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June 10, 2015

 A Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

 Attendance: Public -------------------- 7 Reporters ----------------------- 1

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

Pledge of allegiance.

 Roll call: 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

Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official

Stephen Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities

William McCormick, Chief of Police

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

 Notice of this Work Session 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.

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

Discussion regarding Resolutions authorizing Professional Services Contracts for the following:

Insurance Solutions – Healthcare Consultants

Lawrence Pepper, Esquire – Labor Attorney

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire – Borough Solicitor

McManimon & Scotland – Bond Counsel

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator reported all contracts have kept their current rates and recommends Council approve them for the 2015/2016 term.

Council agreed to proceed with Resolutions to be prepared for the June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Ordinance appropriating $23,000 from the Capital Surplus fund for Capital Improvements to Borough Buildings and Facilities.

Scott Wahl, said there have been issues with the air conditioning system which works jointly with the Avalon School. He said the $23,000 will be the Borough’s share of the cost for a temporary/permanent fix that would ensure the system to continue to work for the next year. He added there will be an effort to re-assess the entire air conditioning system to see if a more significant investment needs to be made.

Brief discussion followed. Council agreed to proceed with introduction of the Ordinance the Regular Meeting this evening.

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Discussion regarding Ordinance amending and supplementing Various Chapters of the Code of the Borough of Avalon, 2013.

Scott Wahl, reviewed the various amendments concerning adding a section for the Assistant Business Administrator, the qualifications of the Director of Public Safety and codification of the existing handicapped parking ordinance.

Stephen D. Barse, said the handicapped parking has always been an Ordinance but it was never codified. He added there is also an amendment for stop intersections which designates the through streets and where stop signs shall be located. He said there was going to be a change in Chapter 7 but that has been taken out of this Ordinance.

Council agreed to proceed with the Introduction of the Ordinance at tonight’s Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution requesting approval for Revenue & Appropriations for 2014 Recycling Grant and 2015 Cops in Shops Grant.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with the Resolution to be adopted at tonight’s regular meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing the purchase of a John Deer Backhoe Loader from the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Cooperative.

Scott Wahl, indicated the current piece of equipment is 25 years old and Public Works Director Bill Macomber spoke about this at a prior meeting and how advantageous it will be to go through the Cooperative. He said part of the advantage is the ability to extend the warranty and trade in the current piece of equipment which would be costly to repair.

Stephen Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works said the current piece of equipment if a 1990 Ford 555c backhoe and it is not dependable. He said several different units were researched, including State Contracts and this Loader meets their needs at a lower cost of $90,000 with the $12,500.00 trade in. He added state contracts do not allow for a trade in.

Councilman McCorristin, said without the trade in, the Borough would have to sell the old loader on govdeals and there would be the possibility of not getting as much money.

Stephen Camp, responded he looked up loader machines on govdeals that were about the same as the Borough’s and found those machines had sold for $8,500 and less.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving 2015 Jitney Licenses.

Scott Wahl, said there are 3 licenses before Council this evening that have undergone the necessary background checks and completion. He said as a compliment of leadership in Avalon the Borough was diligent in making sure background checks and other essential checks were done to have the system operate. He said there are some towns that do not require background checks but he understands next week the Atlantic City Council will meet and require background checks in that community. He said a lot of communities are taking a look at Avalon’s lead on what is required for Jitneys, taxi cabs and ice cream trucks, and the message is coming back in a positive way to Avalon.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be adopted at the Regular Meeting this evening.

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Public Comments:

None.

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

 ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Vice President Dean Aye

 Councilwoman Hudanich Absent

 Councilman McCorristin Aye Councilman Ellenberg Aye

 Council President Covington Absent

Work Session adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Richard E. Dean, Council Vice President