan Jones, Melanie Pursel, Joe Mitrecic and Mayor Meehan. Members absent included: Mary Knight. Staff present included: Dennis Dare, Deb Travers, Donna Abbott and Mike Noah. Guests present included: John Gehrig representing D3 Corporation, Ruth Waters representing OC Chamber of Commerce, Jon Tremellen representing OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and G Hale Harrison representing OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association as chairperson of on-line reservation system committee, Christine Cullen representing Ocean City Today and Ali Baker representing The Dispatch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 3, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESENTATION ON ON-LINE RESERVATION SYSTEM

John Gehrig representing D3 Corporation (the Town's current on-line reservation system provider) presented current statistics, addressed new features and requested a wish list for future enhancements to the on-line reservation system. John requested opportunity to present updates to the Tourism Commission on a quarterly or semi-annual basis.

DAY AT THE DOCKS MARITIME FESTIVAL

Ruth Waters gave an overview of the activities planned for the Day at the Docks Maritime Festival scheduled for October 11, 2008 at the Harbor in West Ocean City. The OC Commerce, OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and Worcester County Tourism along with local business have partnered to sponsor this event however \$10,000 is still needed. Motion by Dr. Berger, Seconded by Mayor Meehan to send a favorable recommendation to the Mayor and City Council to support Day at the Docks Maritime Festival, October 11, 2008 with a \$5,000 sponsorship if matched by the Worcester County Commissioners. In addition, the Town's sponsorship would be offered the first year of the event only. The vote was unanimous.

UPDATES

Department of Tourism: Sales and Public Relations written reports distributed in agenda packet.

Department of Recreation and Parks/Special Events: written report distributed at meeting.

Worcester County Tourism: written report distributed in agenda packet.

OC Chamber of Commerce: written report distributed at meeting.

EDC Economic Development Council: written report distributed at meeting.

HMRA: written report distributed in agenda packet.

MD Tourism Development Board: No written report submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meehan requested an executive session/closed meeting of the Tourism Commission upon adjournment of the meeting. Margaret Pillas adjourned the meeting. The next Tourism Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2008.