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A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - - - - - - 3 Reporters - - - - - - - - - - 2

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dean.

 Roll call: Council President Dean Present

 Councilman Burns Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent

 Councilman McCorristin Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Police Chief William McCormick

Chuck McDonnell, Recreation Director

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC

Council President Dean read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of

Meetings dated June 24, 2015. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 36-2016: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN YARD SALE SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AVALON GARDEN CLUB ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016, IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Councilman Burns that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

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Resolution No. 37-2016: ARESOLUTION GRANTING A 2016 AMUSEMENT

 GAMES LICENSE TO TWO BITS AMUSEMENTS, INC.

 FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 2805-07-09

 BOARDWALK, AVALON, NEW JERSEY

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 38-2016: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE

 SUBMISSION OF THE COMMUNITY

 FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE

 NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF

 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

 DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 39-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

 FOR ESCROW PAYMENTS FOR PRE AND/OR

 POST DREDGE SURVEYS IN CONNECTION

 WITH THE 2014-2016 DREDGING PROJECT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 40-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE

 TRANSFER OF 2015 APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Councilman Covington seconded by Council President Dean that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

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Resolution No. 41-2016: ARESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE

 EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

 CONTRACT, NON-FAIR AND OPEN, WITH

 MUNICIPAL ADVISERS, LLC OF AVALON, NJ

 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE

 BOROUGH OF AVALON FOR A ONE (1) YEAR

 TERM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 42-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator, provided the following report to Borough Council:

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2016

Back Bay Dredging: We had some minor interruptions regarding the dredging project that were completely weather related. As of yesterday, Mobile Dredging completed the western portion of Porpoise Lagoon and now is working on the eastern section. Channel Marine is performing dredging of private boat slips along 39th Street. A map of the dredging pipeline plan provided by our municipal engineer is on the dredging link on our website.

I have been communicating with Middle Township Business Administrator Connie Mahon regarding the finished product of the dredging project in Sterbeck Harbor. As you know Middle participated in our dredging project to address the Harbor; that work has been completed. A citizen from Middle Township took time to write me about the cooperative agreement between Avalon and Middle Township which is entirely reflective of Council’s leadership on this issue:

*I think together both Avalon and middle broke new ground. For the residents it was fear of the unknown. Unchartered waters so to speak.*

*I can only imagine the complexities of the agreement and the execution of it. We are very happy to have navigable waterways. I think a vast majority of the residents will be very very pleased. As we know there will always be a couple of outliers.*

*I would like to thank you and Connie for both being open-minded and willing to help the residents. Hopefully together it was a win-win for both municipalities. I know Connie fought hard for us and I know Avalon was very receptive to the idea.*

*Thank you both.*

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ADMINISTRATORS REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2016- Continued:

Townsend’s Inlet Bridge: We received news Tuesday morning that the Townsend’s Inlet Bridge will be open to the public on Friday, February 12th, at approximately 3:00pm. As a matter of reference, the County held a meeting with administrators from both Avalon and Sea Isle City where the contractor stated that one longer winter of work instead of two short winters would get this project completed. They provided assurances that the work would be done in advance of President’s Day Weekend and they are meeting this deadline. As of now, there are no plans to close the bridge or the roadway during additional off seasons for extra work. As the contractor prepares to depart the work site, there may be a lane closure for part of one day but no complete closures are planned.

Warming Center: At the advice and direction of the Avalon Safety Committee, which met yesterday, Avalon will have a warming center at the Avalon Senior Center from Friday afternoon through the weekend for anyone who may need the comfort of a warm room. The weekend forecast highs are in the low to mid 20s with overnight lows in the single digits.

Peermont: Despite a weather delay during the January coastal storm, the Peermont Substation project is on schedule. We continue to post weekly updates on the website regarding construction activity. There is some underground work being done that will connect the Substation to the transmission poles. Various carpenters, iron workers, and other contractors have begun to perform work inside the building. The two transformers have been loaded into the building; today, heating and ventilation systems were put on the roof. The disturbance to the neighborhood will be lessened in the coming weeks with full restoration of the area, including new streets on 60th and 61st streets.

Open Space Program: I asked for and received a meeting with the Cape May County Planning Department yesterday to discuss various opportunities for the Borough to participate in the program with new initiatives. For the benefit of Council, the Borough is working in coordination with our friends at AHLOA on a bicycle education safety campaign; this morning I had a meeting with Mickey Coskey who is assisting AHLOA with this campaign. We will brief Council on the coordinated effort; we have a volunteer committee that will meet Thursday morning to discuss the Borough’s interests and how they compliment AHLOA’s initiative and avails us to potential funding.

Recreation Committee: Chuck McDonnell has been working with me for a few months on the Recreation Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Mayor. We worked on identifying interest categories where representation on the committee would be valuable. Chuck identified some potential committee members and received direction from the Mayor; the potential candidates will be contacted and the committee formed.

Deputy Municipal Clerk: With tremendous help from Municipal Clerk Marie Hood, we have concluded the interviews for the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk. I anticipate being able to report progress on this to Council at our next meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

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Motion made by Council President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Absent Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Richard E. Dean, Council President