

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2008

The Council Business/Conference meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers by Mayor Susan Gartland at 7:07 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge, Slattery and Gates

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Stuart Koenig, Esq., Borough Attorney

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on April 18, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on April 18, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion by Councilman Slattery,
seconded by Councilman Curley

Presentation by Earl Miller, Executive Director, Garden State Municipal JIF and Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance

Presentation by Pam Donovan of Creating Choices for Children and Ray Smith of Premiere Cycling Inc.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:47PM. Phyllis Annett of 3 White Birch Terrace, Marietta Schoenherr of 28 Oak Grove Road, Marilyn Stewart of 9 White Birch Terrace and Jennifer Natt of 7 White Birch Terrace all had questions regarding the trees on White Birch Terrace that were marked to be cut down and wanted to know if there was any way we could save the trees and still pave the street. Matthew McHugh of 9 Westover Avenue, Apartment BQ had questions regarding the article in the Star Ledger regarding the purchase of the Faloni Property. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had questions regarding the Faloni property and the Recycling Tonnage Report. Mr. Mooney also had questions regarding the two emergency generators for the Fire Department and the Police Department that the town is going to purchase and the Borough must put the specs out to bid. Stanley Kagan of 15 Seymour Street wanted to laud and applaud Patrolman Appicella for his performance at Mr. Kagan's home when his heat went out. Mr. Kagan said Patrolman Appicella's performance was above and beyond the call of duty. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard Mayor Gartland closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Resolutions:

4-86 Resolution endorsing an increase in State Police surcharges to fund state budget shortfalls in lieu of reliance upon local purpose tax increases

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Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-87 Expressing the sense of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Caldwell on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States/Borough of Caldwell and Israel

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-88 Authorizing the Borough Administrator to submit the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Period January 1, 2007 Through December 31, 2007

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-89 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids to furnish and install a 60KW Emergency Generator for the Police Department

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-90 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids to furnish and install a 125KW Emergency Generator for the Fire Department

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-91 Authorizing the application by the Caldwell Tenants Association for use of the Fire House Meeting Room in the Borough of Caldwell Fire House for their annual general meetings

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-92 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids to redesign the Caldwell Police Headquarters Desk Area

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-93 Authorization for the issuance of License for Motor Vehicle Lot License to Anthony V. Grazioso of Caldwell Tire, 402 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

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- 4-94 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to prepare a request for proposal to obtain professional quotes for Landscape Design for the Borough Green

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-95 Authorizing issuance of a license to operate electronic, mechanical and other types of amusement devises to the Ringside Pub from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-96 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through April 22, 2008 in the total amount of \$801,692.49

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-97 Resolution authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00015, Block #54, Lot #1, 87 Roseland Avenue, Apt. 106, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, Dubas, James R.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-98 Resolution authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #06-00012, Block #44.01, Lot #1.01, 35 Overlook Road, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, Preziosi, Guy

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-99 Authorizing award of a contract to the Morris Land Conservancy for the Purpose of assisting the Borough Council and the Open Space Committee with a variety of Open Space Services including the preparation of the N.J. Green acres Grant Application of the possible acquisition of open space for the period July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Councilman Dassing asked that the Council receive reports from Morris Land Conservancy that they issued to the Open Space Committee. It was agreed that the Council would receive the reports. Councilman Dassing and Councilman Curley also requested that the open space committee provide the Council with a priority list of properties from the Open Space and Recreation Plan that the Open Space Committee may recommend for purchase. Councilman Dassing also questioned the amount of the contract and why it was \$2000.00 more than the last contract. Councilman Mescia explained that the first contract included two parcels of land, this contract includes more parcels and attendance at more meetings of the Open Space Committee or the Council Meeting. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

- 4-100 Authorizing award of a contract to Landmark Appraisal, LLC for completion of a real estate appraisal report in accordance with the Green Acres Appraisal guidelines for Block 69, Lot 1.01 in an amount not to exceed \$3,850.00

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-101 Authorizing award of a contract to Integra Realty resources for completion of a real estate appraisal report in accordance with the Green Acres Appraisal Guidelines for Block 69, Lot 1.01 in an amount not to exceed \$4000.00

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

4-102 Resolution authorizing the award of a professional services contract for a surveyor, title search and environmental assessment to Green Acres Standards of property located at Block 69, Lot 1.01

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/22/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – No report.

Councilman Dassing – No report

Councilman Curley – Reported that there will be a Police Committee Meeting tomorrow. Councilman Curley also reported that there was a Technology Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM tonight and they met with Jim Nolan, Director of the Caldwell Community Center to discuss the website page for the Community Center.

Councilman Edge – Reported that the Hawaiians are coming to New Jersey. They will be going to Trenton on Friday. Councilman Edge also reported that the Hawaiians will be at the library on Thursday night and that all are invited to come and visit with the Hawaiians. The Hawaiians will also be visiting Mt. Saint Dominic Academy.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Library Board will be meeting on Thursday night. Councilman Slattery also reported that the entire month of April is Autism Awareness month. Councilman Slattery also reported that last week, April 12 to the 21st was national library week. Instead of collecting fines that were due on overdue books, the library was collecting food that will be donated to the Caldwell Pantry. Councilman Slattery also reported on the poetry reading that was held last Saturday and was attended by many students of Caldwell College. Councilman Slattery reported that work has begun on the Gene Collerd Collection at the Caldwell Public Library, to date 406.5 hours has been done on this project. Councilman Slattery reported that our library works in conjunction with the Children's Institute in Verona and they are involved in a project called Info Link. There are six libraries in this area that collaborate in this project. This Monday on April 28th from 3:30 to 4:30 there will be a reception at the Children's Institute in Verona. Norma Blake the New Jersey State Librarian will be attending along with representative of the New Jersey legislature as well as representatives of the Caldwell Council all in recognition of April being Autism Awareness Month and the Info Link Project.

Councilman Gates – Reported that there was a reorganization meeting held for the Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on a letter that she received from former West Caldwell Administrator, Ben Martorano regarding consulting services he will be providing to governmental units and to private clients. His primary focus will be in the land use planning area. Mayor Gartland reported that she has a great deal of respect for Ben Martorano and if at some point we need an expert his name would be great to keep in a log somewhere that he would be a good person to provide a service either our Planning or Zoning Board. Mayor

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Gartland reported on a grant award for the joint Municipal Alliance in the amount of \$29,000. Mayor Gartland also reported on the grant received from The Department of Transportation for Whitfield Street and Park Avenue in the amount of \$250,000.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel and litigation. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 10:06P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 11:13 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date