

May 8th, 1962

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City was held in the municipal building on Tuesday evening, May 8th, 1962, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mayor Cropper and Councilmen Harman, Jackson, Kelley, McCabe and Showell were present/

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Council, Harry W. Kelley.

Jerry Legg, City Engineer, and Marcus J. Williams, City Solicitor, were also present.

The minutes of the meeting of May 1st, 1962, were read and approved.

Mr. William C. Pacy came to this meeting with refernece to advertising Ocean City and advertising his Frontier Town.

Mr. Pacey stated that he thought that it would be well worth the expense involved to rent a booth space in the Prince George's Plaza, a shopping center in the Washington suburbs that draws a large number of people, and that this booth would be seen by them. He suggested that two girls be hired to give out literature and answer questions concerning Ocean City.

It was the thought of the Mayor and members of the Council that if this would attract the number of persons mentioned by Mr. Pacey, around a quarter million, it would be well to set up this booth and dispense our brochures.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by Showell, that if the Information Center is receptive to the idea and can take care of the costs through their operating funds, then the Mayor and Council will be willing to go along with the idea. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacey also stated that he had arranged with the Information Center for them to mail out certain literature of Frontier Town and that they were mailing out Ocean City brochures. Postage of this to be shared.

Mr. Pacey stated that the U. S. Travel Bureau was making up a group of slides depicting the State of Maryland and that they would like to have one slide of Ocean City, 12 copies of each. A packet will be made up for distribution to foreign countries. Approval of this was given.

Mr. Pacey further added that Frontier Town was doing a considerable amount of advertising in newspapers, radio, and on billboards and one of their ideas was to have the weather forecast broadcast over five Washington and five Baltimore radio stations each Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. He stated that they were unable to afford this alone and asked if the Mayor and Council knew of anyone who would like to go in with them on this they would like very much to have them participate. The merit of this was discussed. One remark was to the effect that such forecast might keep someone from coming to Ocean City and the forecast may not be correct for Ocean City. There were other remarks along this line.

Mr. Pacey stated that one of this means of advertising in the newspapers was a bus trip to Frontier Town for various groups and organizations of youths. He stated that he wished to have the bus come into Ocean City after they have been to Frontier Town and would like for someone to board the bus and accompany the group and give a sight seeing spiel to them. This was thought to be a good idea and he was told that they would cooperate.

Mr. Edward Fisher representing the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Co. and Mr. John Nichols of the Ocean City Real Estate and Insurance Agency, came to this meeting with reference to public liability and property damage insurance on the fire department's equipment. Mr. Fisher stated that at the present time there was no insurance of any type on the equipment and that the Fire Dept. felt that insurance should be carried to protect them in case of accident. Mr. Nichols stated that he had contacted the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., the company that we are presently insured with for the town's vehicles, and that they will add this to the general liability policy at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 perannum and that this will cover each vehicle of the Fire Department under the limits of liability \$50,000. - \$100,000. and \$5,000. It was brought out that the vehicles are titled in the name of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Dept. and if they were transferred to the name of the Mayor and City Council then they would automatically be covered under our multiple coverage policy. Mayor Cropper suggested that inasmuch as the members of the Fire Department take a great deal of pride in the department and ownership of equipment, etc., some of them may resent the transfer of title to the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Nichols stated that this matter had been discussed with him earlier this year and that he had gone ahead and covered the vehicles as of the middle of February on the Town's policy. He also stated that he would have the policy changed in name to cover the Mayor and Council and the Fire Department so as to have full coverage for them.

Mr. Showell asked if the Fire trucks going to the fire would have any immunity to existing traffic laws in case of accident. Mr. Fisher stated that they were subject to laws the same as any other vehicle.

A motion was made by Harman, seconded by McCabe, that the fire department vehicles be covered under the town's multiple coverage policy at a cost of approximately \$1000. per annum. Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Mr. William Muth came to this meeting with reference to a celebration in Ocean City to mark its opening soon after Labor Day. He explained a number of his ideas such as a parade containing a number of bands and marching units, floats, etc. and his ideas for publicity on a national level. He stated that he had contacted the Department of Economic Development of the state of Maryland and that he thought that they would participate with the Town in this. He further stated that the cost to the town would be approximately \$1000. and that if this was shared with the State then the cost to the town would be reduced by whatever the state participated. He suggested the date of June 5th at 2:30 P. M. and expressed ideas in getting material to the papers for use in their late afternoon editions.

The Mayor and members of the Council were receptive to Mr. Muth's proposal and suggested that if he could get the publicity and participation in the parade that he described it would be well to expend the required sum.

The question of vehicles on the boardwalk was discussed and it was finally agreed that convertibles could be used inasmuch as heavy equipment is now being used by the contractors building the boardwalk.

