

July 26, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 4:31 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 McCorristin.

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

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator  
 James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator  
 Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor  
 Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official  
 James V. Craft, Chief Financial Officer  
 William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities  
 William McCormick, Chief of Police  
 Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC  
 John Cuthbert, Representative, AHLOA

Council President McCorristin read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 28, 2017. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Minutes:

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – June 28, 2017  
 Reorganization Meeting – July 7, 2017  
 Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – July 12, 2017

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 131-2017:                      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR EMERGENCY FIRE AND NON-EMERGENCY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISPATCH CALLS FOR THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY AND THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

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Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 132-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 759-2017:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 759-2017 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 759-2017:

Ordinance No. 759-2017:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 (WATER AND SEWER) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE QUARTERLY RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 759-2017 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 760-2017:

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 760-2017 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

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Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 760-2017:

Ordinance No. 760-2017:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 TO CREATE A NEW SECTION PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS AND SKY LANTERNS

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 760-2017 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Reports and Recommendations by Mayor and Officials:

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following Administrator's Report:

Coastal Coalition Update: As Council may recall, Dr. Farrell and Mr. Quirk gave a presentation to Council earlier this year regarding flood sensors being placed throughout the Borough, which is a major benefit of participating in the Atlantic Cape Coastal Coalition. Rowan University has reached out about a program that is believed to be a great benefit to the Borough at no cost. A further report on this item will hopefully be provided at the next meeting.

South Jersey Gas: South Jersey Gas is providing some municipalities with upgrades in service and safety with the installation of high pressure gas lines in some parts of town. Public Works has received an application for an upgrade of service to Avalon; recently, South Jersey Gas has made similar improvements in service to Stone Harbor, Wildwood Crest, and Lower Township. We held a meeting with our Engineer yesterday to go over the application and to schedule a meeting with South Jersey Gas on its proposed upgrades in Avalon. We will have a further report with more specific details at our next meeting and will provide all necessary information on our media channels. Upon first review, the new gas lines appear to be generally in the central part of Avalon. Our meeting will include discussions regarding surveying and inspection of work by Mott MacDonald, work schedule, and any moratoriums in place in our community.

Councilwoman Hudanich stressed the importance of expecting compliance with any moratoriums in place when considering allowing this project to continue.

Contracts: This year, the Borough is required to go out to bid on two contracts, the landscaping and solid waste disposal contracts. Joe Clark is communicating with Public Works initially regarding the solid waste disposal contract; we have held an initial meeting with our team and Scott Taylor regarding the landscaping contract; a second meeting will likely be held next week as we zero in on the bid specs and address various community concerns. Mr. Clark also has a meeting with me and Jim Waldron regarding another potential contract to be put out to bid later this year.

Code Enforcement Program: The new Code Enforcement program that was unveiled two weeks ago before Council is working exceedingly well. Mr. Short has been able to improve his ability to respond to community concerns and complaints while canvassing the town. The public is actively using the new portal for both code enforcement questions and for community questions, and they are being answered.

Ocean Drive Project: We have requested a meeting through our engineer with the contractors who will resume work on the Ocean Drive project after Labor Day weekend. We will glean an updated work schedule and hold a progress meeting so we may alert members of the public about the anticipated work area and schedule.

Upcoming Events: Next Tuesday, all Borough departments team up for National Night Out which will be held in the parking lot north of Community Hall from 6-8pm. Next Friday, August

4<sup>th</sup>, CBS3 in Philadelphia will be doing its morning weather, late afternoon newscasts, and evening weather from Avalon.

Monthly Reports:

Month of June, 2017:

- Borough Clerk and Registrar’s Report submitted by Marie J. Hood.
- Bureau of Fire Prevention, Licensing, Miscellaneous Construction Collection, Construction Water and Sewer, Uniform Construction Code, Taxicab, Beach Vehicle Reports submitted by John Tracy.
- Code Enforcement Report submitted by Paul E. Short, Sr.
- Municipal Court Report submitted by Deborah Scott
- Police Department Report submitted by Chief William McCormick.
- Public Works Department Report submitted by William Macomber.
- Recreation Operations Report submitted by Chuck McDonnell.
- Tax Collector & Water Sewer Control Account Reports submitted by Alexis Coan.
- Zoning Report submitted by Jeffrey R. Hesley.

Motion made by Council Vice President Deever, seconded by Councilman Covington that the reports be approved.

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

Pending business.

None.

New business

None.

Public Comments:

Dan Thompson, 5589 Ocean Drive, reported his wife previously sent a memorandum to Borough officials regarding the turtle tubing recently installed between 55<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Streets along Ocean Drive. He expressed concerns that the tubing was installed without the input of homeowners in the area, and further expressed concerns that the tubing was placed during the nesting season, which may prevent some baby turtles from being able to return to the water once hatched. He asked that the Borough educate homeowners of the current plan in place to protect the turtles near the marina. He added that the tubing can also be considered an eyesore. He stressed the importance of protecting the turtles while still maintaining the beauty of the Borough.

Scott Wahl reported the turtle tubing was installed as a result of a meeting where this suggestion was raised. The Wetlands Institute was contacted and asked to review the site. The Wetlands Institute then surveyed the area and made a report as well as some suggestions that were shared with Mr. Macomber. At that time, Councilman Covington suggested holding a meeting. He invited Mr. Thompson to attend the meeting with Mr. Macomber, Mr. Cuthbert, and The Wetlands Institute to try to arrive at a solution that will protect the turtles as well as the integrity of the neighborhood.

Council President McCorristin supported Mr. Thompson’s efforts as well as finding a solution that will work for all in the future.

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Resolution:

Resolution No. 133-2017: A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO MATTERS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, LEASE OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, SPECIFICALLY TWO OR MORE ISOLATED PARCELS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH, WHICH INCLUDE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATED THERETO

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

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

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Deever to recess the public portion of the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session.

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

Public portion of the Regular Meeting recessed at 4:47 p.m.

Council President McCorristin announced official action will not be taken after the closed session.

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Deever to adjourn the Closed Session and go back into public portion of the Regular Meeting.

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

Public Portion of Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:28 p.m.

Present:

Councilman Covington  
Councilman Dean  
Council Vice President Deever  
Councilwoman Hudanich  
Council President McCorristin  
Scott Wahl, Business Administrator  
James A. Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator  
Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

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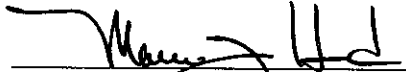
Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

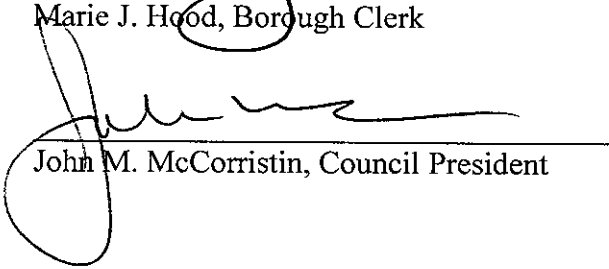
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Covington	Aye
Councilman Dean	Aye
Council Vice President Deever	Aye
Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
Council President McCorristin	Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

  
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John M. McCorristin, Council President