

October 28, 2020

A Work Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public ----- 4

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The Meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Juzaitis.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
James Craft, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official
William Macomber, Director of Public Works/Utilities
John Roscoe, Police Captain
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald

Council Vice President Juzaitis 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.

Discussion regarding 2020 Best Practices Inventory.

James Craft reported the 2020 Best Practices Inventory is complete.

The number of questions in each category are as follows:

- 20 Core Competencies, which covered statutory and regulatory compliance.
- 9 Best Practices, which included physical operations and practices the State felt are significant for a municipality to follow.
- 31 Unsourced Survey Questions, which help the DLGS prioritize resources for the municipalities.

A required 16 points must be achieved to receive 100% of the State Aid; however, Avalon does not receive any State Aid. This year, Avalon achieved a score of 22.5 points out of approximately 24.5 total points.

Council President Hudanich thanked Mr. Craft for his diligence in making sure the Borough is following all the fiscal guidelines by completing the Best Practices Inventory.

Council Vice President Juzaitis thanked Mr. Craft for all of his hard work.

Discussion regarding Resolution accepting grant from the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety for Cops in Shops Summer Initiative 2020 in the amount of \$5,280.00

Captain John Roscoe explained the grant initiative for the Cops and Shops program runs from June through September every year. Avalon Police Officers visited various establishments in Avalon during this time period, which led to two arrests, making the Borough of Avalon eligible to receive a reimbursement of \$5,280.00.

Councilwoman Hudanich thanked Captain Roscoe for his hard work and impeccable book keeping and accounting. She also congratulated Captain Roscoe on his accomplishment as a recent Academic Valedictorian of his class, noting the Avalon Police Department brings Council great pride.

Captain John Roscoe thanked Council for their kind words.

After a brief discussion, Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding Resolution memorializing Council's decision regarding the potential sale of 311 41st Street, Block 40.05, Lot 73.

James Waldron explained this matter was considered by Borough Council in a Closed Session on October 14, 2020. Council reviewed the Memorandum from the Business Administrator required by Resolution 168-2015. During the Closed Session, Council was informed that the Borough has no present or foreseeable use for this undersized parcel. After a thorough discussion, Borough Council unanimously determined that the Borough should retain ownership and not offer the property for sale at this time. A Memorandum has been prepared with the intention to meet the requirements of Resolution 168-2015, which memorializes the matter considered and the action taken. With Council's consent and approval, this Memorandum will become part of the permanent record.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for today's Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding a Resolution authorizing a refund to Dennis Calabrese for a 2020 Tennis Season permit in the amount of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00).

Scott Wahl explained Dennis Calabrese purchased a 2020 Tennis Season permit in the amount of \$180.00. The next day, Mr. Calabrese became unable to use the Tennis Season permit for remainder of the season. A refund is being requested in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to Resolution 210-11-2000, which established a uniform policy with respect to fund of certain Recreation fees. A copy of the Resolution and Memo from Chuck McDonnell have been provided to Council.

After a brief discussion, Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding a Resolution releasing a two-story height restriction previously imposed upon the following properties:

- a. 25 E 12th Street, Block 11.05, Lot 5
- b. 278 63rd Street, Block 63.04, Lot 30

James Waldron explained these two properties are covered under the procedures set forth by Ordinance No. 809-2020. It is recommended Council adopt these Resolutions at tonight's Regular Meeting.

Council agreed to proceed with two Resolutions to be prepared for today's Regular Meeting.

Discussion regarding a Resolution authorizing Mott MacDonald to provide professional environmental permitting services for 22nd and Sixth Avenue Pier Replacement.

Thomas Thornton explained the bulkhead is being replaced at this location. After reviewing the scope of changes with the Public Works Department, it was determined the pier at this location also needs to be replaced. This work will require a waterfront development individual permit from the NJDEP. A proposal for the permitting services required for this project, including the preparation of the permit plans, the notifications to apply, and obtaining the permit, has been provided to Council for review. The pier construction is intended to be completed by the Public Works Department.

Scott Wahl stated James Craft has certified funds as well.

Council agreed to proceed with a Resolution to be prepared for the November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Wierman entered the Council Meeting at 4:13p.m.

Public Comments:

Paul Morrisey, 268 8th Street, spoke about the emerging nuisance created by pickleball courts nearby his home, and asked Council to consider amending the hours of the Recreational areas to comply with the noise Ordinance. He inquired if a noise study had been conducted prior to converting the tennis courts in that area to pickleball courts.

Scott Wahl responded no.

Council to check over the agenda for the Regular Meeting.

Council proceeded to check over the agenda for the Regular Meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Wierman, seconded by Councilman Deever to adjourn the Work Session.

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

Work Session adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Danielle Nolleth
C. Danielle Nolleth, Borough Clerk

Barbara L. Juzaitis
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