

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – March 6, 2012**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:06 PM

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Kelley

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.

Mayor Dassing extended her condolences to Councilman Kelley and his family on the passing of his Dad. John is still in Houston and our prayers and thoughts are with him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
February 21, 2012

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 03/06/12.

PRESENTATION:

Caldwell Public Safety Parking Initiatives

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Marie Lanfrank, 14 Cleveland Street – she asked the question about the Farmers Market and how will this affect the Small Avenue parking.

Jack Shakoor, Jack's Food Town – spoke about the three hour parking instead of the two hours. He feels that two hours is enough. He suggested the permit parking near Gould should be eliminated and leave Brookside open for permits.

Donna Filkin, - spoke to a number of people about using the Small lot and they are concerned about the safety in that lot. She requested more prominent and consistent signage.

June Cowell, 29 Brookside Avenue – spoke about the use of private parking lots. She asked about a reduced fee for any employees.

Tom, Roseland Avenue – asked if it is still possible if Caldwell residents are able to get a day and night parking permit.

Deb Sloan, Somewhere in Time – asked about the part-time permits. She asked if the lot on Small will it be for all the employees to park now.

Ryan Dorchak, Clover Leaf Tavern – he spoke about the signage being hidden and feels it is important to have free standing signage.

Karla Marris, Wakefield Place – asked the Chief how this will be enforced when the Police Department is so busy. She suggested that the corner parking on Westover Avenue be moved up since you can't see when you are making that turn.

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Suzanne Pemrick, Vice President of Tenants Association – she asked how much a tenant will need to pay for parking.

David Cowell, 29 Brookside Avenue – he stated that the problem will not be solved in this ordinance unless we look at the Planning and Zoning Boards, remind them that if they don't hold to parking provisions under the ordinances it will just make the problem worse very quickly.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 3-68: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00005 PAYABLE TO ROBERT PALMISANO
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- 3-70: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00019 PAYABLE TO ROBERT PALMISANO
- 3-71: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00012 C&E PARTNERS
- 3-72: APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR CAMP AUTO & TRUCK PARTS, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1201-09
- 3-73: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 10-00008 ROBERT PALMISANO
- 3-74: AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00
- 3-75: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 6, 2012 FOR 2012 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,871,703.10
- 3-76: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER
- 3-77: DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 02/21/12.

Councilman Coyle – reported that he met on the 27th to discuss in details the budgets for the water utility, sewer utility and for a number of projects that are planned for this year, the Streets that will be tied into the water main upgrade.

Councilman O'Donnell – reported that the Attorney General's Office will be at the Community Center to discuss how we can protect our residents against fraud and breakfast will be served. At the senior center there will be a St. Patrick's Day lunch on the 15th of March and the cost is \$8.00. There will be a presentation on the 20th given by Mr. Paterson on the Community Center.

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Council President Hauser – reported that the Library Board would like to move ahead with the Eagle Scout Project. The request from Council was to ask for a drawing or sketch of the project. The Budget and Finance committee has been put on hold this week. He asked to please take a look at what we can do on a big scale to impact some of the large debt that we have to cover over the next seven (7) years.

Councilman Murray – reported that he had a meeting with the Fire Chief, Gary Garamella. The Police Department has done another great job with the numbers. Detective Palatucci has spent a lot of time putting together the Merchant watch program and to date no one has taken affect to it. I would like to compliment the chief on the people that have trained our new police officers. Councilman Murray gave an update on numbers in January there was a 77% increase over 795 violations written over January 2011 and in February 116% increase over the prior February 2011.

Councilman Rodgers - spoke about his first senior transportation meeting. The personnel committee met and spoke about performance reports.

Mayor Dassing – reported that from our Board of Education liaison she has a highlight report on the Board of Education meeting that happened last night. The budget increase was .55% well under the 2% cap translates to approximately \$966,000.00. The average increase over three years was \$140,507.00. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 26th at Harrison School. The Board will vote on the tax levy then and no need for public vote on the budget since it is under the 2% cap. The Mayor attended along with her historic commission members for a full day workshop at Drew University in regards to the formation of the Historic Commission. On Thursday night she will be attending the Bronze Shield award dinner along with two of my female officers. They are honoring the Police Chief of Newark who is also a woman.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli, Councilman Kelley asked that I let the Mayor and Council know that he appreciated the flowers that were sent for his Father. Paul handed out a list of projects for the Council. He spoke about the Netting and it should be installed by the end of this week beginning of next. The Masonic Lodge has purchased flags and would like to do a flag raising on April 14th in honor of one of their members who is a veteran. In regards to the Community Center projects cameras will be installed. The request from the Committee was to relocate offices in the Community Center. Discussions Ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Capital Re-appropriation Status

Paul and Marge looked at some of the ordinances that were funded to see the status of the projects. We did a survey at the time with Council to see which projects they thought were important or probably we wouldn't do. Some of these ordinances are dated back to 2006. Discussions Ensued.

Gladding Road Update

The date Mr. Carelli received for paving on Gladding Road was the week of April 16th The Mayor asked if the fence and pod ordinance could be put on the next Council meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Suzanne Pemrick, Vice President of Tenants Association – asked if there are statistics on the number of single family homes in town that are no longer owner occupied. She asked if there has been an increase.

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James Jorgensen, Essex County Liaison, reported on the Cherry Blossom Festival which will have six different events.

Marie Lanfrank – thanked everyone who came out to the Dancing with the Stars it was a great success. The Foundation raised over \$10,000.00. The Taste of Caldwell will be on April 22nd at Caldwell College.

On a motion made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Hauser, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 9:37PM.

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. Greg Mascera responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of 14 Park Avenue.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Coyle, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:12P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Coyle, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12P.M.

Prepared by: Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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