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A Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public -----14

Reporters -----2

The Meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Covington.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present:

Andrew J. Bednarek, Business Administrator
Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
Police Chief William McCormick
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Paul E. Short Sr., Code Enforcement Official
Scott Wahl, Public Information Officer
Norman Gluckman, Director of the Avalon Free Public Library

Council Vice President Covington welcomed Georgann Berardis as the newly appointed Municipal Clerk. He also stated that Dr. Hudanich was away at a conference and Council President Ellenberg was on vacation.

Notice of this Work Session was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 12, 2013. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Council Vice President Covington read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Power Point Presentation of the annual State of the Avalon Free Public Library by Norman Gluckman, Library Director.

Norman Gluckman, Director of the Avalon Free Public Library reported the Avalon Free Public Library will have a surplus from the library tax levy this year. He was not able to state an exact amount as the final report had not been received from the auditor. He indicated there might be some delay due to the State Library requiring the library to have a new strategic plan in place. He thanked the Borough for its support this past year, especially Public Works and Recreation as without such support the library could not accomplish all that it does. He gave a very informative power point presentation, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

Council Vice President Covington commented on the digitizing of the Avalon Yacht Club and questioned the long-term use and benefit of using this process.

Norman Gluckman, explained he thought digitizing had great value from the standpoint of the preservation of the informational content of Avalon. He commented on the devastation Sandy created North of Avalon and wants to make sure Avalon's history is preserved. He also stated digitizing allows the information to be accessible to everyone.

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Council Vice President Covington commented that the Avalon History Center is there to preserve the history of Avalon for the long term.

Norman Gluckman explained the Museum Curator is concerned with preserving the physical information and a Librarian is more concerned with the preservation of the informational content.

Andrew J. Bednarek, Business Administrator asked Mr. Gluckman if it would be possible to digitize materials involving the 100th Anniversary of the Avalon Volunteer Fire Company.

Norman Gluckman responded he would need additional funding but agreed anything of historical value should be considered for digitizing.

Council Vice President Covington stated the library does an excellent job and thanked Mr. Gluckman for his presentation.

Discussion regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 (Zoning) of the Code of the Borough of Avalon concerning off-street parking.

Council Vice President Covington reported the Borough is waiting for a decision from the Site Improvement Advisory Board regarding the Borough's request for additional off street parking. He explained the amendment to this ordinance allows the Borough to require one-half parking space for every bedroom over five. He further stated this amendment allows the Borough to require additional parking spaces on large homes with over five bedrooms while the Borough is waiting for permission from the Residential Site Improvement Standards.

Council had no problem with this amendment and agreed to proceed with introduction of an ordinance at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Further discussion regarding Resort House Ordinance.

Council Vice President Covington asked Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor to give an update regarding the Resort House Ordinance.

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor reported the Resort House Ordinance has been posted on the Borough website and it has been made available to others who have requested copies. He stated he reviewed the comments regarding the proposed Resort House Ordinance received by ALOHA with William J. Kearns, Jr., Esquire. He reviewed the proposed changes with Mr. Kearns and stated the ordinance in the back of the room reflected the changes incorporated from the ALOHA comments. He stated the Resort House Ordinance was on the Regular Meeting this evening for introduction and the second reading and public hearing will be scheduled on March 12, 2014.

Council agreed to proceed with an introduction of an ordinance at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 10 (Licenses and Permits) of the Code of the Borough of Avalon authorizing licensing and operation of jitneys in the Borough of Avalon.

Council Vice President Covington explained item number four is deferred until the February 26, 2014 Council meeting as there were issues that were not resolved in time for this meeting.

Discussion regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 9 (Parks, Beaches and Recreation Facilities) of the Code of the Borough of Avalon regarding beach fees.

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Council Vice President Covington indicated this ordinance was discussed at the January 29, 2014 Work Session. He explained this ordinance provides free beach tags for veterans.

Council agreed to proceed with introduction of an ordinance at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding a Resolution authorizing participation in the National Cooperative contract with US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance Vendors for the calendar year 2014.

Council had no problem with this renewal and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding a Resolution determining that certain yard sales scheduled to be conducted under the sponsorship of the Avalon Garden Club on Saturday, May 10, 2014, are exempt from the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Code of the Borough of Avalon.

Council had no problem with this annual request and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding the following resolutions:

Rescinding Resolution No. 186-2013, adopted November 26, 2013 entitled “A Resolution authorizing an agreement for Shared Services Agreement for Emergency Fire and Non Emergency Fire and Emergency Medical Service Dispatch Calls for the County of Cape May and the Borough of Avalon”.

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.

Andrew J. Bednarek explained the two resolutions dovetail with the County. He further explained the rescinding resolution was necessary as our resolution pre-dated the County’s. He explained the second resolution concurs with the County resolution that commences on March 1, 2014 for a three-year term.

Public comments:

John Cuthbert, President of AHLOA, 63 West 22nd stated on behalf of the Avalon Home and Landowners Association he would like to thank Borough Council, Administration and the legal team for their efforts in creating the proposed Resort House Ordinance. He also thanked everyone for considering the AHLOA comments regarding the Resort House Ordinance. He stated that three out of the four comments were incorporated into the proposed Resort House Ordinance.

Motion made by Councilman McCorrstin, seconded by Councilman Dean to adjourn the Work Session.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilman Dean	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Absent
	Councilman McCorrstin	Aye
	Council President Ellenberg	Absent

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Work Session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgann M. Berardis, Borough Clerk

Charles P. Covington, Council Vice President