

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – March 7, 2017**

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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 7:04PM.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli & Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill

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 21, 2017**

Moved by Council President Cascarano seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 03/07/17.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

- 3-78:** AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT PERMIT PAYMENT PAYABLE TO SOLAR CITY OF \$106.00
- 3-79:** RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION
- 3-80:** AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO WASHBURN PLACE, HANFORD PLACE AND LINCOLN TERRACE TO REIVAX CONTRACTING CORP, 356 THOMAS STREET, NEWARK, N.J. 07114 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$625,320.00

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 3/07/17.

- 3-81:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACT WITH JAMES R. HAAS LANDSCAPE SPECTRUM LLC, 128 HILLSIDE AVENUE, WEST CALDWELL, NJ 07006 FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, Council President Cascarano, Councilman Hauser, O'Donnell and Brown voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capozzoli and Rodgers abstained. Resolutions approved 3/07/17.

- 3-82:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 7, 2017 FOR 2017/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,012,926.52
- 3-83:** AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CREW ENGINEERS, INC. TO CONDUCT HYDRANT FLOW TESTS AND PERFORM A HYDRAULIC EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,800.00
- 3-84:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPHINE MAROULIS AS A FULL-TIME CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT ANNUAL RATE OF \$5,200.00
- 3-85:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SUBSEQUENT TAX & WATER PAYMENTS FOR 2017 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER. TAXES FOR BLOCK 52, LOT 19.01 FOR 25 BROOKSIDE AVENUE, CALDWELL, NJ AND 4TH QUARTER 2016 WATER

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3-86: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK THE SERVICES OF A TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY FOR THE FEASIBILITY OF A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT FOREST AVENUE AND HATFIELD STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Council President Cascarano. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 3/07/17.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Hauser reported that the DPW Committee met again and they have moved forward with a number of action items and we will be having another meeting on March 17th. Some information has been passed to West Caldwell that relates to a Street Sweeper. Neighboring Borough's either don't have one or not interested in going in on one. Once Paul gets answers to somethings we will pass that along to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Brown reported that the 3rd Wednesday of every month will now be Bulk Pick up day. All information is on the website. The Environmental Commission will be having their Earth Day on April 22 from 9:30AM-12:30PM. There will be paper shredding which is in collaboration with James Caldwell High School and Cali Carting will be helping us with that. This will benefit the High School Scholarship Fund. There will be a bike swap so if you have bikes that you are not using or if you are looking for bikes also there will be a pollinary garden table along with recycling of cell phones, tablets, lab tops and cameras which will benefit "Paws". At 10:30AM there will be a presentation by Conserve Wildlife the New Jersey's rare reptiles and amphibians. Environmental Commission will be doing their annual contest which is entitled this year "How plastic is your day". More information is available on the Environmental Commission website.

Council President Cascarano reported that the Health Department had a rabies clinic which was a big success. There were about 60 cats and dogs that showed up. On June 24th is the Camp Wyonokie outing. You can sign up at campwyonokie.com.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that the St. Patrick's Day Party is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at the Community Center from 11:30AM for seniors. They will be servicing Corn Beef, Cabbage, Irish soda bread and Carrot Cake for \$9. There will be music and Bag Pipers. To make a reservation please contact Maria Burak at 973-403-4623. He would like to recognize Chief Bongiorno and his department football team that played in a fund raiser for Special Olympics at Giant Stadium and the department raised a total of \$6,550.00. It's an annual event and the players were Geary, Adams, Paxon, DeAngelo, Adamo, Roberts and Kraynanski congratulations to the Chief you did a great job in supporting the Special Olympics.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that she was contacted by another Property Tax Rebate Card Company. The Mayor has asked that the Caldwell Merchants Association to look at the information and they are interested as a group to learn more about it so she has asked this company to come to the March 21st meeting and make a presentation. She will send to the Council all the information that she has in regards to this particular program. If you spend about \$9,000 in the downtown you will save almost \$500 a year on your property taxes. It can also be extended to other towns that would be interested.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported:

- In regards to Police Dispatch he would like to place a resolution on the next meeting. The contract is in the neighborhood of \$135,000 at this point.
- The Senior Transportation is typically a two year contract which is up and he has given a draft to Councilman Brown and he is waiting for a final numbers from Maria because she keeps track of each town on how many people actually use the bus.
- We have been working with our consultant to move along the Health care. They did want to meet with the employees on March 17th but he has suggested to the Mayor that he would like to see the presentation first before the employees see it.
- Bulk pickup starts March 15th and it is on the website and channel 35.
- He received a couple of quotes for an electric gate at the compost and there were three quotes roughly around \$18,000.

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Mayor Dassing expressed her condolences to Sammy Calamito whose mom had passed away.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

Chief Bongiorno reported they have increased their daily enforcement in the area of Forest and Hatfield and they are also conducting a speed survey which they will have done at the end of the week.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera discussed with the Mayor and Council the taxicab ordinance. He had a request that the ordinance be modified for those who are applying for a license is fingerprinted. Greg went over the ordinance with the Mayor and Council. He also discussed the non-life Hazard Ordinance and Greg has spoken with Mark Guiliano and he wrote the ordinance based on what Mark had presented to him and Mark had a couple of modifications and he was very happy with the proposed ordinance. We are creating a registry for non-life Hazard properties within the Borough. Discussions Ensued.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIAISON:

Patricia Keenan discussed the 2017 Municipal Guide which is a handy Guide for all the County and Municipal Services as well as elected officials from Judges to Board of Education all their contact information.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Hauser to open meeting to the Public.

Fran De Palma-Iozzi, 112 Central Avenue discussed the water report and West Caldwell water has chromium- 6 in it, which is bad for you, and if you look on line Caldwell was the only town that does not have chromium-6 in their water.

Gail Black & Stephanie Bond representing Caldwell Hadassah they would like the Mayor and Council to consider a resolution which is a Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement (BDS Movement) that will exclude Israeli people from the economic, cultural, and academic life of humanity. After discussion a resolution will be on the next Council Meeting.

Robert Martoglio, Grover Lane has concerns on Grover Lane with being the last streets to be plowed on a snow storm. He also asked about shared services with the DPW between Caldwell and West Caldwell.

John Lace, Welshman Court recommended that the Council pass a resolution to declare the week of March 18th Grover Cleveland week. He also asked if there was a public policy for protocol that exists when one police officer files a formal complaint against another police officer in terms that the information gets back to the Council. Mayor Dassing responded internally it would be the police committee.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

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

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