

**CITY OF AVALON
CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIENCE / INVOCATION

ROLL CALL-Present: Mayor Robert Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Ponce, Councilmembers Richard Hernandez, Oley Olsen, and Ralph Morrow. Also present City Manager Ben Harvey, Chief Administrative Officer Denise Radde and City Attorney Scott Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Kennedy wished Council member Ponce and City Attorney Scott Campbell a happy birthday.
- Mayor Kennedy announced that the City of Avalon executed a proclamation recognizing December 29th through January 4th as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.
- Mayor Kennedy informed Council that Southern California Edison will have a power shutoff scheduled for Thursday, December 19th that will close the MRF and landfill. Regular trash pick up will not be interrupted.
- City Clerk Denise Radde announced that the filing period to file papers for the two available council seats and mayoral seat was December 16, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and should be returned by January 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourned to the Avalon Municipal Hospital Board of Trustees' Meeting –
6:05-6:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Cheryl Alison from CR&R informed Council that the new phone number to the trash facility is 510-0240 and that there will be a mailing sent to food establishments reminding them of the proper disposal of food scraps. Per Mayor Kennedy's request Cheryl will post an ad in the paper giving information on large item pickup.

CONSENT CALENDAR-Items1 pulled by the City Clerk. Items 2 pulled by Oley Olsen and Item 5 pulled by Ralph Morrow for further discussion. Motion to approve Items 3 and 4 made by Michael Ponce, seconded by Ralph Morrow. (All Ayes)

3. Adopted Ordinance 1125-13 amending Chapter 7 of Title 9 of the Avalon Municipal Code to expand the definition of, and establish guidelines for, temporary signs.

4. Adopted Ordinance 1126-13 amending the City of Avalon's Municipal Code to revise the powers and duties of the City Manager and the Chief of the Fire Department.

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PULLED ITEMS for further discussion

2. Expenditures Submitted for Approval

Councilmember Olsen brought up the warrant for IDR Hazardous Waste Services of \$33,210.00. City Manager Harvey, informed Council that he can discuss ways to economize IDR's service and potentially go to bid. Approved Warrants in the amount of \$1,173,776.93 and Payroll in the amount of \$177,042.99 for a total expenditure of \$1,350,819.92. Motion made by Oley Olsen, seconded by Michael Ponce. (All Ayes).

5. Authorization to Retain Consultant, Dr. Stanley Grant, to Access Compliance with the TMDL Required by the Cease and Desist Order

Explanation was given as to why the City needs to continue spending monies on Cease and Desist issues. Authorized Staff to retain the consultant services of Dr. Stanley Grant to perform the listed tasks and direct the City Manager to execute a contract not to exceed \$14,400.00. Motion made by Ralph Morrow, seconded by Oley Olsen. (All Ayes)

GENERAL BUSINESS

6. Encroachment Permit for Southern California Edison Underground Vaults at Two Locations

Councilmember Morrow recused himself due to the proximity of the vault's locations and his residence. Approved the Encroachment Permit, reverse the order of the vaults and replace the lower vault first, and have the project completed by April 15, 2014. If the project is expected to exceed the time frame Southern California Edison is to come back to City Council and ask for an extension. Motion made by Oley Olsen, seconded by Bob Kennedy. (4 Ayes, Kennedy, Olsen, Ponce and Hernandez, 1 Abstention-Morrow)

7. Presentation on Transportation Opportunities - Jordan Monroe

Directed Staff to enforce the existing noise ordinance starting February 1, 2014 and issue fix it tickets to the vehicles that fail the noise test and have a 6 month window to fix the noise problems. Motion made by Bob Kennedy, seconded by Oley Olsen. (All Ayes)

COUNCILMEMBER REPORT

1. Councilmember Hernandez wanted Staff to look into a potential Plastic Bag Ban for the next Council meeting.
2. Councilmember Olsen received a few complaints regarding the cleanliness of the Mole Restrooms and broken fixtures. He also requested that Staff look into another Health Service Provider for the City.
3. Councilmember Morrow wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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4. Mayor Kennedy reminded Staff and Council that the City passed an unbalanced budget and asked what we were going to do about it. Mayor Kennedy also mentioned that we recently lost our Courthouse and inquired whether Staff can develop a plan to issue and collect citation fees.

CLOSED SESSION 8:20 – 9:02 p.m.

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Race Course of Catalina Island Grand Prix 2014-2015, including Hour Trail. Agency Negotiators: Ben Harvey, City Manager and Scott Campbell, City Attorney
Negotiating Party: The Santa Catalina Island Company
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

Following Closed Session the City Attorney reported that there were no reportable actions

Adjourned meeting at 9:04 p.m..

I, Denise Radde, City Clerk of the City of Avalon, do hereby certify that the DVD videotape of the City Council Meeting December 17, 2013, is the official record of that Council Meeting and is on file and maintained in City Hall.

Denise A. Radde, City Clerk/Chief Administrative Officer

