

July 10, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 4:52 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 6

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The Meeting was called to order by Council President Hudanich.

<u>Roll call:</u>	Council President Hudanich	Present
	Councilman Deever	Present
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Present
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Present
	Councilman Wierman	Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Police Chief Jeffrey R. Christopher
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald

Council President Hudanich read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 26, 2019. 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, Closed Session – June 26, 2019

Motion made by Councilwoman Juzaitis, seconded by Councilman Deever that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 131-2019: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS, (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87), NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR 2019 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

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

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman Deever	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President Hudanich	Aye

Resolution No. 132-2019: 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 69TH STREET
BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND DUNE DRIVE

Motion made by Councilman Deever, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman Deever	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President Hudanich	Aye

Resolution No. 133-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE
ORDER NO. 6 FOR SURFSIDE PARK SITE
IMPROVEMENTS, CONTRACT M-109

Motion made by Council President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Wierman that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman Deever	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President Hudanich	Aye

Resolution No. 134-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CREATION OF A CERTAIN PARKING SPACE
RESERVED FOR HANDICAPPED ONLY

Motion made by Councilman Wierman, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the resolutions be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman Deever	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President Hudanich	Aye

Resolution No. 135-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILLS

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

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman Deever	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye
	Council President Hudanich	Aye

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

Scott Wahl read the following report:

County Bridge Projects: The Townsends Inlet Bridge, the contractor is holding his revised schedule and right now is definitely on target to meet the July 30th date. All of the deck has been poured, as has the bridge sidewalks. He is currently setting the bridge railing and will pour the approach slab shortly. If all goes as planned, next week the approach slab and deck will be completely cured and ready for saw cutting, then form striping and final clean up begins.

South State is prepping the 25th and 21st Street bridges today for an expected flowable fill pour Wednesday morning. We hope to be completed with this emergency work this week. We have a consultant preparing plans for a permanent repair to the abutments and that work should occur over the next year or so, however, the emergency repair work should provide stability for now and going forward.

The Ingram's Thorofare re-decking project is slated to be advertised late summer subject to the approval and concurrence of the NJDOT. We anticipate a fall (October-November) start of construction. This project will run from October 2019 to Memorial Day 2020, shut down, then resume Sept 2020 and be completed by Memorial Day 2021. A temporary traffic signal will be used during construction to maintain one lane of travel. The bridge will be open to two lanes during the construction shut down periods.

County Recycling Changes: We have received a letter from the Cape May County MUA regarding recycling changes. As of October 1, 2019 the County will no longer accept two items as recyclable. Both products will now go into the general waste stream. One, shredded paper. Two, bulky hard rigid plastics. They are defined as empty plastic trash cans, plastic lawn/patio furniture, plastic toys and playhouses, and plastic coolers. This is due to the changes in the recycling marketplace that MUA Executive Director Joe Rizzuto noted to Council during a prior meeting.

Boardwalk Safety Initiative: The ACMJIF and the Avalon Department of Public Works continually evaluate needs for improvement for safety in the Borough. Many of the boards on the Avalon boardwalk were placed approximately 15 years ago and as a result, they mature at nearly the same rate. Even though they look fine from the surface, the boards have deterioration underneath which begins, and is aggravated by, wet weather conditions and sand mixing with the moisture. Board replacement continues as a safety initiative in the summer. To date, Public Works has replaced 6,000 boards on the boardwalk this year and will continue to do so until the supply of boards is exhausted.

