

June 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:25 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - -8 Reporters - - - - - 1

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Dean.

<u>Roll call:</u>	Council President Covington	Absent
	Council Vice President Dean	Present
	Councilman Ellenberg	Present
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Present

Also present:

- Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
- Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
- Stephen Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities
- Chief William McCormick
- Paul E. Short, Sr, Code Enforcement Officer
- Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC

Council Vice President Dean read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 25, 2014. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>106-2015:</u>	A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS, (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87), 2015 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT, 2015 COPS IN SHOPS-SUMMER SHORE INITIATIVE AND 2014 CAPE MAY COUNTY RECYCLING REBATE
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Motion made by Council Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

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Resolution No. 107-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HATCH MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 28TH STREET PARKING LOT ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$46,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Dean that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Vice President Dean	Aye
Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Council President Covington	Absent

Resolution No. 108-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DESIMONE MANAGEMENT, LLC OF RIO GRANDE, NEW JERSEY FOR THE SERVICES WITH SALVATORE DESIMONE AS CERTIFIED FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON FOR A ONE YEAR TERM FROM JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Councilman Ellenberg, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Vice President Dean	Aye
Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Council President Covington	Absent

Resolution No. 109-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HATCH MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE MONITORING AND INVESTIGATION OF MUNITIONS OF CONCERN (MEC) AND ALSO POST-BEACHFILL MEC INVESTIGATION FOR THE 2015 BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Ellenberg that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Vice President Dean	Aye
Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Council President Covington	Absent

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Resolution No. 110-2015: A RESOLUTION APPROVING 2015 JITNEY LICENSES FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 2, 2015 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2016

Motion made by Council Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Resolution No. 111-2015: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Councilman Ellenberg, seconded by Council Vice President Dean that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 723-2015:

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Ellenberg that Ordinance No. 723-2015 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 723-2015:

Ordinance No. 723-2015:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$23,000 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH BUILDING AND FACILITIES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Ellenberg that Ordinance No. 723-2015 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

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Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 724-2015:

Motion made by Council Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that Ordinance No. 724-2015 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 724-2015:

Ordinance No. 724-2015:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTERS 2 AND 8

Motion made by Council Vice President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that Ordinance No. 724-2015 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator, provided a report to Council which is attached to the minutes. He added information from Dale Foster, County Engineer regarding the opening of Townsend Inlet Bridge which is anticipated to be June 19th.

Councilman McCorristin asked Mr. Thornton about the back bay dredging and the progress of the winter flounder restriction.

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC responded the winter flounder waiver procedure has been reviewed by the New England Fisheries Counsel Committee and approved 8 to nothing. He said at this point it would have to go through the rule process and if it goes through the US Fish and Wildlife service there is a much stronger argument to make in pursuing those modifications.

Scott Wahl, added Mobil; the main contractor had been made aware of this development and if it moves forward and it's allowable the agencies will be approached to see if the Borough can dredge past the December 31st deadline into the winter to perhaps make this a two year project and wrap up early mid-April of 2016 instead of taking the mandatory break and starting up again in September 15, 2016.

Councilman McCorristin asked if the contractor will be available to continue.

Scott Wahl, responded yes the only concern is the possibility of a deep freeze and the bay being frozen.

Public Comments:

None.

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Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Ellenberg to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Dean	Aye
	Councilman Ellenberg	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Covington	Absent

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

Richard E. Dean, Council Vice President

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH

Avalon Beach Fill Update:

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company informed Avalon officials that its dredge, "Illinois", was successfully repaired following a mechanical issue while conducting a beach fill in Strathmere, Upper Township. The dredge was kept in port last week due to stormy conditions in the Atlantic Ocean, and re-mobilized to Strathmere on Saturday, June 6th where sand was being placed on the beach in that community. There are still seven to ten days of beach fill work to be conducted in Strathmere; following the completion of the work, it will take one to two days to prepare and calibrate the dredge for the Avalon beach fill project. The schedule now puts the dredge pumping initial sand volumes on the Avalon beachfront in approximately 9–12 days, on or about June 20th, 2015. Great Lakes reported to the Borough of Avalon on Wednesday, June 10th that it will have a more exact date on the dredging schedule by this weekend.

