

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – January 11, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:05PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Councilman Norton, Murray, Hauser, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, Acting Borough Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera, Esq.

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2011. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 14, 2010
December 28, 2010

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Norton, Hauser, and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Coyle and O'Donnell abstained. Minutes approved 01/11/11.

PRESENTATION:

Molly B. Adams, Government Affairs Manager
Comcast of New Jersey II, LLC – Application for Renewal of Municipal Consent to Construct and Operate a Cable Television System in the Borough of Caldwell

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT

Maureen Durr, 25 Forest Avenue, 1-32 Resolution what is a Veteran's Deduction? Greg Mascera responded that it is an annual deduction for Veteran's of foreign wars. 1-34 what is being done on Oak Grove Road? Paul Carelli, Borough Administrator responded that it is a CDBG grant that was received.

1-31 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Hadassah Caldwell Inc / Off Premise-Merchandise Raffle / April 5, 2011 7:00PM – 10:00PM

1-32 AUTHORIZING THE VETERAN'S DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2010 PAYABLE TO: Mr. Frank Mazza

1-33 AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 10-00003 PAYABLE TO LION HEART HOLDINGS, INC.

1-34 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE OAK GROVE ROAD ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

1-35 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNEE TO SERVE ON THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

1-36 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2011

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1-37 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION AT 147 CLINTON ROAD, WEST CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY TO AL & JOHN, INC.

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/11/11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bowers Road catch basin update

Paul Carelli reported that the pictures show the issues of the catch basin, the man hole in the middle of the road and the catch basin on the other end. It is scheduled to be fixed but with the snow it is on hold again.

Hatfield/Arlington 4-Way Stop Sign Ordinances

Paul Carelli asked were are we with this and are we moving forward. Councilman Norton responded there was a recommendation from the Engineer of putting a 4-way stop sign at Hatfield and Arlington do we have any information available. Paul Carelli stated that in discussion with our Engineer he would be able to certify that intersection based on line to site.

Parking Deck

Paul Carelli gave an update on the Parking Deck. One of the reports is on the inspection of what has been done. I would like to have the Engineer review the data and I would like Glenn to come to the meeting and explain everything.

Councilman Norton reported that the first meeting for Community Relations was tonight and we are setting our goals and objectives for 2011. We discussed process and procedures that would lead up to any and all events that take place throughout the Borough. We are going to put together some minutes and have them ready for the rest of the Council.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that he has not had any Finance meetings but he is sure there will be many.

Councilman Piazza reported that the Long-Range Planning committee has not officially met yet and I am reaching out to set one up for next week. I will be meeting with Paul Thursday or Friday to prep for our meeting and I will give you a more detail update on that. There is a lot of interesting things that we are looking at for a long range planning.

Councilman Hauser had nothing to report for personnel but asked Mr. Carelli for an electronic version of our Handbook.

Councilman Murray reported that he has reached out to Tony Grenci to give us a couple of dates so that the Public Safety Committee can sit down with the three chiefs to go over a two to three year capital plan. As far as the Police, I have reached out to Paul so we can have a kick off meeting. We want to introduce some new technology to the Police Department and it looks like a win, win for everyone. The Emergency Management, based on the latest snow storm, we have some paperwork to process for FEMA and it looks like we will have some more paperwork to process with the snow. As far as the Traffic Committee I would like to sit down with the Police Department first. I have also spoken to Councilman Norton who was the head of that for the past two years so with Public Safety Committee I would like to sit down with him to put down a plan.

Councilman Coyle read a statement about the new recycling for television and computers that are no longer recyclable materials to leave at the curb. As far as the DPW he spoke

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to Mario and he is busy getting the equipment repaired that is breaking down for the next snow storm. There will be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday for the Bloomfield Avenue, Roseland Avenue, Westville Avenue reconfiguration. I received an update from Greg Seaman about the sewer department on the treatment plant construction progress a meeting will take place this Friday the 14th. Greg is working with Spacial Data Logic on completion of sanitary sewer system GIS mapping that was referred to before. He has a couple of items for the next council meeting including two resolutions for sewer application approvals, treatment plant construction charge change order request and a Hatch Mott engineering cost approval.

Councilman Piazza reported that Goodwill on Route 46 will take any and all monitors computers and such. It can always be brought there anytime.

Councilman Hausser reported that we continue to have challenges to getting an Recreation Agreement with West Caldwell.

Mayor Dassing thanked the West Essex First Aid Squad. She attended the annual dinner with her husband it was held at the Brownstone. They presented the NJ State first year Council awards at the dinner and I was so impressed the amount of years and hours that were given.

