

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 4:40 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 5 Reporters - - - - - 2

The meeting was called to order by Council President McCorristin.

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

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Jeffrey Christopher, Chief of Police
Chuck McDonnell, Recreation Director
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald
James V. Craft, Chief Financial Officer
Edward Dean, Fire Chief

Council President McCorristin read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Work Session change was published in the Press of Atlantic City on Monday, January 29, 2018 and was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>35-2018:</u>	A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN YARD SALE SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AVALON GARDEN CLUB ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018, IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013
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Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

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

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>36-2018:</u>	A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHANGE FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF VARIOUS SUMMER FUNCTIONS FOR THE 2018 SEASON
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Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 37-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPS FOR THE 2018 SEASON

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Dean that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 38-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (HGAC-BUY) FOR CONTRACT #FS12-17, FIRE APPARATUS (ALL TYPES) TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE AVALON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Council President McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 39-2018: A RESOLUTION APPROVING ATLANTIC-CAPE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION

Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 40-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILLS

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

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

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

Atlantic City Electric Feeder Project: The feeder project that runs along the eastern side of Dune Drive from 80th Street south to 34th Street has continued without delay since our last Council meeting. The new distribution poles have been set from 80th Street south to the low 40s with no issues to date. The poles will all be set by the weekend. New wire and transformers will be on the poles; some of the equipment being removed is at least 25 years old. For the benefit of the public, these new poles will have LED street lights on them at no expense to the Borough; the Borough will be replacing the street lights on the west side of Dune Drive in the same stretch for a uniform appearance and a test to see how they perform for safety and efficiency purposes.

39th Street Reconstruction: The reconstruction project involving 39th Street between Dune Drive and First Avenue is expected to begin tomorrow. The general contractor for the project is Lexa Concrete, which has handed out notices to property owners that the work is being done. F.W.Shawl will be doing the sewer work in advance of the street work. This is the project for which the Borough received a grant totaling \$180,343 for the repaving of the street.

Avalon Green Team: The Avalon Green Team committee met last Thursday at the Avalon History Center to discuss goals and objectives moving forward. The Team has identified new actions in the Sustainable Jersey program for which the Borough will attempt to advance to the Silver certification. Councilman Deever was at the meeting and the team agreed to review the new certification levels made available in the program and will decide which actions to pursue.

8th Street Jetty Site Meeting: On Friday, January 26th we had our site visit on the 8th Street Jetty to explore various options regarding funding sources to help with the repairs caused by Winter Storm Jonas and those not directly attributable to Jonas. The meeting involved Council President McCorristin; Bill Macomber and Steve Camp from Public Works; Tom Thornton from Mott MacDonald; grant consultant Dr. Ed Mahaney, and Israel Rivera, an associate from NJOEM. We discussed various ways of exploring the financing of these repairs and the extent to which the jetty may be repaired; we will have a further report at a later date but substantive conversations have been held with other entities who are exploring partnerships with the Borough on this project.

Police Accreditation Reward: Thanks to the efforts of former Chief William McCormick, current Chief Jeff Christopher, and Captain John Roscoe, we were proud to announce a few months ago that the Avalon Police Department went through a successful accreditation process. The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability fund are both recognizing communities who go through this difficult process. The MEL provides Avalon with a \$1,000 reimbursement, and the JIF provides \$2,000 to pay for half of the Borough's accreditation fee, for a cumulative award of \$3,000.

Bid Openings: The Borough conducted bid openings this morning on two different projects. Bid openings were held for the emergency generator at public works for which the Borough has received a partial grant. A separate bid opening was held for two bulkhead projects, one at 32nd Street and Ocean Drive and the second at Fifth Avenue at 24th Street. Bids for both projects appear to come in very competitive and below engineer's estimates. Our engineer and legal will review both and we will be prepared to discuss at the February 28th Council meeting.

Council President McCorristin inquired if the paving for the southern portion of Ocean Drive is still scheduled to begin at the end of February.

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Scott Wahl responded yes, and explained the County Engineer has reconfirmed that starting at the end of February, the repaving project for Ocean Drive will begin at the southern limit and continue to move north.

Council President McCorristin referenced the meeting held regarding the 8th Street Jetty, and noted Council had taken the proper action by authorizing a sonar side-scan of the jetty to evaluate the damage. With that data, it is possible to document additional damage that was not originally identified. He thanked Tom Thornton and Dr. Farrell for the work, and noted those actions could help in obtaining additional funding.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, advocated live-streaming or video-recording Council Meetings, Planning/Zoning Board Meetings, and Environmental Commission Meetings to promote transparency in government as well as an aid to keep property owners that cannot attend meetings aware of what goes on at all meetings.

Mark Papineau, 189 34th Street, noted he had spoken about the deplorable conditions of the 34th and 35th Street beaches at a previous Council Meeting. He thanked Council, and the Public Works Department for a job well done during the recent backpassing project that vastly improved the beaches and allowed for a very enjoyable summer season.

Council President McCorristin thanked Mr. Papineau for attending the meeting to provide an update on a problem he had previously spoke about.

Elaine Scattergood, 75 30th Street, called for a borough-wide moratorium from cutting down trees, and requested that a certified tree expert evaluate the trees marked for removal to evaluate their health. She spoke in support of preserving a habitat for avian life in the area.

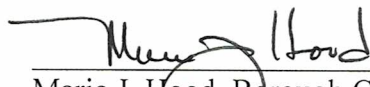
Motion made by Councilman Dean, seconded by Councilman Covington to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

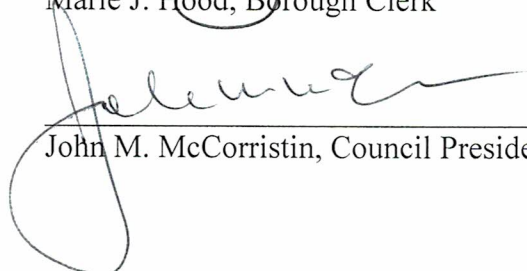
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Covington	Aye
Councilman Dean	Aye
Council Vice President Deever	Absent
Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
Council President McCorristin	Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk


John M. McCorristin, Council President