A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 4:36 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 Hudanich.

 Roll call: Council President Hudanich Present

 Councilman Burns Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Councilman Dean Present

 Council Vice President McCorristin Present

Also present:

 James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

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

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Police Chief William McCormick

James V. Craft, Chief Financial Officer

Edward Dean, Fire Chief

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. 166-2016: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY

Motion made by Councilman Dean, 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

Resolution No. 167-2016: 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

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 748-2016:

 Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 748-2016 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 to read aloud Ordinance No. 748-2016:

Ordinance No. 748-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 TO ESTABLISH A STIPEND PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE AVALON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council President Hudanich opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 748-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion made by Councilman Burns, 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 Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 748-2016 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

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 749-2016:

 Motion made by Council Vice President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns that Ordinance No. 749-2016 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 to read aloud Ordinance No. 749-2016:

Ordinance No. 749-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 PERTAINING TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MAPS AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

Council President Hudanich opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 749-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion made by Council Vice President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns 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 Vice President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns that Ordinance No. 749-2016 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:

James A. Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator, reported Mr. Wahl was attending a meeting with the DEP with Tom Thornton concerning beachfill issues. He added a meeting was held with Atlantic City Electric concerning regarding feeders that will be installed in connection with the Peermont Substation. The objective is to make the substation self-reliant and the middle substation to be used only as a backup in a dyer emergency. Atlantic City Electric is expected to appear at the next Council Meeting, October 26, 2016 to make a presentation on exactly what is to be done, the reasons for it and deal with what is anticipated to very minimal impact to the residents of Avalon and it may involve some limited power outages.

Councilman Burns, noted most importantly the new poles are wood, ten feet higher and are a pole for pole replacement.

Councilman Covington, asked if the presentation will include the overhead street lighting?

Mr. Waldron, believes that is something different. Atlantic Electric is going to upgrade the lights in this are to LED on the east side and its being explored the Borough may want to participate and replace the lights on the west side. Mr. Burns may be able to explain better as he was at the meeting.

Councilman Burns, said a meeting was scheduled which didn’t come all the way together but Mr. Gary Finger of the Board of Public Utilities said if the Borough puts LED lighting in there is the possibility of receiving grant money as he is in charge of grant money. The Borough is trying to work through Mr. Finger to see if the Borough can get matching lights for across the street.

Public Comments:

None.

Resolution No. 168-2016: 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 ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING TEAMSTERS LOCAL 676 CONTRACT AND STIPEND SYSTEM FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE AVALON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE CONCERNING REGULATING ELECTRONIC SIGNS

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Council President Hudanich 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 Covington, seconded by Council President Hudanich 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

Council President Hudanich announced there will be action taken after the Closed Session.

Public portion of the Regular Meeting recessed at 4:46 p.m.

 Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Dean 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 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Full Council

 James A. Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

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

 Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

 James V. Craft, Chief Financial Officer

Resolution No. 169-2016: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL 676 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Covington 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 Council Vice President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns 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 6:06 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Nancy M. Hudanich, Council President