

April 11, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 5:11 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 4 Reporters - - - - - 1

The meeting was called to order by Council President McCorristin.

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

Also Present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Police Chief Jeffrey Christopher
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald
James Craft, CFO
Steven Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works

Council President McCorristin read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 28, 2017. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 70-2018: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MOTT MACDONALD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SURFSIDE PARK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$118,000.00) DOLLARS

Resolution No. 71-2018: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM TAYLOR DESIGN GROUP FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND RELATED DESIGN SERVICES FOR SURFSIDE PARK PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (\$126,875.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that the resolutions be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 72-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSTON – GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (HGAC-BUY) FOR REFUSE HANDLING EQUIPMENT, CONTRACT NUMBER: RH08-16, TO PURCHASE A NEW SURF RAKE MODEL 600 HD

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

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

Resolution No. 73-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES, PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR INLET DRIVE STONE REMOVAL PROJECT FOR A LUMP SUM FEE OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND (\$16,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

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

Resolution No. 74-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WEST BAY CONSTRUCTION OF ABSECON, NJ FOR 76TH STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT NO. M-56 IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (\$260,220.00) DOLLARS

Resolution No. 75-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 76TH STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT NO. M-56 ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that the resolutions be adopted.

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

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Resolution No. 76-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Deever, seconded by Council President McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 773-2018:

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that Ordinance No. 773-2018 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 773-2018:

Ordinance No. 773-2018:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 (LICENSES AND PERMITS), SECTION 4 (PEDDLERS AND HAWKERS) AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE 738-2016

Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Council Vice President Deever that Ordinance No. 773-2018 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

Water Flushing Program: The Borough's semi-annual water main flushing program will begin on Monday, April 16th. Middlesex Water Company will be flushing the mains between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm on weekdays. Customers may experience, for a brief time, discolored water or low water pressure for a few minutes. It will take approximately two weeks to complete.

NJ Tree Recovery Campaign: Avalon is again participating in the annual New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign coordinated in part by the New Jersey Forestry Service. Free tree seedlings will be made available at Avalon Community Hall on Saturday morning in the kitchen area during AHLOA's Community Connections event. Many thanks to Sue Keen and Michele Petrucci for volunteering with this effort. Over 90,000 tree seedlings are being distributed as part of this effort.

Dune Grass/Clean Ocean Action: A reminder regarding two events happening next Saturday, April 21st. The Borough will hold its annual Dune Grass Planting Day and also participate in Clean Ocean Action's annual beach sweep to clear the beaches of litter in advance of the upcoming season. Bill Macomber and the Department of Public Works do a great job with both events each year.

Avalon Bicycle Path Expansion: The Borough's bicycle path extension project began today. The contractor who was awarded the project needed to have several warmer and dry days consecutively in order to complete the project. That hasn't happened until today. The path may be completed by the end of the month, and is fully funded via a grant from the Cape May County Open Space Program. Tom Thornton and I have worked with 7 Mile Publishing for an easy to read map of the current path and future expansion, along with interpretive signs. That map is now posted on a new link on the municipal website that details all of the Borough's and the State's rules and regulations regarding bicycle safety. There are no parking provisions and signs along a portion of the path to be constructed; those signs are lifted as progress is made on the path.

South Jersey Gas Improvement Project: As previously discussed at a Council meeting, South Jersey Gas came to Avalon and other communities to improve the natural gas service in our community. The project results in 22,000 feet of new natural gas mains and services to over 400 customers in Avalon. The spring project has been concluded; South Jersey Gas will simply walk the entire scope of the project to make sure that all service is working properly; as of Tuesday, only a handful of services need to be completed.

Ocean Drive/Townsend's Inlet Bridge: The paving subcontractor to Asphalt Paving Systems is tentatively scheduled to start the milling and base paving of Ocean Drive from 46th Street to 34th Street by Wednesday, 4/18. It is also anticipated that they will be completing the surface course paving from at least 62nd Street to 46th Street sometime during the week of 4/23. Meanwhile Asphalt Paving Systems is continuing with the concrete work from 34th Street northward to 29th Street, Asphalt Paving Systems has a crew that works every day addressing restoration of the areas impacted by the construction.

Most likely the Townsends Inlet Bridge will return to one lane operation on or before April 23rd. The project will be suspending work for the summer season in early June at which time the bridge will return to two-lane operation.

At the Bridge Commission meeting tomorrow at 2:30pm in the County Administration Building, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. will be making a presentation regarding the replacement of the first seven spans on the Avalon end of the Townsends Inlet Bridge. It is anticipated the project will go to bid in June and work would start right after Labor Day. The bridge will be closed from late September to Memorial Day for the construction of this project.

Earlier this year the County has awarded a construction contract involving the big bridge on Avalon Boulevard that will start in September. This project will have no impact on traffic as nearly all work will be performed from barges.

Last night the Freeholders awarded a design contract to Michael Baker International to address erosion damage and substructure repairs to the 21st Street and 25th Street Bridges.

Public Comments:

None.

Resolution No. 77-2018:

A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND PENDING LITIGATION CONCERNING WILLIAM PFIRMAN VS. BOROUGH OF AVALON DOCKET NO. CPM-L-433-16

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Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin that the resolutions be adopted.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President Deever to recess the public portion of the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session.

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

Council President McCorristin announced official action will not be taken after the Closed Session.

Public portion of Regular Meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m.

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich to adjourn the Closed Session and go back into public portion of the Regular Meeting.

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

Public Portion of Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

Present:

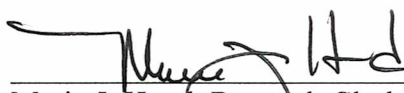
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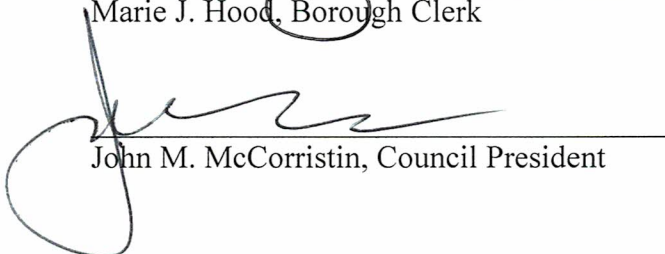
Motion made by Councilman Covington, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk


John M. McCorristin, Council President