8th St Jetty: For the benefit of the public and our newer Council members, the 8th Street Jetty was compromised during winter storm Jonas. That was the January storm that really kicked up a Nor'easter that really caused a lot of damage around town including major compromise to the jetty. Immediately the safety team, Public Works, Thomas Thornton, and Stewart Farrell took a look at this jetty to see the status of the compromise. In June 2017, Council authorized Stockton University to do further examination. We could see the same on top of the jetty, but could not see what was underneath of the water, so there was a side scan sonar that Council authorized Stockton to do on the Borough's behalf to get under the water to see the extent of the damage to the jetty. Further evaluation showed that the pressed elevation of the entire jetty due to winter storm Jonas was compromised during Jonas and the jetty came down a little bit. This afternoon, the Borough received a letter from FEMA with the determination as the Borough made a request for some extra funding to help do a major repair to the jetty versus minor repairs you could only see from winter storm Jonas. The letter we received started off poorly, however thanks to Thomas Thornton and Stewart Farrells efforts, the side scan sonar and the assumption that no one can see the rock structure inside the jetty, it is impossible to see the stabilization. They recognized an improvement to the jetty, fixing all of it, and elevating it to the prior level will not only provide resiliency to the Borough, but will also cut down on beach erosion in the north end, which will extend the life of the beach fills, backpassing projects, and so forth. The Borough was approved for 1.4 million dollars in funding, we asked for more, today's letter commits 4.003 million dollars to fund this project, which will not only help restore the jetty, but help stabilize the beaches in the north end because this Council was proactive doing further studies and this extra effort has generated over 2.6 million dollars in funding for the jetty.

Council President Hudanich thanked everyone for their hard work in compiling the necessary data that helped in obtaining such a large amount of funding for the important work associated with the Jetty. She commended the Borough's experts, such as Thomas Thornton and Dr. Farrell for taking the time and energy to contribute to this effort.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, referenced comments made by Travis Marshall at a prior meeting concerning the need for the Borough to honor its commitments to extend a bulkhead and do some repair work at 21st Street and the Bay. She reported she since reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Work Session, where a Settlement Agreement with the Marina at Avalon Anchorage was discussed, as well as a Borough announcement posted on the website in January of 2018. For the benefit of Council, she read the following statement from the announcement: "The Borough of Avalon commits to this neighborhood development program by agreeing to replace 40 linear feet of a 10-foot existing wing wall of a bulkhead that provides resiliency for the region. Funding for these projects will be included in the 2018 Avalon Municipal Budget." She inquired if the funding was included in the 2018 Municipal Budget and if the Borough is doing the work.

Council President Hudanich responded the funding was included in the 2018 Municipal Budget, and the Borough is working with Mr. Marshall through conversations to have the commitments fulfilled. She expressed concerns about a member of the public speaking on behalf of another member of the public.

Martha Wright clarified she is not speaking on another individual's behalf, and was rather referencing comments made by a member of the public, and wanted to review the facts of the case prior to offering public comment. She further clarified her comments were made with the intent of ensuring the Borough is honoring its commitment.

Council Vice President McCorristin referenced a presentation made by the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority at the May 29, 2019 Work Session and asked Scott Wahl to confirm that plastic lids are not a recyclable material.

Scott Wahl confirmed.

Councilman McCorristin noted many members of the public are not removing their plastic lids from bottles when recycling, and if that is done, the item is considered contaminated. He inquired if an entire truck is not accepted and is directed to the dump if it arrives at the MUA with some items with the lids still in place.

Scott Wahl responded it is his understanding that as recyclables go through the facility, bottles with caps are removed and placed with general trash.

Council Vice President McCorristin stressed the importance of properly educating the public regarding removing plastic lids from recyclables.

Scott Wahl noted now that the rules have been relayed to municipalities, the Borough can be more aggressive with the promotion by possibly creating a separate page on the Borough website committed to recycling information. Much of that information can be integrated from the Public Works Page as well as promoting the Recycle Coach app, and the MUA recycling rules.

William Macomber added when trucks of recyclables arrive at the MUA, the loads can be viewed and inspected for contaminants. If it appears the load contains a majority of contaminated or non-recyclable items, the MUA has the right to deny the truck and possibly fine the company delivering the truck. In the Borough's contract, it is written that any fines are the sole responsibility of the contractor.

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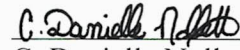
Motion made by Councilman Deever, seconded by Councilman Wierman to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Deever	Aye
Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
Council Vice President McCorristin	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Hudanich	Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk



Nancy M. Hudanich, Council President