

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – February 16, 2016**

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The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Capozzoli, Councilman Hauser, O'Donnell, Brown, Cascarano and Rodgers

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

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2016. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
February 2, 2016**

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Council President Capozzoli abstained. Minutes approved 02/16/16.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Cascarano to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 2-60:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANCESCA T. PASERCHIA AS THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AT AN ANNUAL STIPEND OF \$4,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016
- 2-61:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
- 2-62:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Northern NJ Region – Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs, Off Premise – Merchandise Raffle, June 15, 2016 – 9:00PM
- 2-63:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #15-00004, Block 17 Lot 21
- 2-64:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 65, LOT 2, 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CALDWELL, NJ DUE TO TAX COURT JUDGEMENT 2014 & 2015 STATE TAX BD JUDGEMENT
- 2-65:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 65, LOT 1.19, 19 FELS MANOR ROAD, CALDWELL, NJ DUE TO TAX COURT JUDGEMENT 2015 STATE TAX BD JUDGEMENT
- 2-66:** AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ONE TAXICAB LICENSES TO Rafik Hana, 52 Park Terrace North, Caldwell, NJ 07006. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
- 2-67:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 16, 2016 FOR 2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,125,989.16
- 2-68:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE #15-00002, Block 5 Lot 4

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 2/16/16.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Councilman Hauser reported that the personnel committee reviewed resumes for the Community Center Director and they have scheduled three interviews for Thursday night. Mayor Dassing responded that Councilman Brown would like to join in the Committee interviews. Councilman Hauser continued with the Historic Preservation Commission which met last week and there is a prospect for a Class A position. The Commission is working on a standardized form submission of any historic applicants who have an interest and they are looking to identify one property this year. The Council moved to add a resolution for a Class A member Mr. Godlewski.

2-69: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBER FRANK GERARD GODLEWSKI

Moved by Council President Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 2/16/16.

Councilman Brown reported that Arbor Day/Earth Day Event will be on Saturday, April 30th from 9:30AM – 12:30PM. The Environmental Commission will be working with James Caldwell High School Scholarship Committee with a dual Shredding event. There will be a 3rd annual bike swap where people can bring in bikes they no longer use and someone else can have. There will also be other events for the Personette Street Park the Commission is not firm on the dates for volunteer days but he will make sure to keep everyone up to date once he receives them.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that the Board of Education and the Borough of Caldwell are going to work together on a creation of an outdoor classroom at the Elm Road property. The Board of Education superintendent has secured a grant for \$10,000 to help start with that program. The Children from Lincoln School can walk there and learn about nature in the outdoor classroom. We have received six proposals from banks in the area on banking services today. There was a finance meeting tonight and thank you to the finance committee Councilman Rodgers, Councilman Cascarano, our CFO and Borough Administrator we had our first run on the budget. Councilman Cascarano responded that the goal is to keep the Municipal tax target at \$30.00 per household.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Carelli reported on the following:

- Year-end surplus balance was \$839,000 down from 835,000 last year.
- Certified net valuation from the tax assessor and unfortunately the Borough has gone down another 12.2 million dollars and what that means for the Municipal portion of the budget is we have to make up \$83,600.00 to be equal to last year.
- Re-valuation is all set. New Engineer will be updating the tax maps.
- Five (5) banking services were received and one declined.
- Agreement with EVS and Oval extension was sent to Greg this afternoon from West Caldwell.
- Interviews for the Community Center Director are set up for Thursday night.
- He will have training for Channel 35 on Thursday night.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Greg Mascera reported that after he received the email from Paul he received a call from Mr. Jemas and he wanted me to know that the EVS documents were sent and West Caldwell was meeting and speaking about their proposals tonight.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

James Bongiorno reported that thankfully with the zero degree temperature there is nothing to report.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON

Patricia Keenan reported that there are two upcoming events the first is Essex County Home Improvement Program on Tuesday, March 8th from 6-8pm and Saturday, March 12th from 10am-12 noon and it's at the Montclair Municipal Building. The second event is 2016 Essex County Division of Senior Services Legacies writing Contest. This is encouraging seniors to give life to your memories, your half-forgotten stories and relive your past and share it with others. Entry deadline is Monday, March 21st. For additional information, call the Essex County Division of Senior Services at 973-395-8389. The Mayor asked if there could be a meeting set up with Sanjeev, the Chief, Borough Administrator and the public safety committee about the traffic light on Bloomfield Avenue and Gould at their convenience.

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Mayor Dassing reported that they will be meeting with Caldwell University on Monday, February 29th at 5PM and West Caldwell will be in attendance along with Mario Iannelli.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Cascarano to open meeting to the Public.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26P.M.

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

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