

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

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gates

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.

Receiving of Bids: Prismatic Development Corporation  
60 Route 46  
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004

Total Base Bid \$19,807,500.00  
Supplemental \$ 2,520,000.00

Stone Hill Contracting Co., Inc.  
252 West Swamp Road  
Suite 19  
P.O. Box 1370  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Total Base Bid \$14,612,000.00  
Supplemental \$ 2,460,000.00

Maple Electric Co., Inc. DBA Maple Construction Co.  
Hamilton Business Park  
85 Franklin Road  
Unit 9B  
Dover, New Jersey 07801

Total Base Bid \$11,642,000.00  
Supplemental \$ 2,500,000.00

PKF-Mark III, Inc.  
P.O. Box 390  
Newtown, PA 18940

Total Base Bid \$14,965,000.00  
Supplemental \$ 2,088,000.00

Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc.  
1433 Route 34 South  
Building B  
Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

After the bids were opened the Mayor announced that anyone from the public or any of the bidders could view the bids in the Mayor's Office.

Resolutions:

11-219 Authorizing the appointment of Officer Fred P. Arnold as  
Sergeant of the Caldwell Police Department effective  
November 25, 2008 with an annual base salary of \$93,827.00

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11-220 Authorizing the appointment of Officer Demetrios Andrinopoulos as Sergeant of the Caldwell Police Department effective November 25, 2008 with an annual base salary of \$93,827.00

11-221 Authorizing the appointment of Officer Michael Pellegrino as Sergeant of the Caldwell Police Department effective November 25, 2008 with an annual base salary of \$93,827.00

Resolution 11-219, 11-220 and 11-221, moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

Mayor Gartland proceeded with the swearing in of Officer Demetrios Andrinopoulos, Officer Fred Arnold and Officer Michael Pellegrino to the position of Sergeant of the Caldwell Police Department.

Presentations: Joe Martin, Township Manager of the Township of Verona gave a presentation to the Council regarding shared services of the Construction/Code Department with the Township of Verona.

Ryan Graham of Fairview Insurance discussed the health and dental insurance for 2009.

Introduction of Ordinances: ORDINANCE #1192-08 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$350,000 TO BE RECEIVED AS A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 11/25/08

ORDINANCE #1193-08 PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 1.03 IN BLOCK 4 ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$207,500.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 11/25/08

ORDINANCE #1194-08 PROVIDING FOR THE LONG TERM LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF BLOOMFIELD AVENUE AND PARK AVENUE, BEING A PART OF LOT 13.02 IN BLOCK 26 ON THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TAX MAP

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 11/25/08

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Public Hearings:     ORDINANCE #1191-08 TO FIX SALARIES AND  
                          COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
                          THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2008; PUBLIC  
                          HEARING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008 AT  
                          7:00 P.M., CALDWELL BOROUGH HALL

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in  
the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 11/25/08

Approval of Minutes:     November 11, 20082

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman  
Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted November  
25, 2008.

Resolutions:

11-211 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period  
          though November 25, 2008 in the total amount of \$2,146,968.37

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-212 Authorizing refund of overpayment of taxes due to duplicate payment  
          on Block 27, Lot 26, 29 Hanford Place, Eileen Elvin and Brendan  
          Houlihan

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-213 Authorizing refund of overpayment of taxes due to a New Jersey  
          State Tax Appeal on Block 56, Lot 9, 66 Roseland Avenue, Galante  
          Realty LLC

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-214 State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green  
          Acres Enabling Resolution

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the  
affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-215 Authorizing Award of a contract to The Land Conservancy of New  
          Jersey for the purpose of assisting the Borough Council and the  
          Open Space Committee with a variety of open space services  
          including (but not limited to) landowner negotiations and the  
          preparation of grant applications as may be required with regard to  
          the possible acquisition of open space for the period January 1, 2009  
          through December 31, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Curley, Edge and Slattery voted in the affirmative, Councilman Dassing voted in the negative.  
Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-216 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church – On- Premise – 50/50 Raffle, March 14, 2009 – 9:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-217 Authorizing the employment of Erik Napolitano as a probationary maintenance man for the Department of Public Works effective on a mutually acceptable date established by the Borough Administrator with an annual salary in the amount of \$30,942.00

