

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – March 25, 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 7:08 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq. Borough Attorney, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: None

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 March 21, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on March 21, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Presentation of a Proclamation to Coach Steve Trivino of the Caldwell/West Caldwell High School Girls Swim Team and Certificates of Appreciation to each member of the Swim Team

Presentation by Pam Donovan of Creating Choices for Children and Raymond Smith of Premiere Cycling Promotions, for a 2008 Tour of Caldwell Cycling Race to benefit The Caldwell Merchants Association and Creating Choices for Children

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion by Councilman Mescia,
seconded by Councilman Gates

Resolutions:

2-54 Authorizing an interlocal service agreement for health services between the Township of Bloomfield and the Borough of Caldwell effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

2-55 Authorizing an interlocal service agreement for animal control services between the Township of Bloomfield and The Borough of Caldwell effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-69 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for HSA Lincoln School On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, March 30, 2008 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

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3-70 Authorizing issuance of one (1) Taxicab License to Montclair Quick Taxi, Inc., 115 Richelieu Terrace, Newark, New Jersey 07106

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-71 Authorizing issuance of two (2) Taxicab Licenses to Caldwell Taxi, Co., Inc., 570 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-72 Authorizing issuance of three (3) Taxicab Licenses to CYC, Inc., 60 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-73 Authorizing the issuance of license for motor vehicle lot license for Precision Motors, 91 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-74 Authorizing the issuance of license for motor vehicle lot license for Al Emmel Auto Body, LLC, 95 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-75 Authorizing the issuance of a peddler license for the sale of Good Humor Ice Cream Beginning May 1, 2008 through September 31, 2008 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Said H. Elsayed, 1084 Main Street, Apartment 1, Paterson, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Edge. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-76 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for exempt canvasser/solicitor to New Jersey Environmental Federation, 559, Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge and Gates voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

3-77 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through March 25, 2008, in the total amount of \$964,793.11

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

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3-78 Authorizing to fill the vacancies of the previously established position of probationary police officers

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/25/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported on the Caldwell Downtown Alliance Design Day. With the support of the Mayor we have put together a signage committee to improve the signs in the downtown. They will meet in a couple of weeks to discuss what changes need to be made to improve the current sign ordinance. Councilman Mescia also reported that he will be attending the National Main Street Conference in Philadelphia along with Maureen Ruane and three other members of the Caldwell Downtown Alliance.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that the Local Board of Assistance is still looking for volunteers; residents that are interested should call Maria Burak, 973-403-4623. Councilman Dassing also reported on the State Budgeting Seminar she attended last Friday. Councilman Dassing reported the extraordinary aid fund would only be cut by 5% and Caldwell was encouraged to apply for extraordinary aid. Mark Pfeiffer, Deputy Director of the Division of Local Government Services will be formulating a commission that will be talking about and looking into towns that should merge. They will be contacting those towns requiring them to put a referendum on the ballot in the fall asking if they want to merge. The Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation would like to thank the Mayor and Council and the administrator for purchasing tickets to the Taste of the Caldwells on Sunday. Councilman Dassing also reported that she attended the municipal court hearing today that dealt with the Temple's construction. The construction company received summonses for working after hours. Mr. Milani, Code Official, Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator and Kurt Dombrowski, Police Chief represented the Borough and asked that the fines be the maximum amount. The construction company was issued two fines of \$1000.00 each. Councilman Dassing asked if this should happen again would our municipal attorney attend and ask if the site could be shut down.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Traffic Committee Meeting last Thursday, Councilman Dassing and the Mayor were briefed on the meeting. The Traffic Committee has a project list that they will work on as soon as possible. Twelve projects have been deemed high priority. The projects include painting of School Zone on Hatfield and Arlington, increasing the inventory of knock down signs and placing them throughout the Borough. There was also discussion with Trinity Academy regarding how the children are picked up in the afternoon and the driveway to be used to exit. The County Engineer is working on designs for Roseland Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. Councilman Curley also reported on the possible line striping on Hatfield Street. Councilman Curley reported that the Police Committee met and the Council will talk about police issues in executive session. The Technology Committee met a couple of hours ago and we are looking at auditing our phone records and we are also looking at electronic debit for our website.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Cedar Grove 100th Anniversary. Councilman Edge reported on the Caldwell/ West Caldwell Education Fund and The Taste of the Caldwells on Sunday, March 30, 2008 and the Taste of Essex that is on April 1, 2008 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Edge also reported that the Hawaiians are coming back to Caldwell on April 25, 2008. They are spending Thursday in Trenton and will be in Caldwell on Friday. Councilman Edge wished the Mayor a wonderful trip to Israel.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Personnel Committee will meet early in April to discuss policy changes. The Library Board meets Thursday night on the 27th. Karen Lembo, Library Director, was honored by the Kiwanis for her community services. Karen Lembo has done wonderful things with the Caldwell Public Library and has re-applied for The Big Read grant. Councilman Slattery also reported on the Library Board Meeting. Councilman Slattery also reported on the Municipal Alliance Three on Three Basketball Tournament. This year the Alliance netted in excess of \$5000.00 to be used for special programs. Councilman Slattery thanked the local merchants that supported the event and the referees who donated

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their time. The event was very successful. Councilman Slattery reported that Saturday March 29, 2008 at 9:00 AM is Bagels and Books at the Caldwell Public Library and April is designated Autism Awareness month.

Councilman Gates – Reported that everything is in order.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$7888.35 and that Five Year Community Forestry Management Plan has been approved. Mayor Gartland also reported on the Earth Day/Arbor Day Transform our Trash Contest, projects are due by May 1, 2008 and the award ceremony be held on May 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. Mayor Gartland also reported on the Senate Ball she attended last Thursday. Mayor Gartland had an opportunity to speak one on one with Governor Corzine. Governor Corzine said that the Mayor's in different communities were upset with him and Mayor Gartland said now that you brought the subject up the people in Caldwell are very upset with proposed changes to the State funding of small municipalities. Governor Corzine said that they are talking about fazing things in and not to make a dramatic hit to municipalities as first presented and I hope we can hold him to his word. Mayor Gartland had an opportunity to speak to many Senators regarding the budget.

Stuart Koenig, Esq. – Reported on the contract with the Faloni property. Stuart Koenig, Esq. also reported on the garbage bids and the property on Elm Road.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 9:17 PM. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 9:18 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss attorney client privilege and personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:18 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Edge the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:42 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 Gates, seconded by Councilman Edge, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date