

**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 7:00PM.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill, Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli & Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

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:
March 7, 2017**

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 03/21/17.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Thanking the Mayor and Council for approving Resolution Condemning all efforts to Delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Movement to Boycott, Divest from and Sanction the People of Israel.

Stepanie Bonder & Gail Black

David Bleckman

Ruth Jaffe

Jonathan Lace thanked the Mayor and Council for approving a resolution for declaring the week of March 18th as Grover Cleveland Birth Place. He would like to request this resolution to be on every year.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

3-87: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LOT LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – RC Auto Sales, Inc., 7 Park Avenue, Caldwell – Michael J. Conley

3-88: AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF TWO (2) TAXICAB LICENSES TO JEZAI (SERGIO) GURSES, 806 Murray Street, Avenel, NJ07001. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

3-89: AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF FOUR (4) TAXICAB LICENSES TO Caldwell Taxi, 570 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPTS

3-90: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #16-00006, Block 17, Lot 21

3-91: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #16-00003, Block 6, Lot 13

3-92: AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A ZONING PERMIT PAYMENT PAYABLE TO SIGNARAMA OF \$75.00

3-93: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Rotary/Kiwanis Caldwell Street Fair Inc. – Off Premise/ 50/50 Raffle, October 1, 2017 – 11:00AM – 5:00PM

3-94: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Rotary/Kiwanis Caldwell Street Fair Inc. – Off Premise/ 50/50 Raffle, October 1, 2017 – 11:00AM – 5:00PM

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- 3-95:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – HSA Trinity Academy – Off Premise/ 50/50 Raffle, May 18, 2017 – 9:00PM
- 3-96:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR TWENTY SEVEN CENTRAL LLC, 27 CENTRAL AVENUE, CALDWELL, NJ
- 3-97:** RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ALL EFFORTS TO DELEGITIMIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO BOYCOTT, DIVEST FROM AND SANCTION THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
- 3-98:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2017 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS
- 3-99:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 21, 2017 FOR 2017/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,735,641.10
- 3-100:** AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZE THE REDUCTION OF THE SITE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE BROWNSTONES AT CALDWELL PROJECT TO AN AMOUNT OF \$27, 150
- 3-101:** RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2017 AS GROVER CLEVELAND WEEK IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

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.

RESOLUTION – For Discussion

- 3-102:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NON-SITE SPECIFIC CONSENT GRANTING PERMISSION TO LOCATE AND OPERATE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL BY ATTACHING TO EXISTING AND NEW UTILITY POLES

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded By Council President Cascarano. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, Council President Cascarano, Councilman Hauser, Capozzoli, Brown and Rodgers voted in the affirmative. Councilman O'Donnell abstained. Resolution approved 03/07/17.

- 3-103:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ASSIGNMENT OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RALF ASHLAND URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded Councilman O'Donnell. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 03/07/17.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Cascarano reported on the Senior Transportation Bus and he would like to remind everyone from Caldwell, West Caldwell and Roseland that any seniors needing a ride can contact Betty at the Grover Cleveland Senior Center at 973-226-5108 or 973-403-4623.

Councilman Brown reported that the Caldwell Environmental Commission will be conducting their yearly contest "How Plastic is your Day". The Environmental Commission presents the 2017 plastic awareness contest as part of its annual Earth Day Festival. They are looking for people to create a plastic pollution poster, poem, video skit, short essay or slogan. Grades K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th grade, High School, College and Adult can participate. Please bring the finished entry to either Borough Hall by 4:30pm or the Caldwell Public Library by April 18th at 8:00PM. Winners will be chosen at the event on April 22nd at the Caldwell Town Hall. All this information is available on the website www.caldwellenvironmentalcommission.org.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that Sgt. Pellegrino and she attended at the police academy a kick off meeting for beststreetsmartnj.org. There were other Mayors in attendance and many other towns from Essex County. The focuses of this year's efforts are Bloomfield Avenue the Bloomfield Avenue corridor from Newark all the way up to Montville where it joins Route 46. Sgt. Pellegrino took some signage and he will be walking up and down the Avenue to see if maybe the Diner or Rocking Joe's will put them up. It's a public awareness campaign to slow people down and to show them the dangers of distractive driving and speeding. If you are traveling 20mph and you hit someone with your car that person has 9 out of 10 chances to survive. If you are traveling 30mph and you hit someone that person has 5 out of 10 chances to survive. If you are traveling 40mph and you hit someone that person has 1 out of 10 chances to survive. Please slow down everyone speed does

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kill. This is an awareness campaign that begins April 17th and will go through May 29th and the police will be enforcing pedestrian laws as well as drivers.

Councilman Hauser spoke about Jan who was a wonderful person that was killed this morning. Jan was a Mother with a number of adoptive children. She was a member of his church, a surgeon that focused on woman issues which recently helped his Mother in-law. It's timely on what the Mayor was talking about and a very sad situation. She was out walking her dog this morning and was hit and killed by a car.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported:

- The Finance Committee met tonight and discussed the parameters of the 2017 budget.
- We went through a re-val last year and our assessment of the town went up 37 million dollars. Paul will do an analysis on the re-val itself how it impacted all the homes.

Mayor Dassing asked out of the 37 million what part of that is commercial and Paul responded he will take a look at that.

- He will be signing the contract to do the traffic Study. I was authorized to spend \$5,000 and he received a proposal from Klein for \$3,000.
- He had a meeting with the health care consultants today and we are basically ready to go as far as presentations go. He feels the best way is to meet with the Police Committee or a separate police committee to have that meeting with the representatives.
- He did analysis of water utility and sewer utility and all utilities are in good shape. As far as the water billing it went up 1% last year. The usage went down a little bit.
- The new draft has been sent out for the Senior Transportation to the towns.
- He asked that the Mayor and Council get back to him about their preference as far as a laptop or iPad.

Councilman Hauser asked if the pilot that was discussed and that is a line that you can anticipate revenue and Paul responded that we currently do. Discussions Ensued.

Councilman O'Donnell wanted to acknowledge the DPW for a great job performed during the storm.

Council President Cascarano wanted to acknowledge Office of Emergency Management who was fully staffed with volunteers Mark Guiliano, Chief Garamella, Deputy Chief Pollara and they set up shop the night before the storm.

Councilman O'Donnell asked for a discussion for the negotiation Committee. After discussion Councilman O'Donnell, Council President Cascarano and Councilman Capozzoli will be on this Committee.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

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

Jonathan Lace, 21 Welshman Court recommended an apple product for the Mayor and Council. He read a statement about the law suits that have been filed.

Gail Black thanked the Mayor and Council once again for passing the Resolution 3-97.

David Bleckman thanked the Mayor and Council once again for passing the Resolution 3-97.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Council President Cascarano unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM.

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

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