

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – October 14, 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 7:10 P.M.

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

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

Presentations: Project Porchlight, Inc.
Zach Edelman, Fairview Insurance, Update on JIF Insurance Fund

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: 1187-08 Ordinance to amend the code of the Borough of Caldwell, to revise the maximum monetary penalty that may be established for a violation of provisions of the code of the Borough of Caldwell

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 10/14/08

1188-08 Ordinance to amend the code of the Borough of Caldwell, Chapter 203, entitled "Solid Waste" in order to modify the requirement for separation and bundling of materials

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 10/14/08

1189-08 Ordinance determining that \$306,000 of the appropriations remaining in ordinances #1141-04, #1153-05, 1161-05, #1170-06 of the Borough of Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey is no longer needed for the original purposes set forth therein, cancelling the appropriations of such amounts for these purposes and reappropriating \$306,000 to the acquisition of a fire truck

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 10/14/08

1190-08 Bond Ordinance providing for the acquisition of a fire truck in the Borough of Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating the amount of \$244,000 therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$231,500 bonds or notes of the Borough for financing part of the cost thereof

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 10/14/08

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Receiving of Bids: None

Resolutions:

- 10-191 Authorization to fill the vacancies of the previously established position of sergeants

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/14/08

- 10-192 Authorizing Payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through October 14, 2008 in the total amount of \$2,601,065.73

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/14/08

- 10-193 Authorizing the issuance of a peddler license for the distribution of energy efficient CFL Light Bulbs to Project Porchlight, Inc., 131 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion Ensued. Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative. Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 10/14/08

- 10-194 Authorizing the issuing of a license for raffle to James Caldwell High School Swimming Chiefs Booster Club, Off-Premise – Calendar Raffle, January 1, 2009, February 11, 2009, March 11, 2009 – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/14/08

- 10-195 Authorizing the acceptance of credit card payments for the collection of taxes, water and excess sewer utility and Caldwell Community Center fee in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-9.1 et seq.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/14/08

Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery the minutes were adopted October 14, 2008.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – No Report

Councilman Dassing – Reported that during the Street Fair residents had asked her whether we could extend the parking hours on Bloomfield Ave. Councilman Dassing also reported that the Caldwell Merchants Association would like to thank Maureen Ruane and the Caldwell Fire Department for their help with hanging the scarecrows on Bloomfield Avenue. The scarecrows look great. Councilman Dassing also thanked the Caldwell Fire Department for bringing the fire truck to the Fall Festival.

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Councilman Curley – Thanked Chief Dombrowski for the great job the Caldwell Police Department did at the street fair. Councilman Curley also thanked Officer Mike Pellegino and Mario Bifalco for their work at the street fair.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Board of Health meeting. Councilman Edge said that flu shots will be available at the senior center on October 15, 2008 between the hours of 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, Medicare cards will be accepted and if not the charge will be \$25.00. Councilman Edge reported that the Board of Health would be sending a memo to the Administrator regarding the dog licensing fees and the increase. Councilman Edge said he was glad that the recycling ordinance passed. Councilman Edge requested that the Council present a proclamation to Stuart Rabner on October 30th.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Caldwell Public Library was one of 50 public libraries nationwide selected to receive a grant from Social Entrepreneurs Series and American Library Association. The Caldwell Public Library and the Business Division of Caldwell College are partnering to bring Teach For America – Newark to the college this October in the form of a film and speaker series on social entrepreneurship. There will be a panel discussion on October 16, 2008 at Caldwell College and on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Caldwell Community Center, it is open to the public and is free.

Mayor Gartland – Thanked the Caldwell Police Department for the excellent job they did regarding the two burglaries in town. Mayor Gartland thanked the fire department for fighting the fire on Bloomfield Avenue. Mayor Gartland also reported on the energy audit report submitted by Johnson Controls.

Administrator Report – Maureen Ruane reported that the Police desk upgrades are going well. We are moving faster than we thought. Ms. Ruane also asked the council if the petty cash in the Municipal Court could be raised from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The council agreed and a resolution will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Ruane reported that the feasibility study on the oval will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:32 PM. Mr. Prestifilippo of 9 Personette Street commented that the street fair was very successful. Mr. Prestifilippo has questions regarding extending the street fair to Ace Hardware and had questions regarding parking. Mr. Prestifilippo also had questions regarding the warehouse across the street from his residence. Anne Marchioni of 85 Brookside Avenue thanked the council for passing the Porchlight peddler resolution. Ms. Marchioni also thanked the council for their support on the Green Living Fair. Ms. Azzolini of 51 Cleveland Street thanked the council for paving Whitfield Street and also thanked Mario Bifalco for the wonderful job he did with the snow plowing. Ms. Azzolini also had questions regarding her tax bill and the municipal budget. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:41 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Mescia, and seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:50 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 9:09 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 Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date