



Regular Meeting Monday, April 15, 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	6:36 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, IAFF Local 4269 President Ryan Whittington, Members 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 Member Gehrig led the prayer and Pledge.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- A. Resolution Ratifying the Career Fire Fighter Paramedics Association of Ocean City, IAFF Local 4269, Collective Bargaining Agreement

This contract incorporates a hybrid shift schedule which includes a 24-hour shift. Council Secretary Knight and Council Member Dare reiterated their concern about reinstating any 24-hour shifts. Council Member James favors 24-hour shifts and believed the contract could have been negotiated at a significantly less dollar amount if 24-hour shifts were reactivated.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Mark L. Paddack, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tony DeLuca, Council Member
AYES:	Martin, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., Paddack
NAYS:	Knight, Dare, James

B. Standing Committee Reports

Council President Martin reported on Police Commission meeting of April 8.
Council Member James reported on Tourism Commission meeting of April 8.
Council Member DeLuca reported on Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of April 10.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A through H.

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

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Work Session dated March 26, 2019
 - 2. Regular Session #7 dated April 1, 2019
- B. Private Event Approval Request for Woodson Elementary School Band - June 7, 2019
- C. Private Event Approval Request for the OC Cruzers Car Display - June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 22, 2019
- D. Private Event Approval Request for the 6th Annual Storm Warriors 5K Run/Walk - November 19, 2019
- E. Request to Serve Beer and Wine at Sunset Park Wedding Reception - June 29, 2019
- F. Request for Permission to Serve Beer and Wine at Fiesta Park for Democratic Club 13th Annual Summer Picnic - June 29, 2019
- G. Request to Approve Picnic Table Agreements
- H. Request to Approve Beach Equipment Franchise Assignment

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Invitation to 33rd Annual Ocean City Community Health Fair presented by Event Chair Melvin Friedman
 - Extended invitation to Mayor, Council and local community to attend the health fair on May 7 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
- B. Private Event Approval Request for the Jellyfish Festival Addendum - June 20, 2019
 - Culture Changers, LLC, is partnering with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and requested approval to hold First Responders Day on Thursday, June 20, 2019, within the Jellyfish festival footprint. This is a free event paying tribute to Police, EMS, Fire Fighters and Armed Forces.

Motion to approve addendum adding First Responders Day.

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

C. Atlantic General Hospital Annual Report presented by President/CEO Michael Franklin

Presented 2018 review of finances, community impact, goals, strategic initiatives, future projects and recognitions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

ITEMS REFERRED TO AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR

A. First Reading - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 102, Vehicles for Hire, Article II, Taxicabs (to decrease the annual medallion renewal fee from \$500 to \$250)

At the April 8 Police Commission meeting, taxi medallion enforcement, license fees, medallion fees and annual inspection fees were discussed. Taxi owners felt current fees inhibited local taxi industry success. The Police Commission recommended reducing the medallion fee (from \$500 to \$250) and annual inspection fee (from \$150 to \$100).

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2019-03, retroactive to January 1, 2019, reimbursing \$250 to medallion holders who paid \$500 to renew their medallions between January 1, 2019, and April 15, 2019.

RESULT:	APPROVED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Knight, Tony DeLuca
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

Motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2019-03 retroactive to January 1, 2019. The Mayor concurred.

RESULT:	ADOPT AS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Knight, Council Secretary
SECONDER:	Matthew James, Council Member
AYES:	Martin, Knight, Dare, DeLuca, Gehrig Jr., James, Paddack

B. Resolution to Establish Taxicab Fees for Taxicab Businesses in Ocean City, Maryland (to decrease the yearly taxicab inspection fee from \$150 to \$100)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06.

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

C. Resolution Granting a Franchise for the Sale of Food, Beverages and Merchandise on Certain Areas of Public Lands for the Ocean City Air Show onto OC Air Show, LLC

Resolution grants exclusive rights for OC Air Show, LLC, to operate a concession on public property for the sale of food products, beverages [alcoholic and non-alcoholic], merchandise and memorabilia during the 2019-2021 scheduled Air Shows.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07.

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

D. Traffic Regulation 2019-02 granting permission for the White Marlin Open to use 30 feet of parking along Jacqueline Avenue, 30 feet of parking along 14th Street and an additional 15 feet on the west side of Jacqueline Avenue from Thursday August 1 through Saturday, August 10, 2019

Police Commission voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to Mayor and Council. After discussion and to better accommodate the event promoter, Mayor and Council suggested traffic regulation language be amended to reflect approval for a 5-year period. The revised regulation will be presented at the May 6 Regular Meeting.

Motion to ratify Traffic Regulation 2019-02.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

George Lukel commented on TEAM Production events.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Advised there is no Mayor and Council meeting the week of April 22nd. Reviewed April 30 tentative Work Session agenda and acknowledged Department Activity Report.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Meehan recognized passing of Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Mike Busch. He acknowledged funding approval for the Ocean City Convention Center expansion and thanked all parties involved.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 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