

April 23, 2014

A Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public ----- 5

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The Meeting was called to order by Council President Ellenberg.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present:

Nicole J. Curio, Esquire, Representing Borough Solicitor
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Office
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Police Chief William McCormick
Sue Ellenberg, Interim Recreation Director
Scott Wahl, Public Information Officer
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC
Joseph Maffei, Planning/Zoning Board Engineer

Notice of this Work Session was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 12, 2013. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Council President Ellenberg read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Discussion regarding the bulkhead height as set forth in the Borough Code and discussion regarding Section 5 of Chapter 27 (Zoning) Stormwater Management.

Council Vice President Covington gave a brief overview of a meeting with Planning Board Members and the Borough Engineer concerning bulkhead heights. He said the Planning Board recommended raising the bulkhead height eight (8) feet. He said there are some consequences that occur at that height and could occur at any height.

Councilman McCorristin expressed concern regarding how runoff could possibly be aggravated by the base flood elevation being higher. He also commented on bayfront swimming pools and fencing.

Discussion followed. Council agreed to reject Ordinance No. 691-2013 and proceed with a new Ordinance.

Discussion regarding Resolutions approving the following taxicab licenses:

- a. A Resolution approving the application for a taxicab license submitted by Spir R. Salama, T/A Spiro's Taxi of Egg Harbor Township, NJ for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- b. A Resolution approving the application for a taxicab license submitted by Irma Guy, t/a Ocean Cab Service of Villas, NJ for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Council had no problem with the applications. A Resolution will be placed on the May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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Discussion regarding a Resolution authorizing the Business Administrator to make application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a Community Forestry Management Plan 2014 Green Communities Grant.

Council had no problem with the Business Administrator making application and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding a Resolution approving the temporary transfer of an employee to the position of Acting Municipal Clerk.

Council had no problem with this appointment and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 193-2013, Adopted December 18, 2013 entitled "A Resolution Adopting the Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Avalon for the year 2014.

Council had no problem with this amendment and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding a Resolution authorizing the appointment of a Temporary Deputy Municipal Registrar on an Emergency Basis.

Council had no problem with this appointment and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street stated in recognition of the recent Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations she would be in favor of the Borough developing long range plans to save mature trees and perhaps consider the development of a Shade Tree Commission.

Council President Ellenberg commented the issue was presented before the Environmental Commission at a prior meeting this year and there were reservations that a Shade Tree Commission is a policy setting organization and does not serve in an advisory role.

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin to adjourn the Work Session.

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

Work Session adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. Hood, Assistant to Borough Clerk

David B. Ellenberg, Council President

