

November 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 5:27 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 7

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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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Nicole 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 Short, Code Enforcement Officer
Joseph Clark, Qualified Purchasing Agent
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.

Minutes:

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting – October 24, 2018

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, 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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>154-2018:</u>	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SURFSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CONTRACT M-109 ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND (\$132,000.00) DOLLARS
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Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, 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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 155-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:60-51.2 UPON APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF CERTAIN DEED RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, TO WIT: BLOCK 66.04 LOTS 44, 46, 48, 93, 95, & 97 (250 66TH STREET)

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, 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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 156-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOSEPH S. CLARK, QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CUSTODIAL AND CLEANING SERVICES FOR BOROUGH FACILITIES

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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 157-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON TO THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, TO WIT A LOWBOY TRAILER FOR A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR

Resolution No. 158-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OR EQUIPMENT WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON TO THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, TO WIT A BOX TRAILER AND A 2007 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK FOR A NOMINAL CONSIDERATION OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR

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

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

Resolution No. 159-2018: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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	Absent
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 781-2018:

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 781-2018 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 781-2018:

Ordinance No. 781-2018:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 27 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE AVALON BOROUGH CODE TO CLARIFY AND REAFFIRM THAT THE SALE OF MARIJUANA IS A PROHIBITED USE WITHIN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 781-2018 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

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

Scott Wahl read the following report:

New Ambulance: The Avalon Rescue Squad purchased, and is in receipt of, a new 2018 Ford E450 Horton ambulance. The ambulance cost approximately \$217,000 and was financed 100% through donations to the Avalon Rescue Squad. The ambulance has the largest patient care area of any unit in southern New Jersey, and new state of the art safety features. The Rescue Squad is both humbled and appreciative of the donations over the past three years that have enabled the Squad to purchase the ambulance.

JIF Performance: Yesterday I attended the monthly JIF executive directors meeting and all member communities received updates on their performance and performance trends. In 2017, Avalon's total loss ratio was a low 33.7% which shows a trend down from 77.3% in 2013. This is directly attributable to the safety practices in the Borough which include but are not limited to the training of our staff and the monthly safety meetings when all topics related to safety are discussed. Avalon's loss rate is a full 20 percentage lower than the combined loss rate of the JIF. Some communities in the JIF are experiencing large claims which in some cases are transferred to the MEL, the Municipal Excess Liability fund. Since 2012, Avalon has had zero claims that needed MEL coverage.

Monthly Reports:

Month of October, 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 & 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 Council President Deever, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the reports be approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pending business.

None.

New business

None.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, spoke about floodplain management and predicted that 7th Street between Ocean Drive and the Yacht Club will be the next street to be lost to flooding. She noted there are no bulkheads on the north side of Fourth Avenue or Fifth Avenue, which attributes to the inlet flooding those street ends. She reported to Council that she lost two vehicles during the flooding event that resulted from the October 27, 2018 rainfall, and asked Council to ensure 7th Street is also being considered when reviewing the north end flooding. She spoke about the surrounding bodies of water in that area, namely Townsend's Inlet and Cornell Harbor, and wondered about the preventative measures that could be taken in such areas. She voiced the opinion that the size of the homes within Avalon as well as the impervious coverage contribute to flooding, and she suggested that the Floodplain Management Plan address the percolation of rainwater. She also suggested the Zoning Ordinance and Building Codes align with the Floodplain Management Plan.

Elaine Scattergood, 75 30th Street, advocated for a prohibition of construction activity on Sundays year-round, and asked Council to also consider possibly restricting construction to Monday through Friday only year-round. She noted there have been talks in the community of a possible settlement agreement with homeowners that did not receive a proper home warranty, and asked that the Borough inform the public if such a settlement was made, and the amount of the settlement.

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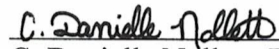
Motion made by Council President Deever, seconded by Councilman McCorristin to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

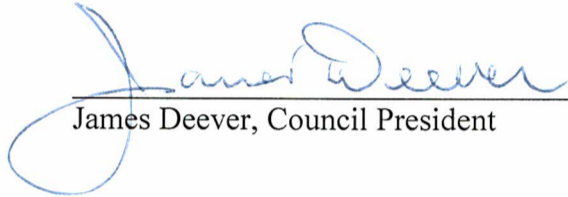
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


C. Danielle Nollett, Deputy Borough Clerk


James Deever, Council President