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

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public -------------------- 4 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 Absent

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Police Captain Jeffrey Christopher

Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer

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.

Discussion regarding Emergency Water Interconnection Agreement with the Borough of Stone Harbor.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator, explained this agreement has been in place since the late 1980’s regarding emergency water supply for either community. He said Stone Harbor approached the Borough to revisit the agreement with one minor change to adjust the price per thousand gallons of water to $2.25 per thousand. He stated the agreement protects both towns with the opportunity to meet water demands shall it be needed.

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

Discussion regarding bids received for the 2015 beachfill project and Construction Engineering Services for Hatch Mott MacDonald.

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC, described the bid and gave background on the project. He said the Borough received two bids and recommended awarding the bid to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. who submitted a bid for a total of $6,258,200.00 which was 46% below the engineers’ estimate. He described the cost of the project and the goal was to maximize the fill area and get as much sand as possible. He proposed going back to the agencies to be able to use an additional 260,000 cubic yards of sand to go out waterward and possibly raise the elevation of the beach. He provided the Borough with a proposal for the normal construction phase services which consists of full-time inspection services as well as the additional permitting services necessary to go back to get these permits modified to allow for the additional fill.

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Councilwoman Hudanich asked if there was a timeline on the decision making process.

Mr. Thornton responded the survey has been conducted and once the information is gathered early next week, the numbers will be processed to determine where the additional volume would be placed.

Councilwoman Hudanich asked if Dr. Farrell was involved in the survey.

Mr. Thornton said he was not, but they could consult him for the elevation. He said the beach will be filled from the 8th Street jetty to just beyond 25th Street beginning the second week in May. He confirmed the work will begin at 8th Street and work South. He said the contractor has until June 29, 2015 to complete the project which includes removal of equipment from the beach.

Council President Covington asked if we award the contract tonight, what is the date of the first contractor meeting?

Mr. Thornton said the pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

Council Vice-President Dean asked what shape the beaches were in from 25th and 26th Street and South?

Mr. Thornton replied they weren’t in bad shape. He said it was a possibility to use the sand for the South, but that would require further permitting which could affect the timeline.

Councilman Ellenberg asked if any of the beaches would be closed for Memorial Day weekend for dredging.

Mr. Thornton said beaches would be closed, 2-3 block area, for dredging not just for Memorial Day weekend but throughout the timeline. He said the beaches would be clearly defined where they can or can’t be accessed. He added that sand crossovers will be placed where people could walk over the pipes.

Council President Covington said the Borough should inform the public.

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator said the Borough will be working with the contractors to get daily updates on what beaches will be closed. He said the real estate community has been notified by a letter informing them of the project. He said the response was favorable and appreciated.

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire confirmed all the paperwork was in order.

Council agreed to proceed with the Resolution awarding the Contract and Hatch Mott Services at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing release of a certain rental bond posted with the Borough.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution designation “Coast Guard Community Week in Cape May County.

Scott Wahl, provided Council with an overview of how Avalon is getting involved in supporting the Coast Guard designation of “Coast Guard Community” that will take place May 8th to May 10th in Cape May. He asked for Council’s approval to have Coast Guard Captain G. Todd Prestidge, Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Training Center of Cape May (“TRACEN”) present at the April 22nd council meeting when the Resolution in support of the event will be passed.

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Councilwoman Hudanich recommended the Council go with the Mayor for the Advertisement in the Program Book showing Avalon salutes the Coast Guard.

Mr. Wahl said he will take care of it.

Councilwoman Hudanich explained this process took years. She said the Freeholders worked hard to make this happen.

Mr. Wahl recommended the community refer to [www.coastguardommunity.org](http://www.coastguardommunity.org).

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

Discussion regarding Resolution accepting Performance Guarantee of 7700 Central West, LLC regarding Block 72.05, Lots 2.01 & 2.05 340 72nd Street.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with the Resolution at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing participation in a cooperative pricing agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.

William Macomber, Director of Public Works and Utilities, explained he would like to participate in the Cooperative pricing agreement (COOP) to purchase a loader. He said money can be saved by participating in COOP’s.

Councilwoman Hudanich asked what the fee was for participation.

William Macomber, responded, he did not have the figures with him.

Council asked Mr. Macomber to get the figures and further discussion of this matter will take place at the April 22, 2015 Work Session with a possible Resolution the same night.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright – 632 7th Street – expatiated on why more people don’t make public comments at council meetings. She said it is difficult to make public comments and recommended that Council listen.

Elaine Scattergood – 75 30th Street – agreed with Martha Wright about speaking at public meetings and commented on the birds at Armacost Park.

Sue Heenan – 285 60th Street – identified herself as a real estate agent and asked if there will be any efforts to fix the beach paths for access.

Tom Thornton – responded that some of the paths can’t be restored until the beach fill is completed but they are hoping to have most open for the season.

Scott Wahl reiterated that there would be a Spring Newsletter mailed to every homeowner by the end of April that will educate the public about the status of the project.

Council President Covington stated for the record that the only plans for Armacost Park is the Pilot Program launched in January, 2015. He said that Pilot Program is in process and everyone knows that that Pilot Program includes cutting the vines, planting saplings and watching to see how they grow.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Vice President Dean Aye

Councilwoman Hudanich Aye

Councilman McCorristin Absent Councilman Ellenberg Aye

Council President Covington Aye

Work Session adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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Charles P. Covington, Council President