

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – March 11, 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 7:07 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq. Borough Attorney, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: None

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 March 7, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on March 7, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion by Councilman Gates,  
seconded by Councilman Curley

Mayor Gartland recognized Karen Lembo, Library Director, Caldwell Public Library Ms. Lembo reported on the article in The Progress regarding North Caldwell residents and the use of the Caldwell Public Library

Resolutions:

3-61 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #06-00008, Block #40, Lot #1.01, 529 Bloomfield Avenue, 529 Caldwell, LLC

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-62 Authorizing tax exemption due to permanently and totally disabled veteran status as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, Block 30.02, Lot 7, 98 Central Avenue, Mark & Joan Collins

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-63 Supporting the adoption of Senate Bill 164/Assembly Bill A-1703 authorizing the imposition of additional fines for overcrowding in dwellings containing four or fewer units

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-64 Opposing the failure of the Governor's proposed state budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year to treat property tax relief as our priority

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the

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affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-65 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Caldwell College Off-Premise – Merchandise Raffle, June 13, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-66 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Caldwell College Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle – June 13, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-67 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Caldwell College Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle – June 18, 2008 – 3:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

3-68 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through March 11, 2008 in the total amount of \$1,591,198.22

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 3/11/08

#### PRESENTATIONS

4 Connections and Cablevision Lightpath

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported on the Main Street New Jersey Program and the National Main Street Program.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that she will be attending a finance and budget seminar on Friday, March 14, 2008.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the next Traffic Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Curley also reported on the meeting with the Essex County Engineer regarding Roseland Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue light resignalization, the County expects to start the project early fall of 2008.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the New Jersey Business Industry Association meeting, the topic discussed was Bill 22-16, Family Leave Bill and the impact it will have on not just businesses but also towns like ours. Councilman Edge also reported on the Board of Health Meeting. The Board voted and ratified the two shared services agreements with Bloomfield, Board of Health and Animal Control. The Board also approved the new food licenses and the new public establishment licenses.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that Karen Lembo, Library Director, was honored by the Kiwanis for her community services. Karen Lembo has done wonderful things with the Caldwell Public Library and has re-applied for The Big Read grant. Councilman Slattery also reported on the Library Board Meeting. Councilman Slattery also reported on the Municipal Alliance Three on Three Basketball Tournament, this year the Alliance netted in excess of \$5000.00. Councilman Slattery thanked the local merchants that supported the event and the referees who donated their time. The event was very successful.

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Councilman Gates – Reported that the Department of Public Works continues to do a good job.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the West Caldwell Mayor's Ball held on Friday night, they raised \$16,000 and donated the money to The Bridge. Councilman Slattery and her husband also attend the Mayor's Ball. Mayor Gartland also reported that she had a conversation with North Caldwell Mayor, Mel Levine, he wants to get together a group of towns to go down to Trenton regarding the recent budget cuts.

Stuart Koenig, Esq. – Reported on the Calandra documents and the recent garbage bids. Mr. Koenig also reported that he has prepared a contract for the Faloni property. Mr. Koenig also reported on the Elm Road property.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:39 PM. Tony Greci of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department made a presentation to the Council regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 9:02 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Edge, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel and Police/Fire Emergency Management Committee recommendations. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Edge the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:00 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

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 10:01 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date