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-218 Authorizing the employment of Jacob Pohlman as a probationary maintenance man for the Department of Public Works effective on a mutually acceptable date established by the Borough Administrator with an annual salary in the amount of \$30,942.00

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

11-222 Excusing Council Member James Gates from attendance at certain meetings of the Governing Body of The Borough of Caldwell from July 30, 2008 to September 15, 2008

Councilman Dassing requested that the council go into executive session to discuss resolution #11-222 before voting.

11-223 2008 Capital Budget Amendment

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss Councilman Gates and privacy matters regarding his health. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:04 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:23 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

11-222 Excusing Council Member James Gates from attendance at certain meetings of the Governing Body of The Borough of Caldwell

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/25/08

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REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Gave an update on the Rotary Plaza. We have raised \$60,000.00 and are looking for additional donations. Councilman Mescia also reported on the Downtown Caldwell Magazine. The sign committee concluded their meeting to get the sign guidelines put together. This is a laymen's version of what would become the sign ordinance. The next step is to send the guidelines to the property owners and merchants in the business district. Councilman Mescia also reported on the Challenge Grant offered by the DCA, it is a feasibility study to see if we can do a BID or a SID in Caldwell. A resolution will be put on the agenda for the next meeting after the merchants and owners of the downtown district have a meeting regarding the differences between a BID and a SID.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that the Local Board of Assistance would be collecting toys for needy families; she will have more details at the December 9, 2008 meeting. The Caldwell Merchants Association will be collecting toys for this drive. Mr. Calandra is donating all of his day old pastries and bread to a soup kitchen in Newark. Councilman Dassing said she feels very strongly about plans to move and close the construction office. Mr. Milani has done a tremendous job for us and we will see that he will continue to do a tremendous job.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Technology Meeting held tonight. It is the recommendation of the Technology Meeting to move forward with Sallie Mae to accept credit card payments. We will have this on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Councilman Edge – Reported that he attended the League of Municipalities convention last week. Councilman Edge requested that in 2009 that a Cable Television Advisory Committee be formed.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Personnel Committee would meet next week. Councilman Slattery also reported that the Library would be closing early tomorrow night at 5:00 PM as well as the Wednesday before Christmas and the Wednesday before New Years Day.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that she also attended the League of Municipalities Convention last week. Mayor Gartland also reported that the Borough of Caldwell received a NJDOT Grant in the amount of \$260,000.00 for Prospect and Highview Streets. Mayor Gartland also reported that Caldwell College has agreed to give our law enforcement officers a discounted rate of 50% to attend Caldwell College for undergraduate degree programs. Mayor Gartland also reported that the Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Senior Center last week was a great success, over 200 lunches were served.

Administrator Report – Maureen Ruane reported that Councilman Dassing had requested to play Holiday Music on Bloomfield Avenue starting the Friday after Thanksgiving through Christmas. The Council agreed. Ms. Ruane also reported on the 2009 CDBG application and the CERP Funding.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 10:34 PM. Ann Marchioni of the Environmental Commission reported that the CFL Light Bulbs were distributed to all citizens of Caldwell. Ann Marchioni also requested that the Environmental Commission review the Sign Guidelines. Maureen Durr of 25 Forest Avenue said it was so touching to see the three sergeants promotion and requested when the Chief will be getting a Captain in the Police Department. Anthony Greci, Fire Chief, reported that the Fire Department would like to have Santa visit the residents of Caldwell on December 21, 2008, they will be distributing candy canes that will be donated by the Rotary Club. Fire Chief Greci also reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 6, 2008. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 10:42 PM.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date

