

December 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 4:40 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public ----- 0

Reporters ----- 0

The Meeting was called to order by Council President Juzaitis.

<u>Roll call:</u>	Council President Juzaitis	Present
	Councilwoman Coskey	Present
	Councilman McCorristin	Present
	Councilman McDermott	Present
	Councilman Wierman	Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
Jeffrey R. Christopher, Chief of Police
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott MacDonald
Paul Short, Code Enforcement Officer
Ed Dean, Construction Official

Council President Juzaitis read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included the annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 23, 2021. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Minutes:

Work Session & Regular Meeting – November 15, 2021

Motion made by Councilman Wierman, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the minutes be approved as submitted.

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

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 215-2021: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT PLAN EVALUATION REPORT

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

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

Resolution No. 216-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MOTT MACDONALD TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR BAY PARK MARINA IMPROVEMENTS FOR A LUMP SUM FEE NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$425,000.00)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 217-2021:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF A TRUSTEE OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman McDermott that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 218-2021:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF NON-CONVERSION AGREEMENT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINANCE 829-2021 PERTAINING TO THE FLOOR AREA RATIO CALCULATION

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 219-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 220-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF OWEN PRICKETT AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 221-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PURCHASING PARTNERS GOVERNMENT (NPPGov) PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS, CONTRACT NUMBER: PS20095, FOR THE PURCHASE OF BAUER COMPRESSOR BREATHING AIR STORAGE CYLINDERS, BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, AND COMPONENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Motion made by Council President Juzaitis, seconded by Councilman McDermott that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Resolution No. 222-2021:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Coskey	Aye
Councilman McCorristin	Aye
Councilman McDermott	Aye
Councilman Wierman	Aye
Council President Juzaitis	Aye

Reports and Recommendations by Mayor and Officials:

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

CRBA UNIT: On December 1st, Avalon led a discussion involving our partners in Stone Harbor and North Wildwood with Shannon Estenoz, the Assistant Secretary for the National Division of Fish and Wildlife, under the Department of Interior. The issue was the continued use of Hereford Inlet for routine maintenance beach fill projects for both Stone Harbor and North Wildwood. The meeting lasted just under an hour, and the Assistant Secretary was engaged in the discussion and very interested in the facts of the matter explained very well by Dr. Stewart Farrell from the Coastal Research Center at Stockton University, and by our environmental attorney, Neil Yoskin. Ms. Estenoz asked what sort of permanent relief we were seeking and pledged to meet with her team and have another meeting with us to finally resolve this issue. We remain hopeful that this second ruling on the Coastal Barrier Resources Act as applied to the Inlet will be in our favor as well.

Capital Budget: A big capital budget meeting will be held in this room tomorrow morning involving finance, public works, engineering, water and sewer, and administration. We will spend time discussing the major capital projects for the consideration of the Mayor for the 2022 budget. Many departments have finalized their individual budgets during this process.

NJ Coastal Coalition: One of the many benefits of being part of the New Jersey Coastal Coalition is the support we receive from other agencies. On Tuesday, December 28th, the Coalition will visit with us along with Joel Dohm from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Dohm will review with our team areas of concern for Avalon relating to flooding issues and will take a field trip with us to inspect these areas. The goal is for some guidance and technical advice that will come to the Borough from the Corps for ideas to address these areas of concern.

Review/NJ Flood Ordinance: Municipalities in New Jersey are required to adopt a certain flood ordinance as drafted by the State of New Jersey, with municipal input. The ordinance is long and fortunately for the Borough, we already meet or exceed many of the provisions in the new ordinance. Council may recall the last time the State enacted this exercise, Avalon went above and beyond the most stringent ordinance that makes our town safer, and increases our rating in the CRS program. Because Avalon is tops in the state with a Class 3 rating, we are required to have a discussion with the NJDEP, and that will occur tomorrow afternoon with administration, construction official, and Frank Bruton, our CRS coordinator.

New Year's Eve: For the benefit of the public, we have on our website information about Avalon's first ever New Year's Eve fireworks. Before the fireworks, the Department of Recreation will have a kids' party at Surfside Park. We had a meeting this week to review our Festive Friday event, and we can report the Turkey Trot had an all-time record of over 900 participants and generated more revenue for the Diller Home than ever before. And, the Diller Home will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022, and the Borough intends to help in that celebration.

Monthly Reports:

Month of October, 2021:

Public Works Department Report submitted by William McCormick

Month of November 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.

Police Department Report submitted by Chief Jeffrey Christopher

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

Zoning Report submitted by Amanda Seltzer.

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

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

Pending Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

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Resolution No. 223-2021:

A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL CONCERNING GENERAL PERSONNEL AND THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Coskey, seconded by Councilman McCorristin to recess the public portion of the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session.

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

Council President Juzaitis announced official action will not be taken after the Closed Session.

Public portion of Regular Meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m.

Public Portion of Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:01 p.m.

Present:

Council President Juzaitis
Councilwoman Coskey
Councilman McCorristin
Councilman McDermott
Councilman Wierman
James A. Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, P.A

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

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Danielle Nollett
C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk

Barbara L. Juzaitis
Barbara L. Juzaitis, Council President