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A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 4:35 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 McCorristin.

<u>Roll call:</u>	Council President McCorristin	Present
	Councilman Deever	Present
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Present
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	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  
John Roscoe, Captain of Police  
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald

Council President McCorristin read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included the annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 24, 2020. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Minutes:

Public Hearing, Work Session, Regular Meeting – August 12, 2020

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

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

Martha Wright, 632 7<sup>th</sup> Street, referenced the Resolution authorizing Middlesex Water Company to solicit bids to replace and install all water meters and inquired if homeowners would have the option to convert to different size water meters at no charge during the changeover.

Council President McCorristin replied the question will be referred to Ken Koches and further mentioned when water meter sizes are changed, the lines to the meters would also need to be changed.

Martha Wright asked about the timeline regarding this project.

Scott Wahl explained the Borough will solicit bids within the next few weeks and all new meters will be installed by June 2021, provided the Borough awards a contract based on bids received.

Martha Wright asked if homeowners will be notified as to when their water will be turned off and questioned how long the conversion to a new meter would take.

Scott Wahl replied the water at each home will be shut off for approximately 3 minutes for the conversion.

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Martha Wright inquired if this will change the way water meters are read.

Scott Wahl mentioned this item was discussed at the August 12, 2020 Work Session. A customer portal application will be available to property owners via phone or computer. Customers will have instant data, which will come straight from the meter.

Resolution No. 156-2020: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY TO SOLICIT BIDS TO REPLACE AND INSTALL ALL WATER METERS IN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

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

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

Resolution No. 157-2020: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF DANIEL FEATHERER AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25, 2020.

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

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

Resolution No. 158-2020: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 809-2020:

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that Ordinance No. 809-2020 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 809-2020:

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO OBTAIN A RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN DEED RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON IN CERTAIN DEEDS OF CONVEYANCES EXECUTEED AND DELIVERED BY THE BOROUGH OF AVALON PRIOR TO 1979.

Motion made by Council President McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that Ordinance No. 809-2020 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 810-2020:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Deever that Ordinance No. 810-2020 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 810-2020:

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A DEDICATION BY RIDER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 OF THE LOCAL BUDGET LAW OF NEW JERSEY.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Deever that Ordinance No. 810-2020 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Reports and Recommendations by Mayor and Officials:

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

Bid openings: On August 18, 2020, the Borough solicited bids for lease of space on the 3100 Dune Drive municipal tower & ground space for the placement of a small cell antenna project. On August 26, 2020, the Borough solicited bids for Reconstruction of Various Streets, which includes Sunrise Drive and 69<sup>th</sup> Street. Eight bids were submitted to the Borough of Avalon for consideration. All of which were competitive and favorable to the Borough.

County Projects: Administration has confirmed with the Cape May County Engineer, Robert Church, the Ingram's Thorofare re-decking project scheduled to begin the week of September 14, 2020. This project will run from September 2020 to Spring 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.

Cape May County intends to apply for federal funding for the continuation of the Ocean Drive repaving and drainage project. The initial phase of the project covered 28<sup>th</sup> Street to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street; the second phase will cover 62<sup>nd</sup> Street South to 80<sup>th</sup> Street. This project is anticipated to begin in 2022.

AHLOA: I wish to publicly thank our partners at the Avalon Home and Land Owners Association for constant communication and outreach during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic did not allow the Mayor to make his annual State of the Borough address this month. However, it is my understanding that the Mayor is completing a comprehensive presentation to AHLOA along with a video that AHLOA will place on its website in lieu of a presentation. Of course, I will share the Mayor's presentation on our municipal website as well.

Environmental Commission: Dr. Brian Reynolds, after 20 years of Chairmanship of the Environmental Commission, has stepped down as Chairman. However, he is staying as an active member of the Environmental Commission and Avalon Planning/Zoning Board. It is a Mayoral appointment, and he has appointed Donna Rothman to be the new Chairperson of the Environmental Commission. She is very excited to take on that role and Donna and I will have a meeting tomorrow morning to go over various environmental ideas and programs that we have in the Borough.

Monthly Reports:

Month of July 2020:

Borough Clerk and Registrar's Report submitted by C. Danielle Nollett.

Bureau of Fire Prevention, Bureau of Licensing, Miscellaneous Construction Collection, Construction Water and Sewer, Uniform Construction Code & Taxicab Reports submitted by John Tracy.

Code Enforcement Report submitted by Paul E. Short, Sr.

Municipal Court Report submitted by Deborah Scott.

Municipal Engineering Report submitted by Thomas Thornton.

Police Department Report submitted by Chief Jeffrey Christopher.

Public Works Department Report submitted by William Macomber.

Recreation Revenue Report submitted by Chuck McDonnell.

Tax Collector & Water Sewer Control Account Reports submitted by Alexis Coan.

Zoning Report submitted by Amanda Seltzer.

Motion made by Councilman Wierman, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the reports be approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pending Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.


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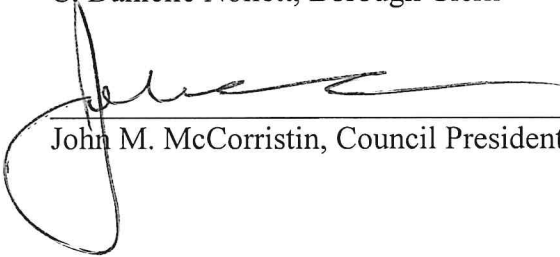
Motion made by Councilman Deever, seconded by Council President McCorristin to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk

  
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John M. McCorristin, Council President