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

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:03 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

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 The Meeting was called to order by Council President Hudanich.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call: Council President Hudanich Present
Councilman Covington Present
Councilman Dean Present
Council Vice President McCorristin Present

 Also present:

Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi

James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official

William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities

Jeffrey Christopher, Captain of Police

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

Steven Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities

James V. Craft, CFO

Murray Wolf, Captain of Beach Patrol

Charles McDonnell, Recreation Director

Neil Hensel, Chairman, Planning/Zoning Board

William Flanigan, Tilson Technology

Dominic Villecco, V-COMM

 Council President Hudanich read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

 Notice of this Work Session was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 22, 2016. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

**Presentation by William Flanigan of Tilson Technology Management, Inc. on behalf of Verizon Wireless concerning DAS technology.**

Jim Waldron reported the Borough has been provided with preliminary information regarding some future technology from Verizon Wireless. A representative on behalf of Verizon is present today to brief Council on the installation of this new technology in the near future. No formal action is scheduled or requested, and this presentation is to apprise Council and the public of what future developments are planned and how to work them out.

William Flanigan, Tilson Technology, explained this project has been in progress throughout the last year and a half throughout the northern and central areas of New Jersey, and is now beginning to focus on the southern counties. The process entails the installation of small network nodes, which are small antennas approximately three feet in height mounted to the top of a utility pole in the public right of way. The installation also includes a small equipment panel and electric meter. The antennas are interconnected by a cable to an existing cell site and their purpose is to pick up the signal and transmit it to and from an existing cell tower to enhance the cell tower. These nodes will also improve the capacity to transmit data. As more individuals use hand held devices in place of landlines, the existing infrastructure will continue to be more stressed, and the installation of the nodes will help to alleviate that stress while providing better service to Verizon Wireless customers. Verizon is only asking for consent to operate within the right of way, not to construct anything. Once Verizon’s Engineers survey the area to determine the amount of nodes to be installed, the proper permits and approvals will be obtained from the Borough.

Jim Waldron inquired if these boxes can accommodate more than one wireless carrier or if each carrier would need to have its own individual configuration.

William Flanigan explained this project is only for the installation of Verizon Wireless boxes and will not be utilized for other carriers. It is possible for other carriers to cooperate with these efforts, however they would be mounted to utility poles. Typically, the utility provider does not want more than one carrier on top of a pole for a number of reasons. Additionally, each carrier’s requirements could vary according to location.

Jim Waldron noted the recent upgrades to large metal electric poles along Ocean Drive and questioned where on the poles these nodes will be located.

William Flanigan responded the nodes will be primarily installed on existing distribution wooden utility poles on side streets, as they are most efficient when closer to street level.

Council President Hudanich questioned if the nodes must be hardwired with an additional line visible on the pole.

William Flanigan responded yes.

Council President Hudanich asked if there are any regulations requiring the sharing of boxes similar to how poles must be shared.

William Flanigan responded he is unaware of any regulations to that affect.

Council President Hudanich noted there is a recommendation from Dominic Villecco to seek legal advice regarding the possible collection of reasonable fees, which will be researched in the future.

William Flanigan added the new cell tower installed by Verizon Wireless should decrease the amount of nodes required. It will be approximately six months before the engineers on behalf of Verizon Wireless will be able to determine the exact number of nodes needed.

Mayor Pagliughi inquired if these nodes will help to enhance the GPS location on a cell phone for 911 purposes.

William Flanigan explained these nodes are not engineered specifically for that purpose, however they will be improving capacity and coverage, and by doing so, it may help with 911 calls.

Council Vice President McCorristin asked Mr. Flanigan if he has an estimate as to how many nodes will need to be installed.

William Flanigan reported in an area of similar size, 12 nodes were constructed, however due to the new cell tower, Avalon would likely have less. He added that there has been a revised Resolution negotiated with the JIF to include higher insurance coverage.

Discussion regarding Resolution accepting Cops in Shops Grant from the State of New Jersey, Division of Law and Public Safety in the amount of $1,600.00.

Captain Christopher reported the Avalon Police Department made an application for the Cops in Shops Grant through the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Avalon was allocated $1,600.00 through the grant to be used from December 1, 2016 through June 15, 2017. Each municipality is required to pass a Resolution accepting these funds and submit the adopted Resolution to the ABC.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution designating protected bathing beaches for 2017.

Council President Hudanich asked for Captain Wolf’s recommendations for protected bathing beaches for 2017 and noted there have been inquiries regarding the addition of a surfing beach in the southern end.

Murray Wolf reported beaches at the south end have been busier in recent years. He pointed out that there have been enforcement problems with beach tags on surfing beaches, and in the area that is proposed to have a surfing beach there are three sand bars on low tides. Those sand bars create a further distance between lifeguards and swimmers and surfers.

Council President Hudanich asked the locations of swimming beaches starting at 61st Street and moving south.

Murray Wolf responded the swimming beaches are located at 61st Street, 65th Street, 69th Street, 73rd Street, 76th Street and 78th Street.

Council President Hudanich suggested the addition of a surfing beach at 63rd Street and inquired how many lifeguards would be needed.

