



Regular Meeting Monday, March 18, 2019 Mayor and City Council Town of Ocean City, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Lloyd Martin	Ocean City	Council President	Present	
Mary Knight	Ocean City	Council Secretary	Present	
Dennis Dare	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Tony DeLuca	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
John Gehrig Jr.	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Matthew James	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Mark L. Paddack	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Richard W. Meehan	Ocean City	Mayor	Present	6:40 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: City Manager Doug Miller, City Solicitor Guy Ayres, Finance Director Chuck Bireley, City Clerk Diana Chavis, Police Chief Ross Buzzuro, Special Events Coordinator Lisa Mitchell, Planning and Community Development Director Bill Neville, Zoning Administrator Frank Hall, Budget Manager Jennie Knapp, Member of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Lloyd Martin called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Council Secretary Knight led the prayer and Pledge.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

A. Standing Committee Reports

Council President Martin reviewed Police Commission March 11 minutes.

Council Member James reviewed Tourism Commission March 11 minutes.

Council Member DeLuca reviewed Coastal Resources Legislative Committee March 13 minutes.

Council Member DeLuca reviewed Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee March 13 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ocean City Air Show approval request [Item C] was pulled from consent agenda. Further discussion about Air Show Memorandum of Understanding date provisions will be scheduled for the March 26 Work Session.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A through G; Motion amended to pull Item C.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tony DeLuca, Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew James, Council Member
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Work Session dated February 26, 2019
 - 2. Regular Session #5 dated March 4, 2019
- B. Private Event Approval Request for the White Marlin Festival and Crab Soup Cook-off and 2021 Date Hold Request - May 11, 2019
- C. Private Event Approval Request for Ocean City Air Show Memorandum of Understanding and 2020/2021 Date Holds - June 15-16, 2019
- D. Private Event Approval Request and 2021 Date Hold for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer - October 19, 2019
- E. Private Event Approval Request for Run the Boards Like Rob - October 20, 2019
- F. Private Event Approval Request for ESA Delmarva Summer Surf Series - Multiple Dates 2019
- G. Request to Approve Amendments to OCPD General Order 100 A-1, Department Direction and Organization

MISCELLENEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Conditional Use Request to permit the operation of a water taxi business, ticketing and sales office and docking of water taxi boats at the head of the east end of the lagoon leading to Assawoman Bay, 11703 Coastal Highway, presented by Planning and Community Development Director and Zoning Administrator

The Mayor and Council amended the conditions approved by the Planning Commission with the following results: 1) Docking is limited to private commercial properties, unless otherwise approved to dock at public facilities by the Mayor and City Council, or on private property; 2) Noise such as, but not limited to, music and crew announcements not be amplified while operating in residential areas adjacent to the canal, or at the ticket kiosk; 3) Boats must operate at the posted speed and in accordance with Coast Guard regulations; 4) The floating dock shall be posted for use by only the OC Bay Hopper; 5) Only two 27' Carolina Skiff passenger boats operated by the OC Bay Hopper can be docked at the floating pier; 6) Restrooms at the kiosk must have signage and be available to customers of the operation; 7) Hours of operation 8:30 a.m. to midnight; last pickup 10:00 p.m.; 8) The Conditional Use is renewable after two years from the date of the signed agreement subject to a review after 1 year [initial review by Planning and Zoning staff, then brought to Mayor and Council.]

Motion to approve Findings of Fact with conditions as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark L. Paddack, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mary Knight, Council Secretary
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

B. Report from Worcester County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic

County is in final stages of dismantling Department of Liquor Control. Mayor Meehan will present FY20 grant requests and discuss room tax increase with County Commissioners which requires a unanimous vote. Commissioners met with bond rating agencies for upcoming bond sale to fund Showell Elementary School, Stephen Decatur High School turf field, and numerous water/wastewater projects; bonding approximately \$46 million is upcoming months. Novak Consulting Group was hired in January to mediate a Strategic Planning Session. An Other Post-Employment Benefits work session is scheduled to discuss County funding of its current \$350 million liability. FY2020 budget was presented with revenues \$6.7 million less than requested.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

A. Second Reading - Ordinance 2019-02 to Adopt FY19 Budget Amendment #1

Tony Christ received further explanation of amendments from budget manager.
Vince Gisriel spoke on amendments and costs associated with the campus plan project.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tony DeLuca, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mary Knight, Council Secretary
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mary Kirkner requested phone numbers of OC Bay Hopper captains and boat heads.
Stan Conn expressed concern of boat head needs, sound issues and night navigation.
Pete Brooks spoke on 67th Street Gym property lease.
Tony Christ commented on 67th Street Gym property lease, water taxi and closed sessions.
Vince Gisriel spoke on small cell tower installations.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Reviewed March 26 tentative Work Session agenda and acknowledged Department Activity Report.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

At the February 12 Work Session, Council approved proceeding with the installation of nine [9] additional small antenna sites in Caine Woods, Heron Harbor, Caine Keys and Little Salisbury. Council Member DeLuca requested reconsideration of that vote.

Motion requesting Mayor and Council deny the installation of nine [9] small antenna towers in residential neighborhoods as previously approved.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Tony DeLuca, Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew James, Council Member
AYES:	DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James
NAYS:	Martin, Paddack
ABSTAIN:	Knight, Dare

Mayor Meehan commented on town efforts to combat cell tower installations and good faith efforts underway to resolve the gym property lease proposal.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tony DeLuca, Council Member
SECONDER:	Matthew James, Council Member
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

Approved by Mayor and Council this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Diana L. Chavis, CMC
City Clerk