A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 5:26 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

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

The meeting was called to order by Council President Hudanich.

 Roll call: Council President Hudanich Present

 Councilman Burns Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Councilman Dean Present

 Council Vice President McCorristin Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

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

James Craft, CFO

Edward Dean, Fire Chief

Frank Burton, Mott Macdonald, LLC

Lawrence Pepper, Esq., Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, P.A., Labor Attorney

Nicole Curio, Esq., Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, P.A.

Council President Hudanich read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

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

Meetings dated June 22, 2016. 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. 139-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 745-2016:

 Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Councilman Dean that Ordinance No. 745-2016 be brought on for first reading by title only.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Borough Clerk read aloud Ordinance No. 745-2016:

Ordinance No. 745-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 AND REPEALING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 32 OF SAID CODE

 Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Councilman Dean that Ordinance No. 745-2016 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 744-2016:

 Motion made by Council President Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 744-2016 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Borough Clerk read aloud Ordinance No. 744-2016:

Ordinance No.744-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53 TO UNDERTAKE A COMPLETE REASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Council President Hudanich opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 744-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

 Motion made by Council President Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President McCorristin that the public hearing be closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

 Motion made by Council President Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 744-2016 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator, read the following report:

Army Corps Meeting: A meeting was held last Tuesday with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia attended by the Business Administrator, Tom Thornton and Steve Morey from Mott MacDonald, and a representative of the office of Congressman Frank LoBiondo. We met with Corps leadership regarding Avalon’s temporary road to the CDF. We discussed at length various options to keep the road in place for future use by the Borough, and explained to the Corps about the multi-jurisdiction use and request of the road by other agencies, including the Corps itself. The Corps and the Borough left the meeting with a commitment to fully explore every possibility related to future access to the CDF that makes both environmental and economic sense. Mayor Pagliughi and Council President Hudanich were both briefed on the discussions with the Corps.

The next phase of the Avalon dredging project includes State channels, and until legislators in Trenton approve a resolution of the funding crisis involving the Transportation Trust Fund, Avalon’s dredging project will be on hold. We anticipate completion of the project in this third and final year.

AHLOA: A reminder for Council and the public that the 17th annual general meeting of the Avalon Home and Land Owners Association will be held Saturday at Avalon Community Hall. Mayor Pagliughi will deliver his annual State of the Borough address at the gathering.

Beach Patrol: Courtesy of Avalon’s victory in the 2015 South Jersey Lifeguard Championships, the Avalon Beach Patrol will host the 2016 championships this Friday at 6:30pm on the beach. Ten days ago the Avalon Beach Patrol successfully defended its title in the David J. Kerr Memorial Tournament. The Beach Patrol would appreciate any support from the public Friday evening; Mayor Pagliughi and I will both be in attendance.

Avalon Free Public Library: The Avalon Free Public Library Board of Trustees has a meeting tomorrow and is expected to approve the hiring of a new Director for the Library. The selected individual will replace Norm Gluckman who announced his retirement after ten terrific years at the Library which included a five-star designation from *Library Journal* for eight consecutive years.

Property Reassessment: Avalon Tax Assessor Jeff Hesley received notice on August 1st that the Borough has been approved for its property reassessment from the New Jersey Division of Taxation. The approval came without question or comment. Mr. Hesley is meeting with his team to begin organizing the reassessment which will occur in 2017.

Public Comments:

None.

Resolution:

Resolution No. 140-2016: 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 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE CONCERNING PBA LOCAL 59 POLICE CONTRACT AND STIPEND SYSTEM FOR AVALON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dean to recess the public portion of the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Public portion of the Regular Meeting recessed at 5:33 p.m.

Council President Hudanich announced no official action will be taken after the closed session.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Public Portion of Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

Present:

 Councilman Burns

Councilman Dean

 Councilman Covington

 Council Vice President McCorristin

 Council President Hudanich

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

 James A. Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

 James Craft, CFO

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Dean Aye

 Council Vice President McCorristin Aye

 Council President Hudanich Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Nancy M. Hudanich, Council President