

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – March 12, 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 6:13 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Special Council Business/Conference meeting was given on March 9, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on March 9, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on March 9, 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 Extraordinary Aid Application, The Sewer Budget, revenues and expenditures for the Municipal Budget. Ms. Ruane discussed the various spread sheets sent to the Council regarding the 2009 Budget and the various different budget scenarios. Councilman Norton reported that the Budget Finance Committee has taken an aggressive stance with a lot of the cuts to the budget. Ms. Ruane stated that at the introduced budget the average assessed home of \$450,000.00 the tax increase would be \$202.00 per year. Discussions ensued regarding health benefits, changing co-pays, prescription co-pays and out of network deductibles. Discussions ensued regarding the anticipated State Aid figures. Discussion ensued regarding reducing Community Center Rates for the Borough of Caldwell Employees, Volunteers and Board Members.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at 7:19 P.M. Lisa O'Neill, had questions regarding the discount at the Caldwell Community Center. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public comment on resolutions at 9:22 P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

The Mayor thanked the Budget Finance Committee for all their hard work on the 2009 Budget.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan  
Deputy Clerk

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