A motion was made by Showell, seconded by Harman, that the Mayor and Council approve Mr. Muth's idea and that he proceed with arrangements and that the Town will participate in the costs.

Mr. Muth introduced Miss Linda Kirsch and asked that she be appointed to represent Ocean City for publicity purposes in connection with the proposed celebration. This idea was approved.

Letters had been written to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor, as well as to Mr. William Klebold, to attend this evening's meeting to discuss their plans with regards to the demolition, razing, or reconstruction of their buildings that were under construction at the time of the storm and have been severely damaged as a result of the storm/

Mr. Edward and Mr. Ernest Taylor and Mr. James Caine came in response to this letter, however, Mr. Klebold nor a representative was present.

Mr. Kelley explained to them the reasons for having invited them to this meeting. That many property owners in the areas had contacted the Mayor and Council regarding the danger of the buildings and that representatives in the area of 35th street had presented a petition asking that the Mayor and Council take steps to remedy the hazard that exists.

Mr. Caine explained that they had made application to the Small Business Loan Administration but that they had not received word of its approval to date. He stated that the Taylor bothers were without funds to do anything about the building and that they were indebted to creditors for materials, etc. He further added that they were perfectly willing for the Mayor and Council to take whatever steps they deemed necessary as they did not contemplate salvaging any of the building and were planning to abandon it. They had included in their application for a loan the sum of \$5000. for its demolition and if they re-built they would start all over again and place the building approximately 100 feet further west.

Methods of razing the building were discussed. The idea of dynamiting it was submitted and the use of a crane with a steel ball was also suggested. It was thought that perhaps the State would come in and do this using their equipment.

Inasmuch as Mr. Klebold was not present, plans for the Flagship are not known. It was brought out that a part of the building is in a hazardous condition and that some of it fell by inundation as early as last week end.

Mr. Williams was asked to contact Mr. Kelbold to find out from him what his intentions are with regard to the building and to call his attention to the possible danger that exists.

Mayor Cropper was asked to contact Mr. Funk with reference to the State helping out in the demolition of these buildings.

The necessity for roping off or fencing off the area keeping persons from the properties was pointed out and also the necessity for the erection of signs prohibiting trespassing as well as calling attention to the danger. ~~NO TRESSPASSERS~~ "All Trespassers Will Be Arrested" was suggested as being on the signs.

Mr. Russell Cullen, President of the Chamber of Commerce, came to this meeting with reference to signs being placed at the heads of streets at the boardwalk. He stated that some of the members had complained to him and wondered if the Mayor and Council had an ordinance controlling this. Mr. Cullen was told that an ordinance had been in the making for some time, however, it had not finally been adopted. He was told of someone's suggestion to place a directory type sign at these locations and sell spaces to those interested in advertising. The proceeds from this will go to the town. Mr. Cullen did not accept this idea as he thought that other property owners should have the same privilege at other locations.

Nothing definite resulted from this, however, Mr. Cullen was told that consideration would be given to methods to control this.

Mr. Hugh Brantley of the Baltimore News Post came to this meeting with reference to his paper preparing a tabloid type edition to their Sunday paper containing 12 pages and depicting Ocean City's recovery and restoration after the storm of March 6-7. He stated that the cost of such a tabloid would be \$7,500. and that copies could be purchased at 10¢ each for use in mailing to mailing lists of hotels and motels. He stated that they would send photographers and writers here to cover the material.

The Mayor and Council were asked to underwrite this if they were in accord with the idea. Mr. Harman stated that he had contacted several property owners and they all had stated that they would be glad to contribute \$100.00. It was generally agreed that such a publication will do a lot of good in telling people of the reconstruction and to prove that the various properties are in condition for business and that the beach and boardwalk are in good condition.

Several suggestions were made in reference to raising the necessary sum to have this tabloid printed. It was suggested that the Mayor and each of the councilmen contact property owners in an effort to have them contribute. Mr. Cullen was still present and he suggested that the Chamber of Commerce sell copies of the edition. Mr. Showell suggested that the directory signs at the boardwalk be erected and space thereon sold at \$100.,

It was finally agreed that the Mayor and Council will underwrite the project and have the Baltimore News Post proceed with the preparation of it for May 20th and that the funds be raised to whatever extent they can be and the balance supplemented by the town. A motion to this effect was made by Harman, seconded by Jackson, and passed with one dissenting vote, that of Mr. McCabe.

Approval was given for the Chamber of Commerce to sell copies of this edition at 10¢ each.

Mayor Cropper brought up the matter of the bulldozing on the beach progressing so slowly due to the large amount of sand. He suggested that the south end be left at this time and move bulldozers up the beach to start clearing there so that it will look better to the general public.

