

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AVALON CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
410 AVALON CANYON ROAD
THIS VIRTUAL MEETING IS HELD PURSUANT TO AB 361
MINUTES**

Due to social distancing recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) and the County of Los Angeles, and pursuant to findings made under AB 361, the CITY OF AVALON'S CITY COUNCIL SHALL GENERALLY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC REMOTELY. *The general public may attend the meeting in the Council Chambers however must adhere to social distancing requirements.* The public is encouraged to watch and participate from the safety of their homes while practicing social distancing.

Council Chambers are open to a maximum 30 members of the general public. Once the Council Chambers reach maximum occupancy, the general public may participate in Oral Communication and address the City Council on an agenda item in person by waiting in the City Hall Court Yard and entering the Chambers one at a time at the appropriate time. No one will be admitted into the Council Chambers who is ill or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, the general public may participate in Oral Communication and address the City Council on an agenda items by providing comments via Zoom or by sending comments to ask@cityofavalon.com.

CALL TO ORDER-1:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL-Present via Teleconference and In-Person: Mayor Anni Marshall, Councilmembers Lisa Lavelle, Michael Ponce, Mary Schickling and Yesenia De La Rosa. Also present: City Manager David Maistros, City Attorney Scott Campbell and Deputy City Clerk Gabrielle Morones.

1. Meet and Greet with Assembly member Josh Lowenthal.

CLOSED SESSION- 2:11 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Following the appropriate announcement of the Closed Session item, the City Council went into Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Property: 128 Marilla Avenue

Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: City Manager and Captains Foundation

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Following Closed Session the City Manager announced that there was no reportable action.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION-City staff received two emails via ask.com from South Coast AQMD regarding their upcoming virtual community workshops and from LoveCatalina's President and CEO Jim Luttjohan regarding the Job Fair.

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PRESENTATIONS:

1. Eric O'Donnell, Deputy Director of Townsend Public Affairs, provided a legislative update.
2. Elizabeth Gastelum, Dane Jones, Eduwigis Reyes and Tessa Hernandez of the Tarzana Treatment Center, provided a presentation identifying the services available to the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR-There were 8 Items on the Consent Calendar. Item #8 was pulled for further discussion. Motion to approve Items #1-7 made Lisa Lavelle, seconded by Michael Ponce. (All Ayes)

1. Minutes
Approved minutes from the March 21, 2023 regular City Council Meeting.
2. Warrants
Approved warrants in the amount of \$524,108.30, one payroll in the amount of \$215,079.03, two electronic fund transfers totaling \$40,580.46 for a total expenditure of \$779,767.79 for March 13, 2023 through March 24, 2023.
3. Findings to Continue to Hold Remote Teleconference/Virtual City Council Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
City Council reconsidered the circumstances of COVID-19 state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor and COVID-19's continued impact and determined that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19, and as such, that continuing to utilize the protections of Assembly Bill 361 will protect the health and safety of attendees.
4. Request for Proposals for Community Income Survey
Authorized City Staff to publish a request for proposal (RFP) for consultant services to conduct a Community Income Survey.
5. Request for Proposals for Professional Audit Services
Authorized City Staff to solicit requests for proposals (RFP) to provide professional auditing services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 (FY23), 2024 (FY24), and 2025 (FY25).
6. Fourth of July Barge 2023
Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute an agreement with Curtin Maritime for barge services during the 2023 Fourth of July City of Avalon fireworks display for a not-to-exceed \$30,000 sum.
7. Fourth of July Fireworks Vendor
Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute an agreement with Garden State Fireworks, Inc. to provide the firework show on the Fourth of July.

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PULLED ITEM

8. Special Permit – Vending Machine located at 112 Catalina Avenue (Avalon Liquor)
(1) Authorized the issuance of a special permit to Avalon Liquor to offer a vending machine outside its retail location but within its property line on 112 Catalina Avenue.
(2) Delegated authority to the City Manager to approve special permits for amusement, vending, or service machines offered to the public.
Motion to approve made by Lisa Lavelle, seconded by Mary Schickling. (All Ayes)

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Guided Golf Cart Tours Discussion
City Council discussed vehicle congestion and if the City should establish a minimum or maximum number of allowable vehicles for the guided golf cart tours operating in the City of Avalon. Direction was given to staff to continue to accept applications and to not regulate the issuance of transportation permits.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING – 5:00 P.M.

11. TDA Article 8 Hearing
1. Mayor Marshall opened the Public Hearing. 2. Comments were heard from Councilmember Lavelle in regards to: a) Have Metro look into micro transit and point-to-point transit system in addition to or in place of a fixed-rate transit system to better serve the full time residents in Avalon. b) The possibility for Metro and Caltrans to look at routes that are public right-of-ways and how they are designated for public right-of-ways that go over the ocean and/or over private property. 3. Mayor Marshall closed the Public Hearing.
10. Capital Improvement Project Discussion
City Council heard the presentation from the Finance Director regarding Capital Improvement Projects. City Council directed staff to add the following to the Capital Improvement Plan:
-Additional emergency exists at Joe Machado Field.
-Additional swing set to an existing park.
-Inquire about erosion netting.
-Possible transition from a fixed-route transit system to a point-to-point transit system.
-Electrification-Infrastructure for charging stations as California moves to accelerate to 100% new zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.
-AV Improvements-Spanish captioning and Spanish translation services for meetings.
-Set aside funds annually for building projects moving forward.

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Mayor Marshall adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

I, Gabrielle Morones, Deputy City Clerk, do hereby certify that the DVD videotape of the Special City Council Meeting on April 4, 2023, is the official record of the Council Meeting and is on file and maintained in City Hall.



Gabrielle Morones, Deputy City Clerk / Sr. Administrative Assistant