

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – July 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 7:06 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gates and Borough Attorney, Stuart Koenig, Esq.

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 December 27, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Presentation: Kelly Quinn and Beth Farino of Global Connect made a presentation regarding emergency notification using voice broadcasting

Approval of Minutes: July 8, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted July 22, 2008.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Resolutions:

7-144 Authorizing the appointment of David Gonzalez as a probationary firefighter in the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-145 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell College, Off-Premise – Basket Raffle, September 28, 2008 – 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-146 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell College, On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 28, 2008 – 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-147 Authorizing the Payment of bills and the issuance of check for the period through July 22, 2008 in the total amount of \$708,549.00

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

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7-148 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids for the Whitfield Street and Park Avenue Roadway construction

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-149 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids for the Ryerson Avenue Roadway Construction

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-150 The Borough of Caldwell and the Caldwell Police Department Support the Over the Limit Under Arrest 2008 Statewide Crackdown

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-151 Authorizing the award of a contract for the Police Station alteration to Riefolo Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 87, Belleville, New Jersey 07109

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-152 Authorizing the rejection of the bids for the Caldwell Community Center Pavilion

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-153 Authorizing the issuance of a renewal liquor license for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 to Chintan Enterprises, Inc. T/A The Bottle Stop, 153 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

7-154 Resolution authorizing entry into an agreement providing for and access easement to property adjacent to Municipality Property

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/22/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported that Caldwell Downtown Alliance will launch a magazine called Downtown Caldwell in November of 2008. The magazine will be an insert in the Montclair Magazine. The magazine will be delivered to 26,000 people. The Caldwell Downtown Alliance will also have about 2000 magazines to be placed in the businesses in our downtown, Caldwell College and the Caldwell Community Center. The deadline for advertising in the Magazine is October 3, 2008. The Caldwell Downtown Alliance is working with the Main Street New Jersey Program to offer webinars for our merchants in the downtown. The educational webinars will start on August 1, 2008. The nice thing about this is that they are computer based. The first webinar is on increasing sales, it is about an hour long. The sign committee will be meeting this week on Wednesday. The goal is to revamp the sign ordinance for Caldwell. Hopefully by the beginning of September we will have a

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draft copy of the ordinance to present to the Council for consideration. There are twelve people on the committee including merchants, residents, and Caldwell Downtown Alliance members. Councilman Mescia thanked everyone for all the work and help during the water emergency. Everyone did a great job.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that she will be attending the DRMI training classes next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Councilman Dassing reported that she asked Ryan Graham of Fairview Insurance to come to a council meeting to talk about reducing our dental costs. We did so well with the Medical benefits a couple of years ago we thought we could get the process going to coordinate a meeting with Ryan Graham. Councilman Dassing also reported that she had asked Josh Dill of Credit Card Systems to come and talk to the Technology Committee regarding accepting credit cards for taxes and water and the Community Center. A few residents had said they would love to use their credit cards for making payments because their credit cards offer them benefits for travel. Councilman Dassing reported that the signs are still up for the Elm Road regarding another construction project and she would like them to be removed to avoid confusion. Chief Dombrowski reported that he would remove the signs tonight.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the County will be purchasing 25 MPH signs and we will be posting them around town. The signs should be ready in about 6 weeks. Councilman Curley reported that there was an Active Shooter Drill at Caldwell College. Lt. Bongiorno gave a report on the Active Shooter Drill exercise and how well the different first responder groups interacted. Councilman Curley reported on the Technology Meeting held prior to the Council meeting.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Estimated Tax Bills. Councilman Edge thanked the County and Maureen Ruane for everyone working together during the water emergency. Councilman Edge asked if there was any progress with the recycling ordinance. Councilman Edge also reported on the technology meeting and Johnson Controls. Councilman Edge also reported on the article in the Star Ledger regarding the grant the Caldwell Library received for The Big Read.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Library Board will meet this Thursday night. Councilman Slattery also reported on the on the Library's new website. Councilman Slattery welcomed David Gonzalez as a new probationary Fireman. Councilman Slattery also reported that the personnel will be meeting in late September or October. Councilman Slattery thanked Councilman Mescia for all his work he has done with the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. It is amazing the amount of work and hours Councilman Mescia puts into the Caldwell Downtown Alliance.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the \$150,000 Caldwell received in extraordinary aid. As required under law, this award must be used in your municipal budget to reduce the local property tax levy the budget must be amended to bring this additional property relief to the residents. Mayor Gartland thanked Senator Codey, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey and Assemblyman John McKeon for the extraordinary aid. Caldwell is very grateful. Mayor Gartland also thanked Commissioner Doria. Mayor Gartland reported that last week the Mayors of communities involved with the West Essex First Aid Squad met to discuss the purchase of a new equipment truck for the West Essex First Aid Squad. Mayor Gartland said she did not know who would be the host community for the possibility of bonding and purchasing this truck but the need will be for the 2009 budget and she will be working with the other communities to put this in place.

Administrator Report – None

Attorney Report – None

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:24 PM. Mr. Abaleo of Essex County passed out brochures regarding the summer concert series in Essex County. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue commented on the amount of Policemen at the meeting and wanted to know if something was wrong. Chief Dombrowski responded that there was nothing wrong. Mr. Mooney also had questions regarding the award of contract for

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the Police Department Alteration. Mr. Mooney also had question regarding the extraordinary aid. Mr. Mooney wanted to know the cost for the recent water main breaks that occurred on Westville and Ravine. Mr. Mooney also wanted to know what the Borough was doing as far as energy savings. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:39 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss building acquisition. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:39 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 8:59 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

Mayor Gartland asked the Council members if they wished to cancel the second meeting in August due to vacations scheduled. The council agreed to cancel the second council meeting in August.

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 9:03 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date