Work is being conducted by Great Lakes in advance of the arrival of the "Illinois". Starting on Thursday, June 11th, Great Lakes will have regular deliveries of equipment and material coming into both the 19th Street and the 9th Street area for the next two weeks. Heavy equipment will be traversing the beach from 19th Street to the area around the 8th Street jetty. When not in use, the equipment and materials will be staged on the south side of the jetty. Escorts and security fence will be in place as necessary to provide safety to the public. The pipeline used for the hydraulic dredging of sand will be placed on top of the 8th Street jetty on Friday or Saturday, June 12th/13th. There will be no 1000 foot closure of any beach in Avalon from the jetty south until Great Lakes is ready to pump sand. The Avalon Beach Patrol, Department of Recreation, Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, and others have been informed of this update.

Preconstruction video has been conducted on the profile of the beach up to 20th Street and will be completed later this week; pre-construction photographs have already been taken. Vibration monitors will be installed late this week at several locations. The pre-construction beach survey will be completed by Friday at which time the Borough anticipates to learn how much volume is needed to complete the beach fill project.

Great Lakes reports that all efforts will be made during the Avalon beach fill project to minimize equipment noise/lighting during the overnight hours of the beach fill. A reminder: Once the beach fill project begins, sand will be pumped on the beach 24 hours a day, seven days a week until the conclusion of the project. The only stoppage will be due to weather/safety concerns, and mechanical issues with the dredge. The dredge should advance at a rate of approximately 250 feet per day; the beach fill starts at 8th Street and proceeds south to the border of 25th Street and 26th Street at its conclusion.

39th Street Park:

There has been significant progress at the new 39th Street Park. Think Pavers is the main contractor for the job and confirmed to us this week that the completion of the park is on time and on schedule and will be completed on or before next Friday, June 19th. The gazebos and playground equipment have been installed and the Park looks near finished. The Borough will schedule a ribbon cutting event relating to the new Park before the July 4th weekend.

Avalon School Track Project:

School Superintendent Stacey Tracy reports that the track project is also on schedule. Work was conducted this week on the irrigation aspect of the track with consultation from the Avalon Department of Public Works. The main contractor on the job has reported to the school district that the entire project will be completed on or before July 10th. As a refresher, the project will include the 1/8th quarter mile track, new basketball court, and new fitness stations.

Avalon Recreation/Pickle Ball:

The recreation directors from Avalon, Chuck McDonnell, and Stone Harbor, Miranda Duca, have been communicating frequently about expanded recreational opportunities on the 7 Mile Beach. They have jointly worked on a program that will greatly expand one of the most popular recreational offers on our island, Pickle Ball. Each department of recreation will be offering six different Pickle Ball activities during the week, at Avalon Community Hall where four indoor courts are offered and in Stone Harbor where four outdoor courts are offered. This new expanded offering is out on the Borough's website and social media with a highly favorable response.

Dredging Project:

Tom Thornton and I will be meeting with Connie Mahon, Middle Township Administrator, and a few property owners in Sterbeck Harbor regarding the next phase of the dredging project. Letters are going out this week to all property owners involved in the next phase of the project that will provide them information regarding the dredge limits for their private slips. As you may recall, we had several property owners in Princeton Harbor ask for modifications to the dredge limits on their slips. We accomplished that effort, but the agencies asked for one larger modification instead of several smaller ones. These letters will invite any property owner to visit Avalon Borough Hall next Saturday, June 20th, between the hours of 10am-Noon to discuss any potential changes to their slips with a Hatch Mott team that includes Tom Thornton, Scott McPherson, and Shawn Carr. I will also be present at that meeting.