Daniel Caniano – 5 years
James High – 5 years
Michael Mierzwa – 5 years
Samantha Sutherland – 5 years
Eric Shurbert – 10 years
Christina Demirdjian – 10 years
Terry Peterson – 10 years
Kim McGuire – 20 years
Lisa Meehan – 25 years
Anthony Sciffignano – 30 years
John Taylor – 35 years
Barbara Ashton – 35 years
James High, Sr. – 35 years
Thomas Bellatty – 50 years

Award for lifetime calls answered

Samantha Sutherland – 1,000 calls
James High, Jr. – 1,000 calls
Mathew Napolitano – 1,000 calls
Barbara Ashton – 11,000 calls

There is always a need for Volunteers especially during the day. They will provide the training and they have a website Westessexfax.org or call 973-403-8568 to get involved in this wonderful organization.

Mayor Dassing reported that she had a meeting with Mayor Tempesta and Essex County DiVincenzo we talked about the Recreation Agreement and the County Executive is interested to see everything come together as he had envisioned five years ago when Caldwell/West Caldwell were originally given the Open Space money from the County. He discussed that interest to both of us and we will take that into consideration tonight and we will talk more about that in executive session. We spoke about the parking in front of the Library rather than have a dedicated turn lane going on to Forest Avenue. He said unfortunately he consulted with his legal council and the reason they can't change it for Liability purposes that the Engineers had to certify the design and to go back and change it, it would put them in a bad position from a liability stand point. So we are going to have to do the best we can without those spaces. Mayor Dassing wished the DPW best of luck tonight and thanked them for all of there hard work so far.

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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that he went down to the County CDBG department we had a quick interview and they were interested in our application for putting an elevator in the Municipal building. There concern is that there might be some budget cuts for grant money. I did emphasize that we would need a pretty good grant to have that project go forward because it is quite expensive. Our grant application was in the neighborhood of 500,000. Paul reported that he did meet with Fairview Insurance and he did get some numbers and he is working on that and my hope is to schedule a committee meeting first and then present it to Council by the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Hauser reported that he had his first meeting with the Senior Center. The primary thing that was discussed was the lack of participation of seniors for the lunch programs. There is a lunch program that is subsidized by the County and it cost seniors \$1.75 for lunch. The County indicated that if 50 or more did not participate the program would be discontinued. There had been around 30 participants unfortunately roughly four passed away during the holidays. It is not a program that is just for Caldwell. We had a lot of discussion about getting the word out. We talked about combining some other programs with the lunch event.

Councilman Murray asked the Chief if he was going to the Roseland, Bloomfield Avenue meeting. Chief Dombrowski responded yes. I know in the past your traffic Sergeant was interested as well so if he could be there too. The Rent Board Attorney has resigned so we are in need of a new Attorney. From the Board of Health we have two vacancies. I have a name that I could give you. There will be a free rabies clinic on January 29th from 1:00PM-2:30PM at the Caldwell Fire House. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a cage. Also 2011 licenses will be for sale at the clinic. Councilman Murray requested on the Agenda a sewer meeting set up with the Council and the Sewer Director quarterly.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

James Jorgensen, Liaison for County reported that he had fliers with him about the Deer hunt program. He wished congratulations to Council President Peter Murray, Mayor Dassing and to Councilman Coyle and Councilman O'Donnell.

Maureen Durr, 25 Forest Avenue asked who is the Rent Board Attorney. Mayor Dassing responded that it was Dawn SanFillippo who has resigned because she wanted to serve on the Zoning Board and she couldn't be on the Zoning Board and work for the Borough too. The question was asked to Councilman Murray as to whether there will still be a traffic committee. Councilman Murray responded yes there will be traffic committee meetings. Maureen asked the question as to whatever happened to the clock. Mayor Dassing responded that the clock itself was a Rotary project in conjunction with the Green if we were ever going to do anything with the Green. What happen with all those plans is the money went to the Parking deck. We never had a clock, Rotary pledged \$25,000 to purchase a clock but they didn't do it yet because they wanted to see the full plans.

Elaine Ladato, 88 Ravine Avenue asked for an update on what's going on at Ravine Avenue. On the Patch it said that Caldwell rejected the 4-Way stop sign. Mayor Dassing responded that the Engineer rejected also. Councilman Piazza responded that after reading that study the conclusion of the study said that they recommended to put the stop sign but throughout the study there were numerous points that were looked at on determining factors as to whether or not this should be put in place. As you read through the study over and over again it specifically states that it didn't meet the requirements.

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As you go threw them all the criteria is not met. I know it doesn't make a lot of sense but if you were to read this report the report clearly states it's not required and it's not recommended but yet the conclusion of the report says we recommend it. If you Base this on that information, to me it doesn't seem like a real viable solution which is based on the information of this research. We would be more than happy to disclose this report to you.

On a motion made by Councilman Piazza, and seconded by Councilman Hauser, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:34 P.M.

Mayor Dassing read the following statement: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matters: 1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation; 2. Personnel matters; 3. This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence. Greg Mascera responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of PBA negotiations, shared services contract with Caldwell/West Caldwell recreation and the Faloni litigation.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:50 P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk