

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 20, 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, Kelley and Rodgers

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

**ABSENT:**

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
March 6, 2012

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Hauser, Murray, Coyle, O'Donnell and Rodgers voted in the affirmative. Councilman Kelley abstained. Minutes approved 03/20/12.

**PRESENTATION:**

Caldwell Public Library – Adele Puccio/Library Director  
Caldwell Community Center – Rob Paterson/Director

**Colin Corliss** gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout Project which is to make a platform for the Library book drops and beautify the surrounding area and making a sign.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT** – March 21, 2012

**ORDINANCE 1245-12:** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$175,000 FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 03/20/12.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**3-78:** AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ONE (5) TAXICAB LICENSES TO Caldwell Taxi, Inc., 570 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

**3-79:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR PEDDLER LICENSE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – Said H. Elsayed

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 20, 2012**

2 of 5

- 3-80:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Friends of the American Cancer Society of New Jersey/ On Premise – Merchandise Raffle / April 24, 2012 – 4:00PM – 9:30PM – Drawing at 9:30PM
- 3-81:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Friends of the American Cancer Society of New Jersey/ On Premise – 50/50 Raffle / April 24, 2012 – 4:00PM – 9:30PM – Drawing at 9:30PM
- 3-82:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation/ On Premise – Tricky Tray Raffle / April 22, 2012 – 4:00PM – 7:00PM
- 3-83:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation/ On Premise – 50/50 Raffle / April 22, 2012 – 4:00PM – 7:00PM
- 3-84:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00020 PAYABLE TO ISAAC MORADI
- 3-85:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 20, 2012 FOR 2012 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$789,068.81
- 3-86:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CURRENT EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2011 STORM EMERGENCY
- 3-87** RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 404 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PERTAINING TO THE FEDERAL DIASTER DECLARATION FEMA #4048-DR-NJ, OCTOBER 2011 HALLOWEEN SNOWSTORM

**CONSENT**

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 03/20/12.

**Councilman Coyle** – reported that he met with the Finance Committee last week and presented the budgets for sewer utility, water utility and they should have the DPW budget proposal for fiscal year 2012.

**Councilman Hauser** – reported that the Finance Committee is still having meetings. He stopped by and noticed that the netting is up and the College played their first game.

**Councilman Murray** – reported that there was a fire on Parkway East apartments and it was an aerosol can that caught on fire from a candle and the woman who lived there was brought to hospital with significant burns.

**Councilman Rodgers** – reported that the Board of Health met and the key topic was their website. The Personnel committee met and we should have the performance document ready for the Borough Administrator.

**Mayor Dassing** – thanked the police, fireman and first aid squad who responded so quickly to the fire this morning. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated community of volunteers and staff people who know what to do when something like this happens. The Mayor has tickets for the Taste of Caldwell and the tickets are \$50 for three hours of none stop eating, drinking and greeting event. This is a fund raiser for the Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation that supports our schools.

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 20, 2012**

3 of 5

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:**

Paul Carelli – reported that he handed out the Administrator report and he highlighted some items. He is still waiting to hear back about the flags on the Green. In the next two weeks we will be changing our email. He has received two quotes for upgrading the phone system. There are options for leasing. He thanked the Mayor for the blue prints on the Community Center. The Engineer and the traffic officer went out to Brookside to verify the placement on where the signs would actually go. Two quotes were received for the Hanford Lot for the retaining wall repair. One was \$6,800 and the other one was for \$6,300. We advertised for Auxiliary Police and I have received four resumes to date.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Parking Initiatives Update

**Councilman Murray** spoke about the calls that were coming in for overnight parking. It comes down to 10 or 11,000 per year. Between 90 and 95 percent of the people calling are coming in from six different streets. Discussions Ensued.

**Ava Mead, 25 Prospect Street** – spoke about the parking issue at the Middle School.

**Pasquale Capozzoli, Parkway West** – he asked if you start at four when you start giving we start taking.

**Robin Basta, Washburn Place** – spoke about most of the houses on the street are two and three family homes. It seems like you are dealing with just the apartments.

**Maria Castilano, Westover Avenue,** spoke about the cars parked in front of her house.

**Lewis Gallop, Small Avenue,** spoke about not putting the parking meters back on Small Avenue.

**John Womelsdorf, 18 Hanford Place** – he asked if there will still be a courtesy for homeowners who have guests over to extend the parking in front of their house.

**Robert Mead, 25 Prospect Street** – spoke about the parking and why has it become an issue now. The apartments are over occupied and has anyone addressed them.

**Steve Kramer, Washburn Place** - spoke about the apartments and how it is not the town's responsibility to provide a convenience of parking if the landlords do not.

**Rich Basta, 21 Washburn Place** – he thanked everyone for identifying the problem and trying to find a solution. The problem here is we are way too lenient.

**Sue Poling, 19 Hanford Place** – spoke about not putting parking meters in front of her residential home.

**Carol Ginefra, Arlington Avenue** – spoke about how she always found other ways to park her cars rather than put them in the street over night for years.

**Rich Heun, 14 Parkway East** – he is encouraged about all the hard work that has gone into this. He suggested that the town give back the cul-de-sac to the apartments and let them use it for Parking.

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – March 20, 2012**

4 of 5

**Donna Longo, Espy Road** – spoke about how she doesn't find an issue with over night parking on her street.

**Margaret Kopel, Washburn Place** – spoke about the spill over of parking that comes from the bars.

**Karla Marris, Wakefield Place** – spoke about going to apartment owners to build decks so they can get their cars in.

**Greg Mascara**, reported that parking variances are granted by the Planning or Zoning Board. The Council makes the ordinances and the Planning and Zoning Board are authorized under the law to grant variances under the ordinances. The Governing Body is also authorized to give directives to the Planning Board and Zoning Board. The Governing Body, if they wish, can give to the Boards that parking in Caldwell is at a premium. Discussions Ensued.

**Capital Project Discussion – project update:**

**Paul Carelli**, spoke about the capital project sheet that he handed out. He took requests that everyone gave him and made a list to see where they would be funded.

Councilman Hauser spoke about the substantial gap that needs to be made up. One of the big ticket items is the additional debt that we have to cover this year. There is a possibility that roughly a 150,000 may come in from a FEMA grant but there is no documentation and we can not anticipate it so it's an expense in this year's budget. Discussions Ensued.

**3-88:** RESOLUTION AUTHROIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE A BOND ORDINANCE FOR THE CANCELLATION OF \$115,000 BOND AUTHROIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES AND TO TRANSFER THE \$115,00 IN BOND PROCEEDS TO THE BOROUGH GENERAL CAPITAL FUND.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Discussions Ensued.

On roll call, Councilman Hauser, Kelley and Rodgers voted in the affirmative.

Councilman Murray, O'Donnell and Coyle voted in the negative. Mayor Dassing voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 03/20/12.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the Recycling Contract.

On a motion made by Councilman Coyle and seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 10:30PM.

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 and West Caldwell Dispatch.