Mr. Cropper told of his recent appearance on television in Washington with the Mayors of Rehoboth and Bethany Beach.

Mayor Cropper stated that he had received a letter from the President of National Brewing Co. thanking him for his letter regarding the death of Bayly Goss.

Mr. Showell checked the hours that the bulldozers are working on the beach and Mr. Legg stated that they had been asked to work from 8 to 5 daily so that they would be under our supervision.

Mr. Showell asked the Mayor and members of the council if they had any objection to his employment by the town to do certain concrete work on sidewalks and median strip. He was told that the charter did not forbid employment of members of the council and each of the members stated that they had no objection.

Mr. Showell stated that inasmuch as 41st street is without the city limits, the street is in the county and under their jurisdiction. New sidewalks have been constructed on each side and the county has stated that they will not do any surfacing this year. The property owners are disappointed and he asked that the Mayor and Council request that this work be done. It was suggested that our Commissioner be contacted to see if he would not have the work performed. He was told that if the county did not do all of the street, the Mayor and Council would surface the south side where sidewalks have been constructed.

Mr. McCabe stated that he had heard that the state was not going to pay the bill of Brittingham Construction Co, for work that they have performed in cleaning sand from the streets. Mr. McCabe was told that as far as the Mayor and Council were concerned, there was no official word to this effect.

Mr. Jackson stated that he had checked with the Information center and they advised that they are receiving around 200 letters per day, around ten percent more than last year and that a very small percentage referred to the storm.

On motion by Harman, seconded by Jackson, the following vouchers were approved for payment:

Checks written since last Council meeting:

#31834 - The Barrett Chevrolet, Inc. (To replace Check #31821 written incorrectly)	2,075.00
#31835 - Bank of Ocean City - Ocean City Water & Sewerage Improvement Bonds of 1953 - Bonds redeemable and coupon Interest	10,568.75
#31836 - Vernon J. Phillips - Sum deducted from members of police department during April	32.00
#31837 - Pay Roll week ending 5/3/62	2,805.77
#31838 - Bank of Ocean City - Income Tax withheld from wages during April	1,246.30
#31839 - Employees' Retirement System - Contribution for month of April - Social Security	832.26
#31840 - Mayor & City Council - To transfer funds from 1961 Capital FyB Fund to General Fund	10,000.00

Vouchers prepared and presented at meeting of Mayor and Council for approval on May 8th, 1962:

#31841 - Choptank Electric Coop. - Electricity - dump site	5.25
#31842 - The Barrett Chevrolet, Inc. - New police car	2,075.00
#31843 - Hastings Esso & Body Shop - Repair radiator	4.00
#31844 - J. T. Roberts & Bro., Inc. - 1" and 2" galv. pipe	241.36
#31845 - Worcester County Board of Education - Toll call incurred by National Guard	1.30
#31846 - Kline's Heating Oil Service - Fuel oil for office, fire house and disposal plant	70.76
#31848 - V. V. Hughes & Sons - Baskets	3.66
#31849 - E. S. P. S. Co. - Current - sign near Denton	12.66
#31850 - George Bert. Cropper - Survey work in connection with proposed force main (Capital Fund)	127.95
#31851 - WBOC, Inc. - Spot announcements preceding Easter	51.00
#31852 - Dale's Esso Center - April statement	32.79
#31853 - The Adkins Co. of O. C. - April statement	18.69
#31854 - Howard Parsons - Sharpening saws	3.00
#31855 - M. P. Davis - April statement	84.99
#31856 - W. Scott Wallace - Postage for meter	99.00
#31857 - Ocean City Machine Works - April statement	103.52
#31858 - The Shaw-Walker Co. - New forms in connection with taxes	745.00
#31859 - Salisbury Battery Co. - Work on magneto	19.45
#31860 - The Magee Oil Co. - April statement	15.75
#31861 - The Tingle Printing Co. - Purchase Orders printed	125.00
#31862 - Hoffman Drycleaners - Fire House laundry	7.49
#31863 - J. T. Roberts & Bro., Inc. - 4" soil pipe	85.26
#31864 - Commercial Bag Manufacturing Co. - Burlap	35.64
#31855 - Board of County Commissioners - Clerical aid to Trial Magis.	20.00
#31866 - Eugene Messic & Sons - Stationery and envelopes	40.37
#31867 - Mason Paper Co. - Deodorant blocks	3.96
#31868 - White & Leonard - Misc. office sups. for Police Dept.	10.15
#31869 - Jim's Bridge Amoco - April statement	19.92
#31870 - Railway Express Agency - Prepaid charges on rod returned	3.11
#31871 - Salisbury Office Supply Co. - Chairs and supplies	96.93
#31872 - George Bert. Cropper - April statement	132.58

