

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – January 17, 2012**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:02 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Richard Hauser, Councilman Murray, Coyle, O'Donnell, Kelley and Rodgers

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

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2012. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2012. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2012. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
December 27, 2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Coyle and O'Donnell voted in the affirmative. Councilman Kelley and Rodgers abstained. Minutes approved 01/17/12.

January 1, 2012

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 01/17/12.

PRESENTATION:

Marie Lanfrank – Chairman of the Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation Board

Marie Lanfrank gave a brief summary of what the Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation does. She spoke about the newest fundraiser which is Dancing with the Stars. The Community members that volunteered for this event are Barbara Adams, Principle at Washington School, Rebecca Thorton, Rose Mediterranean Restaurant, Teresa Akerse, Patch Editor, Joe Cecere, West Caldwell Councilman, Dr. Gerardi, Superintendent, Nick Cafone, Husband of West Caldwell Teacher, Mary Davidson, Board of Education Member, Pat NocioGuerrero-Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Lisa Manfre, Italian Teacher, Pasquale Masetto, Essex Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults.

Councilman Kelley asked for 10 student and senior citizen tickets and 10 of the adult tickets to sell.

Maureen McNish – President of the Board of Education

Maureen spoke about Ron Skopak who has announced his retirement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATION

William Frint – Licensed Water Operator/Borough of Caldwell
Caldwell Water System Update

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

1-32: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT ANTHONY MARTA AS
LIEUTENANT OF THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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- 1-33: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER George Henderson AS SERGEANT OF THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 1-34: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER Michael Geary AS SERGEANT OF THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 1-35: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00018 PAYABLE TO ISAAC MORADI
- 1-36: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00021 US Bank Crestar Capital, LLC
- 1-37: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00023 US Bank Crestar Capital, LLC
- 1-38: Reserved – On Hold.
- 1-39: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER - Joseph Norton
- 1-40: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00013 Isaac Moradi
- 1-41: AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2012 TAXES FOR BLOCK 506 LOT 44, 141 PARK AVENUE, WEST CALDWELL, NJ 07006.
- 1-42: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL LIQUOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Gbltn Association
- 1-43: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS IN THE LOCAL SUPPLEMENTAL VIOLATIONS BUREAU FINE SCHEDULE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL MUNICIPAL COURT
- 1-44: Reserved – Executive Session Discussion – Personnel (no action taken after executive session)
- 1-45: Reserved – Executive Session Discussion - DPW Contract
- 1-46: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL LIQUOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Borough of Caldwell

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Murray. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/17/12.

Councilman Murray spoke about Resolution #1-43 has to do with Parking violation fees and this is a correction that if you park after hours it would have been a \$70 fine this resolution brings the fine down to \$40.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Councilman Coyle reported that we are trying to get a committee meeting set up before the end of January. We are also discussing a possible sewer utility board meeting to discuss a number of issues related to the upgrade sewer plant that may not be able to wait until the regularly scheduled board meeting. **Greg Mascara** responded that his recommendation would be a special meeting should be set up.

After discussion the sewer meeting will be advertised for January 31, 2012 at 6:00PM. **Greg Mascara** suggested advertising a sewer utility meeting once a month. After discussion a notice was to be advertise in the paper, the third Tuesday of the month that a sewer utility may be discussed at the meeting.

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Councilman O'Donnell reported that as far as the Community Center we have three things to address. The first is the woman's locker room the second is to remove the downstairs area there are two bathrooms and there is a wall that is taking a considerable amount of space we are going to remove that wall and the two bathrooms and open the area for more equipment. We are going to take down the ceiling and open up the room and give it a different look. We are looking to paint the downstairs area as well as the lobby and hallways. Frank from Flower land will like to get involve with the Community Center and provide his design experience and give us some consideration on the plants and flowers that we use.

Council President Hauser reported that Caldwell College both received there invoice for their first installment of the Kiwanis Oval and they already paid on time. I have started the process to get the first quarterly advisory Council meeting scheduled with West Caldwell around the Recreation issues. There is a budget committee meeting scheduled Thursday morning.

