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

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4:08 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 Dean.

Council President Dean announced that Councilwoman Hudanich is on her way.

Pledge of allegiance.

 Roll call: Council President Dean Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Councilman Ellenberg Present

 Council Vice President Hudanich Present

 Councilman McCorristin Present

 Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official

James V. Craft, Chief Financial Officer

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Police Chief William McCormick

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

Michael Donahue, Esquire

Debbie Scott, Municipal Court Administrator

 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 Dean read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing renewal of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Stone Harbor for Municipal Court Administrator Services for a three year term commencing August 1, 2015.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator spoke of the potential re-appointment of Debbie Scott as the Court Administrator which expires July 31, 2015. He said she has 15 years of experience and Avalon has had a Shared Services Agreement for the Court Administrator since August 1, 2012. He said the salary and benefits are shared between Avalon and Stone Harbor. He mentioned Joe Breslin, Deb Scott and Wendy Torroni are all certified Court Administrators. He said under Debbie’s leadership both Avalon and Stone Harbor have been elevated to the top third in the area according to the Court’s Diamond Report. He spoke of the benefits of the shared service and recommended Council approve the agreement for another three years.

Councilwoman Hudanich commented that it was an excellent shared service.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the July 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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Discussion regarding Resolution approving appointment of a Trustee of the Free Public Library.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator stated this appointment is by the Mayor for the unexpired term of Councilman Covington through the end of 2017.

Councilman Covington indicated that Councilman McCorristin was one of the original trustees and president of the School Board having vast experience with the school board and library and recommended his appointment.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be adopted at the Regular Meeting this afternoon.

Public Comments:

Frank Wellock-120 16th Street said he attended a Council meeting three years ago concerning an Ordinance for release of water by pool contractors into the street and is back because he feels the Ordinance is not being upheld. He commented on the good job Paul Short was doing. He was told the ordinance was being re-written and he wondered when it will be completed. He spoke of the conditions the neighbors have to endure.

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator explained the requirements of that Ordinance as well as current issues and agreed Mr. Wellock should not have to endure the current conditions but assured Mr. Wellock that the Ordinance is being re-written based on feedback from Paul Short and Bill Macomber to address the concerns with the contractors and should be ready by August, 2015. He said the contractors will get a checklist to follow so they are aware of their obligations before they begin work. Mr. Waldron apologized to Mr. Wellock for what he has been through and assured him the Ordinance will become stronger.

A discussion ensued about dealing with the current offenders and resolving the issues.

Councilman Ellenberg announced his resignation from the Avalon Borough Council effective midnight July 9, 2015. He said “It has been an honor to serve this community over the past ten years as an elected official”. He said his family resides in Pennsylvania and decided to relocate to be closer to family, after long and careful consideration. He provided a summary of his career on Borough Council and touched on many economic development projects in the Borough. He acknowledged his efforts as a member of the Avalon Planning and Zoning Board, the Department of Recreation, the Avalon Green Team and his work with both the Avalon and Cape May County Chambers of Commerce. He noted significant progress at the Department of Recreation under the new Director, Chuck McDonnell. He noted his three biggest accomplishments during his career as a member of Avalon Borough Council, include hiring of Public Information Officer/Business Administrator, Scott Wahl; supporting various environmental initiatives through the community; and representing the Borough and its’ Council within various organizations and committees outside of Avalon. He thanked Mayor Pagliughi and members of Borough Council for their support and guidance as well as Neil Hensel, Beth and Joe Tipping, Dr. Brian Reynolds, Jennifer Dowe, Dean Marcolongo, Joe Maffei, Ed Dean, Jim Waldron, Marie Hood, Denise Rech, Sue Keen, Carol Mengel, Jim Craft, Jeff Hesley, Bill Macomber, John Tracy and Chief McCormick. He also thanked Tom Thornton, Paul Short, and Steve Barse. Finally, he thanked his wife Sue for putting up with endless phone calls, late night activities later dinners, etc. He finished by saying, “Avalon is and always will be Cooler by a Mile!”

Council President Dean, thanked Dave for his dedication both personally and for Council. He thanked Sue Ellenberg as well. He said Dave will be sorely missed on Council.

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Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Ellenberg to adjourn the Work Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Covington Aye

 Councilman Ellenberg Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye

 Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Work Session adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Richard E. Dean, Council President