

July 3, 2024

Reorganization Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 12:00 pm in the Meeting Room, Borough Hall, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

In-Person Attendance: Public ----- 10 Reporters ----- 0

Remote Attendance: Public ----- 1 Reporters ----- 0

Councilwoman Coskey acted as Temporary Chairperson and called the Reorganization Meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Councilwoman Coskey	Present
	Councilman Johnson	Present
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Present
	Councilman McDermott	Present
	Councilman Wierman	Present

Also Present:

- John McCorristin, Mayor
- Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
- James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
- Nicole Curio, Esquire Borough Solicitor
- Jeffrey Christopher, Police Chief
- Thomas Thornton, Borough Engineer, Mott MacDonald
- William McCormick, Director of Public Works
- Paul Short, Code Enforcement Officer

Councilwoman Coskey read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Reorganization Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 26, 2024. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Councilwoman Coskey read the following statement:

“For the convenience of the public, the Borough is offering the option of public comment via remote access as described herein. Public who participates remotely will be muted during the Council Meeting except at the public comment portion of the meeting. Any person attempting to disrupt the remote broadcast of a meeting may be denied access at the discretion of the person administering the meeting. Public is reminded of a five-minute limit per comment. In the event remote access is unavailable due to a technology malfunction, or other reason beyond the Borough’s control, the Borough will not pause or stop the live meeting. Borough Council Meetings are held in person with no capacity limits on attendance at a meeting. The best way to ensure an individual’s ability to publicly comment is to attend in person so that comments may be made in the event of a technology malfunction. The Borough reserves the right to discontinue offering public comment via remote access at its discretion for any future meeting.”

Nominations for the Office of President of Council:

Councilwoman Coskey, Temporary Chairperson, accepted nominations for the Office of President of Council for a term of one (1) year.

Motion made by Councilman McDermott, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that Councilman McDermott be nominated as President of Council for a term of one (1) year.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilwoman Coskey	Abstain
	Councilman Johnson	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McDermott	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye

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Motion made by Councilman McDermott, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that nominations be closed.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Councilwoman Coskey	Abstain
	Councilman Johnson	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McDermott	Aye
	Councilman Wierman	Aye

Nominations for the Office of Vice-President of Council.

Council President Coskey accepted nominations for the Office of Vice President for a term of one (1) year.

Motion made by Council President Coskey, seconded by Councilman McDermott that Councilwoman Juzaitis be nominated as Vice President of Council for a term of one (1) year.

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

Motion made by Council President Coskey, seconded by Councilman McDermott that nominations be closed.

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

Resolutions:

<u>Resolution No. 127-2024:</u>	A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES AND DESIGNATING APPOINTMENTS THERETO FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025
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Motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Wierman that the resolution be adopted.

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

<u>Resolution No. 128-2024:</u>	A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025
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Motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Wierman that the resolution be adopted.

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

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Public Comments:

John Rogers, 695 21st Street, made note of recent construction in his neighborhood which has exacerbated a flooding issue, making many yards uninhabitable and raising health and safety concerns, in additions to Borough violations as it pertains to standing water on private property. He expressed understanding that the property was built to code with regard to grading; however, requested help from the Borough of Avalon to find productive solutions for this problem.

Joseph Osifchok, 698 Sunrise Drive, noted the severity of the flooding in this area after a recent rain event and indicated measures he had recently taken to try to alleviate flooding in his yard; however, the problem persists. He made mention of impervious coverage in the area, and identified some potential solutions for Council's consideration. He echoed the health and safety concerns raised by Mr. Rogers and also requested the Borough help the neighbors solve this problem.

Kristin Camp, 675 21st Street, reiterated the concerns of flooding in the neighborhood, and requested guidance for measures that can be taken by individual property owners, as well as the Borough of Avalon as a whole.

Heidi Ramer, 695 21st Street, stressed the health and safety concerns raised by standing water caused by flooding. She asked for a community solution to this issue.

Motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Wierman to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

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

Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Danielle Nollett
C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk

Maura H. Coskey
Maura H. Coskey, Council President