Councilman Murray reported that our two new police vehicles have been delivered. The Chief and I have communicated with Rabbi Haberman about the emphasis on security around the temple considering the current events that did happen in Bergen County and we assured him that he and his congregation would be safe and the Chief also discussed special details around there. Our Police ceremony will be on Thursday night honoring Chief Dombrowski, Rob Fortunato in their retirement as well as the new promotions and new hires. It will be at Caldwell College at 7:00PM and invitations have been sent out. Some of the issues that the Chief and I have been working on, the concern of signage, we were first under the impression that by 2012 we would have to replace every sign or every traffic sign in the town do to new reflective tape and things of that nature which has been mandated by the Government. The good news is all we have to have is a plan by 2012 and it doesn't have to be done 2015. We are talking about a pretty hefty capital expenditure on that. As far as the Crossing guards, posts are being evaluated and reviewed for changes and new process for hiring is being prepared. As far as enforcement goes some notable numbers in 2011 there is a 33% increase in summons that were issued over 2010 which generated 63% increase of revenue over 2010. There is a crosswalk safety program that will be developed in the spring time and radar enforcement details are being scheduled based on high complaint areas. We are working with the DPW Committee on dangerous roads in town and based on the priority form based on conjunction with Mr. Print just brought up. I could not be more proud of our decision of the Chief not only for November and December but what you have carried through today. We are really looking forward to next Thursday night honoring you guys. There was a third round of grant money that was paid out and we were not on the list. I called a few people and sometimes there are thirteen to fourteen different rounds.

Chief Bongiorno spoke about the three new officers in their training program, in three weeks will be on their own. The three promoted officers have been doing very well. Year to date so far we are 125 calls more this year then last year at this time so we have been very busy.

Councilman Rodgers requested that he can get copies of policies and employee handbook.

Councilman Kelley reported that he has attended a couple Board of Education meetings and he has reached out and started to meet and develop relationships with the members. I have scheduled a tentative meeting with Jeff Weiman at Camp Wyanokie for next week.

Mayor Dassing reported that at the Historic Meeting one of the members located a pretty neat survey that was done in 1986 by the State. It consists of a lot of homes that were here back in the late 1800's early 1900's. We also discovered that on January 26th we will be 120 years old. In 2017 Caldwell will be 125 years old. I would like to thank my

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Committee members, they are very energetic. We are hoping to attract people that are interested in the town. If you have post cards or photographs we will get them, scan them, and then return them to you. The Committee did ask if we could have a line in the budget. There is a ceremony at Drew in March and it will be about \$75.00 per person. A dinner and a movie is back for the 4th year. Caldwell Merchant Association is bringing it back it will be every Wednesday, January 25th – February 29th. We have Bangkok Kitchen, Calandra's Italian Village, Cloverleaf Tavern, Hog Wild BBQ, Ocha Japanese Restaurant, Pizza and Sandwich Barn and Rose Mediterranean between the hours of 5:00PM – 7:00PM. You get a 20% discount on dinner and you will receive a \$2.00 off coupon for admission to Caldwell Cinema for any Wednesday until May 23rd. I have signed us up for the Mayor's wellness campaign we are now going to be a healthy town. In the County there are about seven towns involved. We are also in the league magazine for our e-ticket.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that the Borough renovations have been started. Next on the docket are the hallway and the Mayor's office. We are basically refurbishing all the offices. We did allocate \$280,000 for Borough Hall upgrades. We still need to address the roof and some things next door. I have renegotiated the price with Meter Products we received a better price for them to refurbish our meters. There was discussion about raising the parking meter from .25 to .50 per hour and for putting meters in the parking lots. Paul Carelli spoke about projects that will be moving forward. He will be ordering the netting for the Oval, putting up stop signs on Brookside, waiting for a schedule from Tilcon to do Gladding Road. We did put an application for CDBG for a walkway from the Parking deck to the Library. Discussion was made about the intersection on Roseland and Bloomfield Avenue. There was a concern about the flags on the Green and we have ordered new flags.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Dassing read a memo from Paul Milani, Construction Official, advising us of the fact that our escrow fees for our Planning and Zoning Boards need to be adjusted. The application fees and our escrow fees need updating. He also suggested an ordinance for pods and dumpsters and changing the ordinance from a 4' fence to a 6' fence. Discussions ensued.

Robert Colaizzo, 7 Hatfield Street, he asked about the light on Roseland and Bloomfield Avenue. They took the green arrow away on Westville but not on Bloomfield Avenue. He also welcomed Councilman Rodgers and Councilman Kelley.

On a motion made by Councilman Coyle and seconded by Councilman Kelley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:53PM

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. Mayor responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of Personnel issues, 14 Park Avenue, and DPW Contract.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Coyle, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:59P.M.

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1:45 BOROUGH OF CALDWELL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 97 (CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 01/17/12.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:00P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Murray, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00P.M.

Prepared by: Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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