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

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public -------------------- 8 Reporters ----------------------- 2

The Meeting was called to order by Council President Covington.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call: Council President Covington Present

Council Vice President Dean Present

Councilman Ellenberg Present

Councilwoman Hudanich Present

Councilman McCorristin 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

Jeffrey Christopher, Captain of Police

Dr. Stewart Farrell, Stockton University Coastal Research Center

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 President Covington read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Borough Clerk read the following Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Municipal Election results:

Martin L. Pagliughi, Mayor - 196 votes in the 1st District, 124 votes in the 2nd District, 136 votes in the 3rd District, 37 Mail-In votes for a total of 493 votes.

Charles P. Covington, Council-at-Large - 177 votes in the 1st District, 104 votes in the 2nd District, 102 votes in the 3rd District, 36 Mail-In votes for a total of 419 votes.

Richard E. Dean, Council-at-Large – 146 votes in the 1st District, 89 votes in the 2nd District, 92 votes in the 3rd District, 31 Mail-In votes for a total of 358 votes.

James C. Lutz Council-at-Large – 76 votes in the 1st District, 56 votes in the 2nd District, 72 votes in the 3rd District, 6 Mail-In votes for a total of 210 votes.

These totals do not include two (2) provisional ballots cast.

Council President Covington acknowledged the large voter turnout for this municipal election and on behalf of the Mayor, Dick Dean and himself, thanked the public for their show of confidence in the way Council governs the Borough by re-electing the Mayor, Dick Dean and himself to Council.

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Discussion regarding Professional Services with Dr. Stewart Farrell, Stockton University Coastal Research Center for Engineered Beach Project and Townsend’s Inlet Monitoring.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator introduced Dr. Farrell who will present two proposals. He explained Dr. Farrell approached the Borough about additional scope of work that has to do with beach work throughout Cape May County; Avalon’s large beach fill project as well as a larger beach fill project north of Avalon and its effect not only on redistribution on Avalon beaches, but overall characteristics of Townsend’s Inlet and the impact to the Borough and future projects. He indicated the proposals were reviewed by the Mayor and Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer and both thought it was important to bring to council’s attention in advance of the major beach fill project that beings next month.

Dr. Stewart Farrell, Stockton University Coastal Research Center described the process of the work being done with the engineered beach. He said the contractors place the materials and he sets up a series of cross sections and profiles closely spaced to each other. He said this will put a lot more data in their hands so they can see how the beach performs. He said the survey will be done as they finish the work and again six months later to determine the outcome by comparing the data from both surveys. He said they look at how the beach fill performed and where the materials went. He noted that their discussions revealed the contractor will use the Army Corp of Engineers set of survey lines and said if they do the Borough can re-occupy them , the data can be obtained from the contractor and Task 1 can be crossed off the first proposal saving $8,272.00. He also discussed his second proposal which is to survey in detail of the entire shoals at Townsends Inlet starting at the bridge and working seaward to 30’ of water which is where the shoals end. He said all the sand ends up there from Sea Isle City and 3.6 million yards of sand are being moved from 2.5 miles off shore from Sea Isle onto Strathmere. He said Ocean City is currently being pumped and noted this will be an enormous change

to the shoals of Townsends Inlet and is hopeful it will mitigate Avalon’s long-term nourishment problems since 1987. He said if the Borough decides to go ahead for $12,000.00 there will be a lot more sand on the beach at 12th Street. He said the Corp. is funding the project 100% and that is why he has brought this to the attention to the Engineer and the Mayor.

Council President Covington asked once you get the data one time and it gets to 12th Street, what is going to keep sand from drifting South like all the other sand every other year from the Inlet.

Dr. Farrell said what they really want to see is how the sand arrives from Sea Isle and where it goes within the Inlet shoal system. He said it is hard to set lines to the survey and adjustments are made when they see what happens. He said they take aerial photos every three months.

Councilman Vice President Dean asked how far offshore they will go to get the sand.

Dr. Farrell responded about 2-2.5 miles out to sea. He talked about how much sand was out to sea, its compatibility and grain size.

Council President Covington commented about both the post construction survey and the six-month survey and that Avalon has done a lot of beach fill projects but he doesn’t recall this type of analysis in the past but said this is the first time we are doing a beach fill on our own.

Dr. Farrell said it has been done in the past, but it was funded by the Army Corp not the Borough.

Councilwoman Hudanich asked for clarification of Task 6; DEM-Digital Elevation Model.