#31873	- T. Frederick Johnson - Electrical work at Outdoor show	113.78
#31874	- C& P Telephone Co. - Lease lines for police dept. and fire dept. and Chief of Police Phone	7///
	piling	64.78
#31875	- Francis R. Davis - 61 - 20' piling at 25th st.	305.00
#31876	- Byrd's Hardware - April statement	86.02
#31877	- Inland Construction Co. - Driving piling at 17 and 18 sts.	2,840.00
#31878	- The Barrett Chevrolet, Inc. - new police car	2,075.00
#31879	- Mary Carter Paint Co. - Paint and roller	34.02

Pay Roll W/E 5/3/62

	3,267.66
Less Social Security	102.17
Less Federal W/H	319.40
Less State W/H	32.32
Less Police Fund	8.00
	<u>2,805.77</u>

Wages on weekly basis	2364.11
Wages on Hourly basis	<u>903.55</u>

3267.66

DISTRIBUTION OF WEEKLY WAGES:

10.141	Clerks	213.47
10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	115.00
10.911	Advertising	120.00
11.111	Police Dept.	1,206.36
12.201	Streets	218.85
13.201	Sewers	154.93
13.203L	Sewers(Capital)	12.50
13.301	Beach Cleaning	21.27
13.401	Waste Collection	6.82
20.201	Water	95.00
20.901	Trailer Park	64.29
20.941	Beach Parking Lot	29.68
	1959 Cap. Fund	35.94
	Clean-up	<u>70.00</u>

2,364.11

DISTRIBUTION OF HOURLY WAGES:

10.811	Municipal Bldgs.	63.50
11.111	Police Dept.	29.70
11.212	Fire Dept.	38.25
12.201	Streets	63.62
12.901	Boardwalk	109.03
13.201	Sewers	119.93
13.203L	Sewers(Capital)	10.00
13.301	Cleaning Beach	15.20
13.401	Waste Collection	216.00
20.201	Water	40.69
20.901	Trailer Park	17.50
20.911	Comfort Station	90.00
20.941	Beach Parking Lot	23.74
	1959 Cap. Fund	28.76
	Storm Damage	14.63
	Clean-up	<u>23.00</u>

<u>903.55</u>
<u>3,267.66</u>

Clerk presented a delinquent telephone bill of Ocean City Aviation, Inc. in the amount of \$309.42. This bill goes back to October, 1961, and the phone at the airport has been disconnected for sometime. It was thought that it would be best to have Mr. Blackwell to come in and go over his affairs with the Mayor and Council and Mr. Showell stated that he would contact him.

Clerk brought up the possibility of using prison labor on the garbage trucks this summer. The Mayor and members of the council thought, that this would not be wise.

Approval was given for the placing of stone in the area on 38th street abutting Motoyoshi's property between the surfaced area and their property line.

Approval was given for construction of certain sidealks and median strip by

John Dale Showell.

Clerk stated that Koontz Equipment Company's allowance on trade in of parking meters was \$10.00 compared with Dual Parking Meters allowance of \$25.00.

Approval was given for an orchestra to play for a dance of the Maryland Municipal League while they are in convention here on June 11th. The orchestra to be paid for by the town.

Refusal for an application was made to applicant to rent metal detectors on the beach.

Approval was given for the hiring of a person to do bookwork and general office work.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 11:00 P. M.

May 8th, 1962

On _____ by Jackson seconded by _____ following Ordinance was unanimously adopted

— Jackson
— Starman

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION to add a new section, to be known as Section 197 A, to Article 24, Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition), title "Worcester County", sub-title "Ocean City", authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City to grant a franchise to Shore Development Company, Inc., a Maryland corporation, for the purpose of erecting a privately financed Convention Hall in said town, under specifications and conditions to be prescribed by said municipality.

SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF OCEAN CITY, That Section 197 A be added to Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition), to read as follows:

"197 A. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to grant a franchise to Shore Development Company, Inc., a Maryland corporation, to erect, construct, operate and maintain a Convention Hall within the corporate limits of the town of Ocean City, at such location and under such specifications as said municipality may deem best, extending from the westerly line of Atlantic Avenue and running across said Atlantic Avenue easterly into and on the Atlantic Ocean and extending northerly a distance of not more than 600 feet from the northerly side of South Second Street."

SECTION 2: AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, that this resolution shall become effective fifty (50) days following the date of this enactment, namely, on June 27, 1962.

Resolved this 8th day of May, 1962.

Harry W. Kelly
Harry W. Kelly, President

ATTEST: Robert B. Jackson
Robert B. Jackson, Secretary.

Approved this 8th day of May, 1962.

Hugh T. Cropper
Hugh T. Cropper, Mayor

ATTEST: T. Earl Pierce
T. Earl Pierce, Clerk.