Murray Wolf responded there would most likely be two lifeguards assigned to that beach, however it could be increased to three depending on the tides.

Council President Hudanich inquired if adding a surfing beach will encroach on any bird nesting areas.

Murray Wolf responded no.

Council President Hudanich suggested the addition of a surfing beach at 63rd Street in response to numerous requests over recent years.

Mayor Pagliughi stressed the importance of properly protecting the beach.

Council Vice President McCorristin noted the surfing beach at 29th Street has seen a higher number of surfers in recent years and supported the addition of an additional surfing beach.

After further discussion, Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Sports & Education Camps for 2017.

Chuck McDonnell reported the same number of camps will be offered from last year to this year, although more camps may be added, as there are some proposals that have not yet been submitted. New camps this year include a Miss Avalon Fleet Fishing Camp, Marine Science Camp, Lego Engineering Camp and Shore Sports Camp. There will be fitness camps offered again this year, with some changes regarding the types of fitness, such as a Turbo Kit class being offered instead of Zumba.

Council President Hudanich asked if the Borough will be receiving 20% of the revenue collected for each class.

Chuck McDonnell responded yes.

Councilman Covington questioned if the Miss Avalon Fleet Fishing Camp will cause an issue with liability insurance due to a group of young children being on the docks during the camp.

Jim Waldron explained the Borough has a standard contractual provision for insurance that has been approved by the JIF, and it has been policy that whenever there is a perceived risk, the risk is brought to the attention of the Borough’s Risk Consultant for their opinion. That procedure would be followed in this instance.

Council President Hudanich suggested the insurance requirements be extensively researched.

Jim Waldron added if the Miss Avalon Fleet were going to run a sports camp, it would be in addition to their leasing the structure there. They currently hold insurance for the boats and list the Borough as an additional insured. As a sports camp, additional coverage will be required, and the amounts will be approved by the Risk Consultant to avoid problems with coverage or unnecessary risks.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding award of contract for the Ocean Drive Sewer Improvements (Contract M-55).

Tom Thornton reported one bid was received on January 6, 2017 for the Ocean Drive Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvements. The bid was approximately 10% below the Engineer’s Estimate. He recommended the contract be awarded to Mathis Construction in the amount of $3,094,010.00.

Councilman Covington asked what is known about the company.

Tom Thornton explained the company has completed similar work throughout the state. Mott Macdonald has worked with the contractor on projects within different municipalities, and the contractor has done quality work and are meticulous about keeping records and ensuring their compliance with construction contracts.

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

Discussion regarding Resolution approving Professional Services for Bay Atlantic Symphony July 4th Performance.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing Tax Assessor to file cross appeals and/or Municipal Appeals for the Borough.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolutions extending the following contracts for an additional one year term:

1. Custodial Cleaning Services
2. Maintenance of Borough Owned Grounds and Garden Plots

Bill Macomber reported he is pleased with both contractors and recommended Council extend the contracts for one year. He explained the Maintenance of Borough Owned Grounds and Garden Plots is now in the final year of the two year option and will need to be rebid for calendar year 2018. The Custodial Cleaning Services has the option to renew for one additional year for calendar year 2018 if they wish to do so.

Council agreed to proceed with Resolutions to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution appointing Class II Special Officers.

Captain Christopher noted this is a routine Resolution done twice a year, and is required by the academy. He added there are eight Class II Special Officers being hired by the proposed Resolution.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at this afternoon’s Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving membership of Hugh E. McElroy, III in the NJ State Firemen’s Association.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at this afternoon’s Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution authorizing a quit claim deed releasing a reversionary interest with respect to (262 66th Street).

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution approving the certified list of individuals qualifying for 2016 LOSAP credits.

Council briefly discussed this matter and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution appointing Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Pagliughi noted he has provided the resume of the Andrew J. Cafiero, Esq. and recommended Borough Council approve his appointment to the position of Municipal Court Judge.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the January 25, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Borough Council Vacancy.

Council President Hudanich reported a vacancy on Borough Council was created effective December 31, 2016. According to New Jersey statutes, an individual can be appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of the position. The candidate chosen to fulfill the vacancy would need to run for office at the Municipal Election in May 2017, as was required by the term of the vacant position. She added Council is very excited to introduce Mr. James Deever as their appointment to become a part of the Council team. Mr. Deever has been a resident of Avalon for 26 years and has been very active in the community as a concerned parent and citizen. Mr. Deever has been a member of the Avalon School Board for eight years, and has worked on the contract negotiations for the teaching staff. He comes to Council with experience in the Avalon Recreation Board, which was a board appointed by the Mayor for guidance with the Recreation Committee. He cares about young people and has also been on the Historical Society Board. A member of the Chamber of Commerce, he’s a graduate of Shippensburg State College and started his career in business. He now is the owner of Avalon Supermarket. She welcomed Mr. Deever aboard and thanked him for his interest in the community.

Borough Council congratulated Mr. Deever and agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be considered at this afternoon’s Regular Meeting.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion made by Council President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington to adjourn the Work Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Covington Present
Councilman Dean Present
Council President Hudanich Present Council Vice President McCorristin Present

Work Session adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Nancy M. Hudanich, Council President