

September 12, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 2

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Deever.

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

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Jeffrey Christopher, Police Chief
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott MacDonald
Paul Short, Code Enforcement Officer
Dr. Stewart Farrell, Stockton University Coastal Research Center
Steven Morey, Mott MacDonald
Dr. Edward Mahaney, Mahaney Consulting Group

Council President Deever read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 27, 2018. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Minutes:

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – July 25, 2018
Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – August 8, 2018

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Council Vice President Covington noted for the record he had recused himself from a discussion at the August 8, 2018 Work Session regarding home warranties and also from the vote adopting Resolution No. 130-2018 at the August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Council President McCorristin.

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 132-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE 2017 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM BLANEY, ESQUIRE AND MARCUS KARAVAN, ESQUIRE AND THE LAW FIRM OF BLANEY & KARAVAN, P.C. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT THOUSAND (\$8,000.00) DOLLARS

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

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

Resolution No. 133-2018: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 68TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN AND DUNE DRIVE

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

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

Resolution No. 134-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY GENERATOR, CONTRACT NO. M-107

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

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

Resolution No. 135-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND FIFTY-THREE CENTS (\$11,100.53) SUBMITTED BY RICHARD HOY FOR 409 22ND STREET, AVALON

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

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

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Resolution No. 136-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILLS FROM AUGUST 9, 2018 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

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

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

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 779-2018:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 779-2018 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

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

Borough Clerk read aloud Ordinance No. 779-2018:

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AN ORDINANCE PREVENTING THE SALE, USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF
CERTAIN PLASTIC ITEMS DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO THE
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF AVALON

Council President Deever opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 779-2018 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that the public hearing be closed.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 779-2018 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

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

Reports and Recommendations by Mayor and Officials:
Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl reminded all of the impending closing of Townsend’s Inlet Bridge to begin September 17, 2018 and announced the closing will be advertised on the appropriate media channels.

Monthly Reports:

Month of July 2018:

Borough Clerk and Registrar’s Report submitted by Marie J. Hood.
Bureau of Fire Prevention, Licensing, Miscellaneous Construction Collection,
Construction Water and Sewer, Uniform Construction Code, Taxicab, Beach Vehicle Reports submitted by John Tracy.
Code Enforcement Report submitted by Paul E. Short, Sr.
Municipal Court Report submitted by Deborah Scott
Police Department Report submitted by Chief Jeffrey Christopher.
Public Works Department Report submitted by William Macomber.
Recreation Operations Report submitted by Chuck McDonnell.
Tax Collector Control & Water/Sewer Control Account Reports submitted by Alexis Coan.
Zoning Report submitted by Jeffrey R. Hesley.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that the reports be approved.

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

Public Comments:

Council President Deever made the following statement: “Before we begin the public comment portion of our meeting, I’d like to take a moment to address the events of our last meeting on August 22nd. At that meeting, during the public comment portion, there was a robust debate that ended when a member of the administration was afflicted by a medical emergency. It was an event that I’m sure none of us who were here that evening will soon forget. In light of those events, I wanted to take an opportunity to express that we, as Borough Council, do not want another situation where a member of the Borough Administration, Borough Council or any other employees or individuals in attendance at Borough Council meetings – including members of the public and those addressing the Council at meetings – may have their health adversely impacted by the events at any meeting. While we may disagree on issues at times, we are a Borough family and are all here to do what we believe is best for the Borough. This Borough Council has always fulfilled both its desire and obligation to receive comments from the public and will continue to do so. Comments should be limited to a reasonable duration of not more than 5 minutes in length. I also want to remind everyone in this room that we have a civility policy previously endorsed by Council, and a resolution adopted in 2014 that sets meeting procedures. I insist that we treat each other with courtesy and respect. Accordingly we ask that first, only one individual should approach the podium at any one time and only the individual at the podium should address the Council at that time. Anyone wishing to speak will state his/her name and address for the record. You may comment once during any public comment period during a meeting, and must make your comments in your own behalf. Shall there be a desire at a meeting to present any documents for the governing body to review you may directly provide them to the Municipal Clerk for distribution to members of Council after the meeting. Thank you.”

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, complimented Bill Macomber, the Public Works Department, and the employees of Gold Medal Environmental for their efforts in cleaning up the Borough during the bulk trash pickup in the aftermath of the flooding event that took place over the weekend. She voiced the opinion that Borough Council should have discussed the five minute limit on public comment at a public meeting prior to imposing it on the public.

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Councilman McCorristin commended all who cleaned up the Borough and inquired about possibly placing barricades within roadway intersections in an effort to slow traffic during flooding events throughout the Borough to minimize damage.

Chief Christopher noted there have been previous discussion about what can be done on Ocean Drive due to it being owned by the County, however if there was an immediate safety concern, it could be possible to place barricades within that roadway.

Bill Macomber noted it would have to be discussed on a case by case basis.

Council President Deever complimented the Public Works employees for gathering trash items from residential yards for collection.

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

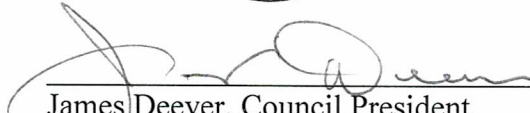
<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilman Dean	Absent
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk



James Deever, Council President