



Work Session

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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
Matthew James	Ocean City	Council President	Present	
Tony DeLuca	Ocean City	Council Secretary	Present	
Peter Buas	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
John Gehrig Jr.	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
J. Franklin Knight	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Lloyd Martin	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Mark L. Paddack	Ocean City	Council Member	Present	
Richard W. Meehan	Ocean City	Mayor	Present	

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: City Manager Doug Miller, City Attorney Heather Stansbury, City Clerk Diana Chavis, Deputy City Clerk Pamela Peters, Legislative Office Coordinator Lauren Davis, Finance Director Chuck Bireley, Fire Chief Ritchie Bowers, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Chris Shaffer, Battalion Chief Richard Koch, Firefighter/EMT Steven Twilley, Firefighter/Medic Ryan Whittington, Members of the Press and Interested Parties.

Council President Matt James called this Work Session to order at 11:30 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 N. Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland, 21842.

NOTICE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

- A. Closed Session Notice and Report - Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 11:30 - 1:00 PM to discuss Legal, Personnel and Public Security Matters

Convened into Closed Session as authorized under General Article §3-305(b)1, §3-305(b)7 and §3-305(b)10 to: 1) discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals, 2) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and 3) discuss public security if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including; a) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and b) the development and implementation of emergency plans. These exceptions were invoked to review an individual employee performance, to preserve attorney-client privilege and to maintain confidentiality of police deployment plans.

Motion to convene into Closed Session.

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

Council President Matt James reported on Closed Session. Persons present were Mayor Rick Meehan, City Manager Doug Miller, Council President Matt James, Council Secretary Tony DeLuca, Council Members Lloyd Martin; John Gehrig; Mark Paddack; Frank Knight and Peter Buas, City Clerk Diana Chavis, City Attorney Heather Stansbury, Police Chief Ross Buzzuro and Police Captain Elton Harmon. Mayor and Council conferred with legal counsel on pending and potential litigation, discussed a personnel matter specific to one individual and reviewed a summer police deployment action plan.

Motion to adjourn Closed Session at 1:37 PM.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID19 Vaccination Update presented by Fire Chief Ritchie Bowers

Fire Chief Ritchie Bowers and staff provided a background of the COVID-19 pandemic to include state actions, fire department health and safety protocols, operational responses, personal protective supplies, vaccine planning, preparation and process, and state and local partnerships. Maryland is currently in Phase 1C. The Ocean City Fire Department is the only agency vaccinating with the Worcester County Health Department and has hosted 11 clinics. Mayor and Council thanked the Ocean City Fire Department for being on the front lines in protecting Ocean City residents and employees from this serious illness.

B. Request to Renew Lease Agreement with Leighton's West End, LLC presented by City Manager Doug Miller

Motion to renew Leighton's West End, LLC, lease agreement for another year with term ending January 1, 2022.

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

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 2:25 PM.

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

Approved by Mayor and Council this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Diana L. Chavis, CMC
City Clerk