

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – September 23, 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.

Receiving of Bids: None

Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant
2008 Budget Amendment

Presentation: Presentation of proclamation to Assemblyman John McKeon, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey and Senate President Richard Codey for their efforts in obtaining the Borough of Caldwell \$150,000.00 in extraordinary aid.

Resolutions:

9-180 Resolution to provide financial support for the Borough of Caldwell Main Street Program

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Slattery and Mayor Gartland voted in the affirmative. Councilman Dassing and Edge voted in the negative and Councilman Curley abstained. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-181 Resolution authorizing change order No. 2, Linwood Terrace Roadway and Water Main Improvements – Additional amount of \$15,048.00 – New contract amount \$453,573.28

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-182 Authorization to fill the vacancy of the previously established positions of probationary maintenance men in the Department of Public Works

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-183 Authorizing award of a contract to Global Connect for an emergency notification system

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-184 Adoption of 2008 Borough of Caldwell Budget

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 9/08/08

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9-185 Authorization for submission of an application for the Caldwell/West Caldwell Municipal Alliance Grant for Calendar Year 2009 in the amount of \$29,000.00

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-186 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through September 23, 2008 in the total amount of \$618,398.82

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-187 Resolution of the Borough of Caldwell adopting a form required to be used for the filing of notices of tort claims against the Borough of Caldwell in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-188 Resolution to adopt the Essex County All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-189 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00019, Block #65, Lot #1.20, 20 Fells Manor Road, Joseph Tona

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

9-190 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00020, Block #65, Lot #1.28, 28 Beekman Hill Road, Van Karali, Rusen

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/23/08

Introduction of Ordinances:

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 Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 9/23/08

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 Edge, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 9/23/08

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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 Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 9/23/08

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. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 9/23/08

Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2008

Approved by Councilman Mescia, Curley, Edge and Slattery,
Councilman Dassing abstained from the motion made by Councilman
Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported on the Green Living Fair held at Caldwell College on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Ann Marchioni of the Environmental Committee did an excellent job. Councilman Mescia also reported that the Open Space Committee approved the final copy of the brochure regarding open space to be sent to the residents with the tax bills. Councilman Mescia reported that we will have a public forum sometime in November for public input on how the property the Borough is purchasing should be used. Councilman Mescia also had comments on the post made by Councilman Dassing on the NJ.com blog.

Councilman Dassing – Thanked DPW and the Police Department for their swift action during the last storm. Councilman Dassing congratulated the Calandra family on opening the Italian Village. Councilman Dassing reported that she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday morning. Councilman Dassing also reported that the Local Assistance Board is still looking for board members. Anyone interested should contact Maureen Ruane, 973-403-4634. Councilman Dassing reported that the Fall Festival will be held on the Caldwell Green on October 18, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Councilman Dassing wanted to thank DPW in advance for hanging the scarecrows on the lightpoles. Reported that the Environmental Green Living Fair is on September 20, 2008 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Caldwell College.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Green Living Fair and also commended Ann Marchioni for doing a great job. Councilman Curley reported that Assemblywoman Mila Jasey attended the Green Living Fair and spoke to the audience. Councilman Curley reported that the Technology Committee is in the process of looking into accepting credit cards for payment at the Borough and the Caldwell Community Center.

Councilman Edge – Reported that the Caldwell Community Center Director, Jim Nolan is doing at good job at cutting the cost for the Caldwell Community Center brochures by

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reducing the amount of pages but still holding the same content. Councilman Edge also reported that the Caldwell Community Center Committee should meet to discuss the possibility of advertising in the brochure. Councilman Edge reported that the Caldwell Police cars now have Lojack systems installed. There was an article in the Star Ledger that listed Caldwell with the lowest crime rate in Essex County. Councilman Edge saluted the Police Chief and all the members of the police force, this is something to be proud of. Councilman Edge also reported that the PSE&G Fires and Wires display will be at the street fair.

Councilman Slattery – Gave condolences to West Caldwell Councilman Bill Payne for the recent loss of his son. Councilman Slattery reported that she will be attending the MAC Super Conference in Princeton of October 20, 2008. Councilman Slattery reported that Library Director, Karen Lembo was in Washington, DC yesterday with representative from the NEA in conjunction with Caldwell receiving funds for the Big Read in 2009.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the presentation made by the Administrator of Verona, Joe Martin regarding shared services with the Borough of Caldwell. The Borough is looking into the feasibility of a shared construction department.

Administrator Report – Maureen Ruane reported that the Police desk renovation will be starting on Monday. The project should take approximately 30 days. Maureen Ruane asked for a consensus of the council regarding reimbursement to the Rotary/Kiwanis street fair committee for the purchase of brackets for the lightpoles. The council agreed.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 9:40 PM. Gordon Lawshe of 15 Elizabeth Street had questions regarding the raising of fines ordinance. Mr. Lawshe congratulated the Council on hiring Global Connect for emergency notification services. Mr. Lawshe had questions regarding a grant received in 2003 and why the town did not get the reverse 911 system in 2003. David Cowell of 29 Brookside Avenue had comments regarding the hiring of a Main Street Director. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 9:50 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 a matter of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:50 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 10:11 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 Curley, seconded by Councilman Edge, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date