

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
SPECIAL COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES –February 28, 2009

The Special Council Business/Conference Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:07 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Lawshe, Dassing, Slattery, Norton and Brennan

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Maureen Ruane, Deputy Clerk, Beth Bush Telepan

ABSENT: Councilman Curley

Adequate notice of this Special Council Business/Conference meeting was given on February 19, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on February 19, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on February 19, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Special Council Business/Conference meeting to discuss the 2009 Budget.

Various discussion ensued regarding the State Aid Revenue anticipated to be received. Councilman Norton reported that the Budget Finance Committee has done its due diligence and put together a lot of scenarios together that need to be discussed by the Council members.

Councilman Norton also reported that he is waiting for information from the health insurance company regarding various cuts in the health insurance.

Various discussion ensued regarding the active employees health insurance and the retirees health insurance.

Various discussion was held regarding the Police Department Budget including purchasing of Police Cars, overtime and expenditures. The Council agreed to leave one Police Car purchase in the budget. Councilman Dassing had questions for Chief Dombrowski regarding overtime procedure. Councilman Dassing requested that the Police Committee review the overtime requests before the checks are cut. Councilman Dassing also wanted a more detailed explanation listed on the overtime slips. Various discussion was had regarding police overtime for court.

Ms. Ruane reported that the First Aid Squad line is going up because of the purchase of the new emergency truck.

Ms. Ruane discussed the Fire Department budget.

Ms. Ruane discussed the cuts for the Department of Public Works.

Various discussion ensued regarding the budget for the Caldwell Community Center, including purchase of new equipment and the various cuts made to the Community Center budget.

The Council discussed the possibility of the pension deferral offered by the State.

Various discussion ensued regarding the Construction Department Budget and raising the fees in the Construction Department.

Various discussion ensued regarding Extraordinary Aid.

Councilman Norton thanked the Maureen Ruane and Beth Telepan for getting this information together for the Council. Mayor Gartland thanked the Budget Finance Committee for all their hard work.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Lawshe, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan
Deputy Clerk

Date