

February 13, 2013

A Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public ----- 7

Reporters ----- 0

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

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present:

Andrew J. Bednarek Business Administrator  
Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor  
Police Chief William McCormick  
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer  
Scott Wahl, Public Information Officer  
John Tracy, Construction Official  
Neil Hensel, Chairman, Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of Avalon  
Joseph Maffei, P.E., Engineer, Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of Avalon  
Dean Marcolongo, Esquire, Attorney, Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of Avalon  
Jennifer Dowe, Secretary, Planning/Zoning Board of the Borough of Avalon  
Harry de Butts, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator  
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC  
Lawrence A. Pepper Jr., Esquire, Labor Attorney

Notice of this Work Session was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 27, 2012. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

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

Discussion regarding FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (public projects/residential and commercial projects), adoption of the FEMA Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE) Standards and Increased Cost of Compliance Claims (ICC) coverage.

Verbatim transcript attached. Council agreed to proceed with introduction of an Ordinance at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding bids received for Fourth Avenue & 48<sup>th</sup> Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Contract No. 51.

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald reported that the bids were very competitive and recommends award to F.W. Shawl & Sons, Inc.

Brief discussion followed and Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Ordinance authorizing acquisition of Block 83, Lot 8.

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor commented that the price has been agreed upon and he has prepared an agreement for purchase and sale of real estate.

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Discussion regarding professional services contracts for 2013 sports and recreational camps.

Council reviewed the proposed sports and recreational camps and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the February 27, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution expressing support of Assembly Bill No. A-360/Senate Bill No. S-2435 providing for \$20 million dollars in emergency supplemental marketing funding for the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism to address the negative image of the condition of the Jersey Shore in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Council discussed this item briefly and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Resolution expressing opposition to Assembly Bill No. A-1196 which creates rebuttable presumption of worker's compensation coverage for any death or disability, because of its potential to raise costs for municipalities.

Council discussed this item briefly and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Resolution expressing opposition to Senate Bill Nos. S-2511 and S-2512 regarding amendments to the Open Public Meeting Act and Open Public Records Act.

Council discussed this item briefly and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting this evening.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving the application for an Off-premise Merchandise Raffle License submitted by Friends of the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at Avalon Community Hall, 3001 Avalon Avenue, Avalon, NJ.

Council had no problem with this application and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be voted upon at the Regular Meeting February 27, 2013.

Public comments:

Julia Gorecke, Crisis Counselor, Hope and Healing, 298 34<sup>th</sup> Street introduced herself as a Crisis Counselor from the Division of Mental Health Services, indicating that crisis counseling is available through a FEMA Grant as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

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

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

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Work Session adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy W. Kleuskens, Borough Clerk

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David B. Ellenberg, Council Vice President