Dr. Farrell explained it was to take the data points through the software to shows the difference in the elevation points or makes a surface out of the data. He said it compares the surfaces and shows the changes.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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Councilman Ellenberg introduced Ed and Barbara Natale from The Sealark Bed and Breakfast, Avalon's only Bed and Breakfast. He wanted to introduce them to Council, the Administrators and the public to recognize them as the new owners of the Bed and Breakfast. He told them not to hesitate to call if they had any problems and thanked them for coming.

Council welcomed them and wished them all the best.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving the Renewal of Site Agreement with the Avalon Chamber of Commerce for placement of Webcams.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator asked Council to renew the yearly agreement the Borough has with the Chamber of Commerce for the webcams used at the Bay Park Marina and Community Hall. He described their use on social media to promote Avalon, monitor storm events and the benefit to our emergency management team. He asked for Council’s consideration to extend the contract to longer than one-year.

Council President Covington asked if there was any reason not to make it a long-term agreement.

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor said he would look into the requirements of extending the agreement.

After talking briefly about the terms of the agreement, location and use, Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting for a one-year term.

Discussion regarding bids received for Reconstruction of 28th Street parking lot.

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator recommended Council consider deferring final action until the next meeting on May 27th because the low bidder has granted consent to a 30 day extension for the contract award and the Borough is no longer facing the deadline of May 17th. He also discussed the construction schedule changing and said there was an opportunity to complete the project by December. If not December, it could be deferred until spring and still be completed in time to use the facility next summer. He said Council will know definitively by the 27th.

Councilman Ellenberg asked if the Seafood Fest would be effected as well as other events.

Mr. Waldron said they checked the schedule for the year and the work would begin the day after the Fest. He added if all holds true the bids can go out solicited and there won’t be a need to re-bid or re-advertise and work could be completed by January if all goes well.

Council President Covington asked Mr. Barse if he was comfortable with the recommendation.

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor responded yes the Borough has a consent to the 30 day extension and that gives time to make sure everything will work time wise.

Council President Covington said it would be better to be done this year instead of next and agreed to defer discussion until the next Council meeting on May 27th.

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Discussion regarding proposal from Hatch Mott Macdonald for additional permitting services related to private boat slips for Back Bay Dredging Project.

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC explained the change for permitting to the Army Corp. of Engineers. He said the Agency is no longer limiting the owner to the bulkhead, but agreed to allow the Borough to use 2007 aerial photographs to delineate the mud flats and wetlands to base the limits. He said the criteria was to minimize disturbances and justify the need. He described the agency’s requirements so Hatch Mott is proposing to get the database from the Borough to prepare letters and plans to show the owners permit limits at their properties. He proposed holding a workshop on a Saturday to assist home owners interpret plans and ask questions. He summarized he would submit the application to the agency and respond to their questions which included a feasible schedule to complete the task.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding NJDEP requirement to provide full-time monitoring of beachfill project for Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC).

Thomas R. Thornton, gave a brief overview of the requirement from the State and the Army Corp of Engineers to monitor munitions and explosive of concern during the beach fill project. He explained the monitoring is required when the pumping stops and it is moved, the basket has to be inspected. He said he will provide a proposal for work at the next Council meeting with the details of the conditions.

Further discussion will be held at the May 27, 2015 Work Session Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing participation in the South Jersey Power Cooperative for Electric Supply Services.

Scott Wahl, explained the Borough has been a member of the South Jersey Cooperative for eight years. He said Electric use was bid out and the Borough and other entities will be saving a potential 13.2% savings over the next 24 months. He said the savings to the Borough would be approximately $10,000 annually.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing Taxi License to Konstantin Doronkin of Clean & Comfortable Cab.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be adopted at tonight’s Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving 2015 Jitney Licenses.

Scott Wahl, reported there are 91 jitney applications pending approval and will be ready to go for Memorial Day Weekend. He added Mr. Short completed all the necessary checks.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be adopted at tonight’s Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution cancelling of unexpended Grant Fund receivable and appropriation balances.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for a (FY) 2015 Port Security Grant for a new marine unit to police the back bay.

Jeffrey Christopher, Captain of Police, explained the Chief is requesting permission to apply for the grant to purchase a new patrol boat. He said the Borough is required to match 25% and the cost is roughly $79,000 which will require the Borough to match $19,000.00. He said the purpose of the grant is take advantage of government funds and replace the aging fleet and more specifically to get a boat that is designed for patrol.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be adopted at tonight’s Regular Meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion made by Councilman Ellenberg, seconded by Council Vice President Dean to adjourn the Work Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Vice President Dean Aye

Councilwoman Hudanich Aye

Councilman McCorristin Aye Councilman Ellenberg Aye

Council President Covington Aye

Work Session adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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Charles P. Covington, Council President