

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – January 22, 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 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman, Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge, Slattery and Gates

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator

ABSENT: 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 19, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 19, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

1-44 Authorizing the appointment of Chief of Police

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/22/08

Swearing in of Kurt Dombrowski as Chief of The Caldwell Police Department by Mayor Susan Gartland

Mayor Gartland introduced Anthony Abaleo, Chief Financial Officer, of the Essex County Office of Accounts and Controls as Caldwell's new Municipal Liaison. The Municipal Liaison will attend public meetings of the legislative body, listen to residents and municipal officials, and bring their concerns back to Essex County. Mayor Gartland requested help with Bloomfield Avenue and the reconfiguration of Provost Square and Roseland Avenue. Any additional help we can get will be greatly appreciated. Councilman Edge reported on the Overbrook Hospital land that will become Open Space and said thank you to the County. Councilman Dassing thanked Josh for his help with the tiny piece of land at the blinking light on the corner of Mountain and Elm. Councilman Mescia welcomed Anthony Abaleo as the new liaison. Councilman Slattery, Curley and Gates also welcomed Anthony Abaleo.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Receiving of Bids: None

Approval of Minutes: None

Resolutions:

- 1-32 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00001, Block #4, Lot #1.12,14 Erwin Place, Trivino, Stephen & Theresa
- 1-33 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00002, Block #4, Lot #1.24, 5 Linwood Terrace, 5 Linwood Associates LLC
- 1-34 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00003, Block #5, Lot #4, 115 Bloomfield Avenue, Ceralino Prop LLC
- 1-35 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00007, Block #24, Lot #4, 48 Park Avenue, Longo, Matthew James
- 1-36 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00010, Block #38, Lot #5, 66 Ravine Avenue, Rizzolo-Sanches, Marlana & Jesus
- 1-37 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00011, Block #43, Lot #5.13, 99 Westville Avenue, Adamov, Vidosava

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- 1-38 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00014, Block #51, Lot #32, 420 Bloomfield Avenue, Marsters Credit Trust/Lamberson, M.
- 1-39 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00022, Block #73.01, Lot #18.01, 26 Cleveland Road, Patricia Mulette
- 1-45 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #07-00006, Block #23, Lot #10.01, 359 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006, 359 Caldwell Investors, LLC

Resolution #1-32 to 1-39 and Resolution #1-45 moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/22/08

1-40 Pulled

- 1-41 Approval of sewer connection application for the Villas at West Caldwell, LLC, for a new age restricted complex of 27,444 SF consisting of 30 – 2 bedroom unites at 517 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, New Jersey (Block #2000, Lots 2,3,5 & 6)

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley and Gates voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 1/22/08

- 1-42 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Mt. St. Dominic Parents Association, Off Premise Super 50/50 Raffle, June 2, 2008 – 8:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/22/08

- 1-43 Authorizing the issuance of a peddler license for the sale of roses for Valentine's Day 2008 to the Caldwell Fire Department, 30 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/22/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Congratulated Kurt Dombrowski on his new position as Chief. Councilman Mescia thanked everyone that helped out with the Main Street celebration on Friday, especially Mario Bifalco and John Hamer and DPW, the Police Department, Lisa O'Neill and Beth Bush Telepan. Councilman Mescia gave a special thank you to Maureen Ruane for all her hard work she has done for Main Street. Councilman Mescia also thanked the Merchants for all their food donations.

Councilman Dassing – Congratulated Kurt Dombrowski on his appointment as Chief of Police. Councilman Dassing reported that the Local Board of Assistance will be meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 PM in the Caldwell Community Center. Councilman Dassing also thanked Peter Mescia for the Main Street Designation.

Councilman Curley – Congratulated Councilman Mescia on the Main Street Designation and also congratulated Maureen Ruane. Councilman Curley also congratulated Kurt Dombrowski on his appointment as Police Chief, the police committee look forward to working with the new chief. The police committee will be busy for the first half of the year with the new police

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desk to be installed in the police department and the police committee will be looking into, filling the Lieutenant's position as well. Councilman Curley reported that the Traffic Committee has accomplished identifying spots on the north side as well as the south side of town; hopefully in the spring we will be able to do striping of the streets and add more signage. Councilman Curley reported that Councilman Dassing said that the enforcement is working on Hatfield Street. Councilman Curley reported that New Jersey Transit is very cooperative with working with us on Bloomfield Avenue regarding bus stops. New Jersey Transit has provided the Borough with pictures of Free Bus Stop shelters that New Jersey Transit will provide to the town. Councilman Curley reported that the Borough is still having discussions with the County regarding Roseland Ave. Councilman Curley reported that the Technology Committee will be meeting next week to discuss Verizon Vios and Channel 35.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the letter of resignation the council received from Gary Bionde from the Zoning Board and wished him the best and also for his service to the town. Councilman Edge also congratulated Councilman Mescia on the Main Street Designation. Councilman Edge congratulated Chief Dombrowski and also commented on the other applicants for the Chief position and the interview process.

Councilman Slattery – Congratulated Kurt Dombrowski, I know he will do very well. Councilman Slattery also congratulated Councilman Mescia for the Main Street Designation. Councilman Slattery asked Councilman Curley to make sure Brookside Avenue is on his list for the traffic committee. Councilman Slattery reported that the Library last week was awarded a \$10,000 matching grant in conjunction with the big read. Also official work has started on the Gene Collard Collection. Councilman Slattery reported that the library also received \$10,000 in conjunction with the Children's Institute of Verona

Councilman Gates – Reported on the work done by the DPW and thanked Mario Bifalco.

Mayor Gartland – Congratulated Kurt Dombrowski on his appointment, now we can move ahead with the police desk now that we have someone that can oversee the process. Mayor Gartland thanked Councilman Mescia for Main Street Ceremony. There was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm from the local stores, now it is up to the Mayor and Council to move ahead, it is a long term commitment from the Council and we are looking forward to Gaining knowledge from the Smart Growth Department with the Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Gartland thanked Commissioner Doria, Freeholder, Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Senator Codey and County Executive, Joseph DiVincenzo and all of those involved in Main Street for coming forward and being here. Mayor Gartland thanked Maureen Ruane, the DPW and the Police Department for their work. Mayor Gartland requested that a proclamation be prepared for Gary Bionde for his years of service on the zoning board.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:48 PM. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue wanted to know when the town will be making a captain in the Police Department. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the meeting to the public at 7:50 PM.

Mayor Gartland thanked Jim Lott, Zoning Board Attorney of West Caldwell and Ben Martorano, Administrator of West Caldwell, for teaching the Planning and Zoning Training class on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Edge, 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 8:06 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Mescia the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 8:16 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

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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 8:17 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date