

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – January 8, 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 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman, Slattery, Dassing, Mescia, Curley, and Councilman Gates present on roll call Councilman Edge arrived at 7:05

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Borough Attorney

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 January 5, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 5, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings:

Receiving of Bids: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 27, 2007

Approved by Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Slattery, and Gates, Councilman Edge Abstained upon a motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.

January 1, 2008 (Recessed Meeting)

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

January 1, 2008 (Reorganization Meeting)

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

Resolutions:

1-27 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Mt. St. Dominic Parents Association, Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle, February 9, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/8/08

1-28 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Mt. St. Dominic, Lions Paw Athletic Booster Club, Off-Premise Merchandise Raffle, February 14, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/8/08

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1-29 Authorizing the appointment of Robert Colaizzo to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2008

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/8/08

1-30 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00017, Block #54, Lot #8.123, 91 Roseland Avenue, #A-5, 91 Roseland Associates

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/8/08

1-31 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00004, Block #6, Lot #13.01 22 Linwood Terrace, Allen & Sara Barnett

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/8/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Expressed condolences to Maureen Ruane and her family our thoughts and prayers are with her. Councilman Mescia reported on the Main Street Partnership designation. There will be a ceremony at the Caldwell Community Center on January 18, 2008 at 4:00 PM, everyone is welcome from the public to attend. Councilman Mescia reported that the next Caldwell Downtown Alliance Meeting is on January 14, 2008 at the Caldwell Community Center. Councilman Mescia also reported on the recent Open Space Committee Meeting, Peter Mescia was elected Chair and Sally Garson was elected Vice Chair. Councilman Mescia also reported Camp Wyanokee and repairs needed for the dam.

Councilman Dassing – Expressed condolences to Maureen and her family our thoughts and prayers are with her. Councilman Dassing reported that she spoke to Karen Lembo, Library Director, and that they will be getting together to apply for preservation funds for the Gene Collerd Collection. Councilman Dassing also reported on an Environmental Funding course available at Rutgers if anyone is interested in going. Thursday, January 10, 2008 is the first meeting for the Merchants Association, it will be held at Caldwell Flowerland at 6:00 PM, refreshments will be served and the liaison committee from the Caldwell Downtown Alliance will get the merchants to fill out surveys.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the council will hold the next round of Police Chief interviews on Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Councilman Curley also reported that the Traffic Committee will be meeting on January 17, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers. Councilman Curley reported Voter Registration for the February 5, 2008 primary is extended to January 15, 2008, voter registration information and absentee ballot information can be obtained on the Caldwell website www.caldwell-nj.com.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the article in the Montclair Times January 3rd issue regarding Caldwell's Main Street Designation. Councilman Edge reported on the Board of Health meeting he attended tonight before the Council Meeting, they are in the process of negotiating a new contract. Councilman Edge also expressed his condolences to Maureen Ruane and commented what a wonderful daughter she was to her dad.

Councilman Slattery – Reported on the Reorganization Meeting on January 1, 2008, everything went smoothly. Councilman Slattery also reported that she met briefly with the new Community Center Director, Jim Nolan, he is doing a wonderful job and she looks forward to the innovations he is planning for the center. Councilman Slattery expressed condolences to a fellow councilman, Carol Jean Doyle of Kearney, she recently lost her daughter. Councilman Slattery also expressed condolences to Maureen Ruane.

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Councilman Slattery reported that the Planning Board will be meeting tomorrow night. Councilman Slattery also thanked Lou Ginefra for taking the wonderful pictures at the Reorganization Meeting.

Councilman Gates – Welcomed Mr. Tully, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Nolan to the meeting and wished everyone a very good year.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the Reorganization meeting on January 1, 2008 and the party afterwards. Mayor Gartland reported that Absentee Ballots can be filed up to January 29, 2008. Mayor Gartland offered condolences to Maureen Ruane, Mayor Gartland said she attend the Mass on Monday. Maureen's father was a member of a family that I have known for many, many years; they are a wonderful family and very devoted to each other. Mayor Gartland reported that the Ruane family recently held a family reunion and that Maureen's father was able to attend. They took many pictures and she knows that Maureen will treasure them.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:20 PM. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue wanted to know how long after the Police Chief interviews will the Council be appointing a new chief. Mr. Mooney also had questions regarding the fire on Westville Avenue and wanted to know if we had any ordinances on our books to check to overcrowding of residences. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the meeting to the public at 7:33 PM.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Gates, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date