

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public ----- 3 Reporters ----- 1

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
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
William McCormick, Chief of Police
Shawn Carr, P.E., Mott Macdonald, LLC
Steven Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities
Dean Marcolongo, Esq., Consultant
Dr. David LaPuma, Director, NJ Audubon’s Cape May Bird Observatory
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 – October 25, 2017

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Covington 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

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting, Closed Session – November 8, 2017

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Covington 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	Abstain
	Council President McCorristin	Aye

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 173-2017: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM THE STOCKTON UNIVERSITY COASTAL RESEARCH CENTER TO CREATE A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-ONE CENTS (\$10,713.31)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 174-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH S. CLARK, PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF BOROUGH OWNED GROUNDS

Motion made by Council Vice President Deever, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 175-2017: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 176-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 177-2017: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS, (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87), NJ ELECTRIC VEHICLE WORKPLACE CHARGING GRANT

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council President McCorristin 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. 178-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE FOR THE AWARD OF SJPC BID (A-29/2017) SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF NATURAL GAS

Motion made by Councilman Covington, 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. 179-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) AS ASSESSED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY ON ALL MUNICIPALITIES HAVING FILED A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION INCLUDING THAT DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION FILED BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON RELATED TO THE BOROUGH'S POTENTIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH) REQUIREMENTS [Docket CPM-L-306-15]

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Deever 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. 180-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, DOCKET CPM-L-306-15, FOR A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT RELATED TO THE BOROUGH'S OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH) AND NOW ENFORCED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY BY DELEGATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin 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. 181-2017: A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS ADVERSE CHILDHOOD AWARENESS MONTH IN CAPE MAY COUNTY

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

Resolution No. 182-2017: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Deever, 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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 766-2017:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 766-2017 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	Absent
	Council President McCorristin	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 766-2017:

Ordinance No. 766-2017:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (HOUSING AND RENTALS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 766-2017 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	Absent
	Council President McCorristin	Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 765-2017:

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that Ordinance No. 765-2017 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

<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. 765-2017:

Ordinance No.765-2017:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 (ANIMAL CONTROL) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 SECTION 12-16 FERAL CATS, TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN (TNR) PROGRAM

Council President McCorristin opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 765-2017 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that the public hearing be closed

<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 Councilman Dean, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that Ordinance No. 765-2017 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval 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 reported the 2018 Budget for the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) was approved at the Executive Board Meeting held November 20, 2017. The budget will result in a 3% decrease in spending by the JIF, which will realize a refund to the participating municipalities. The budget decrease contributed heavily to the ability of municipalities to buy into various safety programs which help to provide safer working environments and reduced expenses. Mr. Miola will be invited to a future Council Meeting to discuss this matter further. Earlier today, a meeting was held with Tom Thornton, Steve Morey, and the Mayor to discuss a long term plans, as the Borough now has a spirit of cooperation with the US Army Corp of Engineers that will possibly allow the Borough to maintain the Graven's Island CDF Road for future dredging projects. The Army Corp originally resisted the opportunity to have a regional facility that could be used by other interests. The Corp has now had a change of heart and is now of the opinion that a regional CDF makes most sense for practicality to keep waterways safely dredged. That permit application is being made. He commended Bill Macomber, Steve Camp, and all employees of Public Works for a job well done constructing a reindeer barn.

Dr. Lapuma reported he recently spoke at the Avalon Public Library regarding the Sea Watch program. Attendees of the Sea Watch have been tallied each year from September 22nd through December 22nd for the past 24 years. In 2015, there were 250 attendees, and in 2016, there were 1,200 attendees. So far this season, there have been over 1,200 attendees with a month left in the season. He attributed the large rise in numbers to the construction of a sea-watching structure on the beach between 8th and 9th Streets. So far this year, there have been approximately 520,000 water birds tallied. On average, between 750,000 and 1,000,000 are tallied each year. He encouraged all to come out to the Sea Watch before the end of the season. He also reported the Wetlands Institute recently hosted its Cape May Fall Festival, which primarily takes place in Cape May, however attendees are encouraged to venture to the Avalon Sea Watch. The event had over 3,500 attendees in Cape May, with a high percentage of the crowd coming to Avalon that day. Also, the Wetlands Institute hosted the 2nd International Bird Observatory Conference, which had attendees from all over the world. All attendees of the conference visited the Sea Watch in Avalon and were very impressed by the program. He thanked Council for their support in this venture.

Monthly Reports:

Month of October, 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 & 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 Control & Water/Sewer Control Account reports submitted by Alexis Coan.
Zoning Report submitted by Jeffrey R. Hesley.

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich 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:

Council President McCorristin wished all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

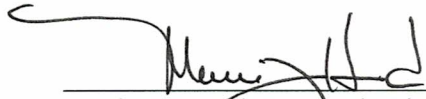
Motion made by Council Vice President Deever, seconded by Council President McCorristin to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

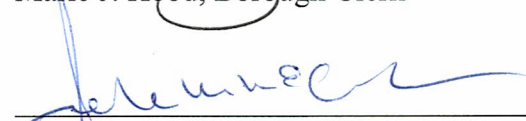
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Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk



John M. McCorristin, Council President