

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – February 26, 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 7:05 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Michael Sullivan, Esq., Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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 February 22, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on February 22, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Presentation of proclamation to Gary Bionde for his fourteen years of service on the Borough of Caldwell Zoning Board

Jerry Smith of the Rotary Club presented to the Mayor and Council a proposal regarding installing a clock and kiosk at the corner of Park and Bloomfield Avenue. The project could be a \$50,000 to \$60,000 project. The Rotary will give \$25,000 for the clock and the rest of the money will be raised by the Rotary Club and the Caldwell Downtown Alliance.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: Ordinance #1185-08 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Projects of the Borough of Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating the aggregate amount of \$908,500 therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$855,500 bonds or notes of the Borough for financing part of the costs thereof

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 02/26/08

Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2008

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

Resolutions:

2-54 **PULLED**

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2-56 Authorizing redemption of a Tax Lien Certificate #07-00016, Block #54, Lot #7.01, 97 Roseland Avenue, Amy Gonzalez Anastasio

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/26/08

2-57 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the issuance of checks for the period through February 26, 2008 in the total amount of \$578,270.10

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/26/08

2-58 Authorizing the appointment of Christopher Lane as a probationary firefighter in the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/26/08

2-59 Approval of Sewer connection application for Crane's Mill Life Care Retirement Community for Construction of a 44,000 Square Foot, Two Story Building and Ten one story cottages at 459 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, New Jersey (Block 3100, Lot 4)

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/26/08

2-60 Authorization to fill the vacancy of the previously established position of probationary maintenance man in the Department of Public Works

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/26/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported on the Caldwell Downtown Alliance Design Day, it was a great success. There were about 35 attendees for the Design Day. Councilman Mescia thanked the Council and the Mayor for attending the Design Day meeting and for supporting the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. Councilman Mescia also thanked the Fire Department for allowing the Caldwell Downtown Alliance to meet at the firehouse. Councilman Mescia requested that the Council consider that Caldwell become a Certified Local Government. If Caldwell becomes a Certified Local Government we will be eligible to apply for State and Federal Grant Funding for local preservation projects. Councilman Mescia reported that the Main Street Designation Ceremony was recorded and the DVD is now available. Councilman Mescia thanked Mark Brody of MIB Productions for recording the Main Street Designation Ceremony. Councilman Mescia also reported that New Jersey Monthly magazine ranked Caldwell as number 32 out of all the towns in New Jersey to live. Councilman Mescia also reported that April is Autism Awareness Month and we should put a posting on Channel 35, the town will also do a proclamation. Councilman Mescia reported that there will be a Budget Meeting this Friday at 8:30 AM.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that the Local Board of Assistance is looking for residents that might have a social service background to join the board. The Board meets four times a year. Councilman Dassing requested that we post this on Channel 35.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Environmental Commission Meeting he attended. The Environmental Commission will have a presentation on March 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Caldwell Borough Council Chambers, entitled "Let's Talk About Trees". Councilman Curley also reported on the Traffic Committee Meeting. The committee has compiled a list of 20 projects that they are prioritizing now. This has been a very good effort from the committee members as well as Mayor Gartland and Councilman Dassing. The goal of the committee is to have a

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list back within the next two weeks. Councilman Curley thanked Chief Dombrowski and Officer Pellegrino for all there work on the traffic committee. Councilman Curley reported that the public safety committee will be meeting within the next few weeks.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Progress’s guide to summer camps and was glad to see Caldwell Community Center Camp as number one on the list. Councilman Edge reported on the League of Women Voters 4th Annual Meet the Mayor’s Breakfast he attended. Every year there is something very valuable to learn. Councilman Edge reported that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday morning in Newark, held by the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce regarding the State Budget; the Governor may be attending the meeting.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Library Board will meet this Thursday at 7:00 PM. Councilman Slattery also reported on two presentations at the library, Tuesday February 19, 2008 Barbara J. Kukla presents “Great Women of Newark” and Wednesday February 20, 2008 CASA Presentation, CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Councilman Slattery also reported that the Personnel Committee will meet tonight after the Council Meeting. Councilman Slattery also welcomed Chris Lane as a probationary firefighter.

Councilman Gates – Reported on the sale of Block 4, Lot 1.26.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the League of Women Voters meeting. Joe Martin, Township Administrator of Verona gave an excellent speech. One of the biggest topics at the meeting was binding arbitration. Mayor Gartland also reported on the article in The Progress regarding the fire at 145 Westville Avenue. Mayor Gartland also reported on an e-mail her husband received from the NJ Assoc of Realtors regarding Bill S-164 that is going to the Senate. The bill allows the municipality to impose upon landlords and or tenants that have violated occupancy requirements and overcrowding fined. Mayor Gartland would like the Council to support the bill.

Chief Dombrowski gave a report on the Fairfield Community Awareness Meeting he attended on February 19, 2008.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:02 PM. Diana Stein of 1 Fells Manor Road had complaints regarding traffic on Ryerson Avenue and Caldwell College. Debra Herr of 21 Fells Manor Road, president of the Fells Manor Condominium Association also had complaints regarding traffic on Ryerson Avenue. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Mayor Gartland asked Paul Milani to give an update on the motor vehicle lot inspections.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Edge, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date