

February 24, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 5:30 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 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, Gruccio Pepper DeSanto & Ruth
John Roscoe, Police Captain
James Craft, Chief Financial Officer
William McCormick, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official
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:

Work Session, Regular Meeting, Closed Session – February 10, 2021

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

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

Ordinance:

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 817-2021:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 817-2021 be brought on for first reading by title only.

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

Borough Clerk read aloud Ordinance No. 817-2021:

Ordinance No. 817-2021:

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council President McCorristin that Ordinance No. 817-2021 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

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

Public Comments Regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 48-2021: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

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

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

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

The 2021 Local Municipal Budget Summary is available at the back of the room this evening. Copies of the introduced 2021 Local Municipal Budget, in its entirety, and Budget Summary may also be obtained by members of the general public at the Borough Clerk's Office and on the Borough's website, www.avalonboro.org, up to and including the time of the Budget Hearing to be held on March 24, 2021

Resolution No. 49-2021: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN YARD SALE SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AVALON GARDEN CLUB ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021, IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013

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

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

Resolution No. 50-2021: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S 2021 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

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

Resolution No. 51-2021:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHANGE FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF VARIOUS SUMMER FUNCTIONS FOR THE 2021 SEASON

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 52-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2021 BACKPASSING PROJECT FOR A TOTAL FEE OF SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$63,900.00)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 53-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL FEE OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$113,500.00)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 54-2021:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOROUGH OF AVALON'S SUPPORT OF CAPE MAY COUNTY'S PROJECT TO IMPROVE OCEAN DRIVE (COUNTY ROAD NO. 619)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 55-2021: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADA COMPLIANT RAMPS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SUNRISE DRIVE AND SEVENTH AVENUE AND AT SUNRISE DRIVE AND SIXTH AVENUE PREPARED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER

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

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

Resolution No. 56-2021: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilman 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 gave the following report:

COVID-19: As of Wednesday, February 24th, 2021, 9,284 vaccinations have been provided at Avalon Community Hall by the Cape May County Department of Health. There have been 25,673 total vaccinations administered in Cape May County. There have been 6,730 cases of the virus in Cape May County during the pandemic, along with 177 deaths. Shots continue to be administered by the County at Avalon Community Hall four days a week. The focus continues to be on medical workers, public safety workers, and those aged 65 or older.

Hydraulic Beach Fill: Administration has been in contact with Senator Cory Booker's office regarding the need for a hydraulic beach fill in 2022. Administration has also been in contact with Warwick Consulting to ensure the Senator supports this beach nourishment program. Thus far, no documentation has been provided to show opposition to this project.

County Dispatch: The Avalon Police Department continues to work towards joining the centralized dispatch services provided by Cape May County. It is anticipated that the transition will occur on or about Monday, March 8, 2021. I thank the Police Department for their hard work and dedication.

Verizon 5G: Tuesday, February 23, 2021, I inspected the proposed draft list of utility pole locations from Verizon for the enhancement of wireless communications. Feedback has been provided to Verizon and Dominic Villecco, Telecommunications Consultant, V-COMM. It is intended to present Council with a final list of pole locations at the March 10, 2021 Council meeting.

Ingram's Thorofare Bridge: On Friday, February 19, Cape May County Engineer, Robert Church, released the following statement: *The Ingrams Thorofare Bridge linking Middle Township and Avalon will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday due to construction. Avalon Boulevard will be closed during these hours.* The variable message sign says the bridge opens at 6:00 a.m. Robert Church has confirmed the bridge will open at 5:00 a.m.; the sign was programmed incorrectly.

Annual and Monthly Reports:

Month of December, 2020:

Public Works Department Report submitted by William McCormick.

2020 Annual Reports and Month of January, 2021:

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 R.
Edward Dean.

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

Municipal Court Report submitted by Wendy Torroni.

Municipal Engineering Report submitted by Thomas Thornton.

Police Department Report submitted by Chief Jeffrey Christopher.

Public Works Department Report submitted by William McCormick.

Recreation Revenue Report submitted by Chuck McDonnell.

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

Zoning Report submitted by Amanda Seltzer.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pending business.

None.

New business:

Councilwoman Juzaitis recognized Scott Wahl for his dedication to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) by acting as Fund Chair.

Council President McCorristin reported livestreaming options are still being reviewed at this point in time.

Public Comments:

Martha Wright, 632 7th Street, thanked Council for identifying themselves before speaking during the meeting and thanked Council President McCorristin for the update on an audio/visual platform for the meetings.


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

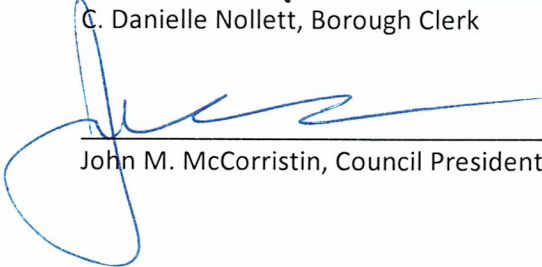
ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk


John M. McCorristin, Council President