

October 24, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 5:35 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 4 Reporters - - - - - 2

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
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Nicole J. Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Jeffrey Christopher, Chief of Police
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer

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.

Minutes:

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – September 26, 2018

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – October 10, 2018

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 151-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE SURVEYING AND BASE MAP PREPARATION, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT AND PRELIMINARY PERMITTING SERVICES FOR NORTH END STORM SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND (\$116,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President Deever 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. 152-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CERTAIN PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED ONLY

Motion made by Council President Deever, seconded by Councilman McCorristin 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. 153-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, 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

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

None.

Monthly Reports:

Month of September, 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 and 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.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pending business.

None

New business

None.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, discussed transparency in government and advocated for the livestreaming of Council Meetings. She expressed that the public should be made aware of the homeowner warranty issue, however the website does not have any updates or information regarding this issue. She noted the Department of Community Affairs had previously advised the Borough that it was not required to notify affected homeowners of their warranty inadequacies. She further noted the sanctions issued against the Construction Official were for homes built by Artisan Fine Homes, although there are still homes built by Avalon Development Group without proper warranties that were not addressed in that action. She expressed interest in the status of the situation and where tax dollars are going throughout this matter, and expected expenditures in the future. She suggested using the money to help affected property owners obtain the proper warranty, and to livestream Council meetings, rather than those funds being used for an appeal of the sanctions.

Elaine Scattergood, 75 30th Street, asked that the Borough respond accordingly to property owners complaining about noise related to construction activity and suggested that Councilman McCorristin's interest in this process is partial and that Councilman McCorristin should be recusing himself from the discussions of amending the Borough Code regarding such activity. She voiced concerns about the five minute restriction on public comments and asked that Council listen to the concerns of taxpayers rather than watching the clock.

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

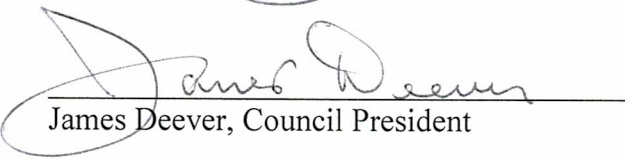
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk


James Deever, Council President