

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – April 3, 2012**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:03 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 20, 2012

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 04/03/12.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 1246-12: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF \$115,000 BOND AUTHORIZATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES AND TO TRANSFER THE \$115,000 IN BOND PROCEEDS TO THE BOROUGH GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. 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. Ordinance Introduced 4/03/12.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

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 Kelley, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 4/03/12.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

4-89: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 3, 2012 FOR 2012 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,529,755.75

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- 4-90:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2011
- 4-91:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL M. CARELLI AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND JAMES BONGIORNO ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
- 4-92:** 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 – Bob Hofmann, the Towne Scoop
- 4-93:** AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION BY THE CALDWELL TENANTS ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF THE FIRE HOUSE MEETING ROOM IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FIRE HOUSE FOR THEIR GENERAL MEETINGS
- 4-94:** AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE ELECTRONIC, MECHANICAL AND OTHER TYPES OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES; FOR Starz, Inc. t/a Ringside Pub APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
- 4-95:** 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 – Al Emmel Auto Body, LLC.
- 4-96:** 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

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 04/03/12.

4-97: HOLD

Councilman O'Donnell – responded to the letter to the Progress relative to some of the conditions at the Community Center. Majority of improvements will occur in September. They will be installing cameras throughout the Community Center so they can monitor the activities, acid washing and grouting of the pool, two major repairs are the women and men's locker room, , the pool platform will be replaced, the re-sanding of the Basketball floor, installing stereo equipment throughout the rooms, chair lift in the pool that will be replaced, downstairs in the exercise room we will be removing ceiling and bathrooms, and lastly we are looking to do front desk renovations. The monies have been appropriated and approved and work will be done in September.

Mayor Dassing - responded that we have a new method by which we ascertained that we have for comments good or bad at the Community Center and there is a book at the front desk and members can write their comments in and they will be reviewed by the Committee. We ask that your name be put to the complaint so that the Committee can get back to you

Councilman Hauser – reported that the proposed introduction of the Budget is scheduled for April 17th.

Councilman Murray – reported that there was a meeting about dispatch and they went into the meeting thinking that we would have to pay \$50,000 for the equipment upgrade and we actually walked out with them paying us \$25,000 for our equipment. In 2004 or 2006 we purchased equipment for dispatch and the equipment that we still have is very viable and with the end of life equipment that West Caldwell has we will be able to take

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our two dispatch stations and bring them to West Caldwell and the agreement is we would split the cost 50/50. The only cost to us is any installation cost. We talked about some other share services; they are going to give us a proposal for police car maintenance, recycling, transferring Municipal Alliance, joint courts and West Caldwell provides Board of Health service so they asked to review our agreements. Verona is putting together a Master Plan two areas that would house a lot of hardware that the towns can go into to use for joint dispatch operation. They also said they would be interested in merging courts. We currently have a water connection with Verona and I asked Mr. Carelli to speak to Mr. Frint to the extent what this water connection is.

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. As far as the Senior Transportation, Maria Burak will be submitting an application for a new Senior bus.

Mayor Dassing – read a letter from the Governor;

I am writing to share some good news regarding the impact of last year's historic, bipartisan pension and health benefit reforms on the taxpayers of Caldwell.

Thanks to our pension and health benefit reforms, State and local governments will save an estimated \$122 billion in pension contributions over the next 30 years. Although you may know that direct savings to school districts, towns and counties will total an estimated \$43 billion over that period, you may not be aware that taxpayers in Caldwell will save \$167,726 in the current fiscal year, including \$131,899 in savings under the Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS) and \$35,827 in savings under the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). For your convenience, I am pleased to enclose a breakdown of these savings for each unit of government in Caldwell.

These savings to the State and municipalities around New Jersey under pension reform are just one example of how bipartisan reforms are providing relief to taxpayers and spurring private sector job growth in the Garden State. I look forward to continuing to work together to build the New Jersey Comeback.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli – reported that the number one item is Gladding Road. Tilcon measured all the streets. He is finalizing the sewer bills. Ventola will be taking care of Hanford Lot. On Thursday we will be having our new email. The Parking Deck care testing will be forwarded to Glenn Beckmeyer. We have received 15 Resumes to date for the Auxiliary Police.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascara – reported that he will distribute the Tree Ordinance for everyone to look at and would like to have it ready for the April 17th meeting. The fence ordinance is complete and he will email to the Mayor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paving Status of Gladding Road, Cherry Lane & Oak Ridge Road
Water/Road Improvement Projects – Capital Plan Update

Councilman O'Donnell asked the question how we are financing these projects, Cherry Lane and Oak Ridge Road. **Councilman Murray** also said that \$60,000 for these radios and if we do not get the fire grant that we applied for we will need \$15,000 in equipment and gear. We are still looking at the \$60,000 for the generator and another \$40,000 for the Chief car. Discussions Ensued.

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Councilman Murray spoke about the Parking issue. We have moved ahead with meters, three hour parking which is in our ordinance right now.

Councilman Hauser reported that over the last several weeks Councilman Kelley, myself and two staff members, have met with numerous payroll companies and we have received four quotes and we are going to save 50% of what we have been paying for payroll service.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Stacey Palmisano, 13 Oak Grove Road – asked if the Street sign can be placed up on Oak Grove Road and Roseland Avenue.

James Jorgensen, Liaison for Essex County – there will be an OSHA preparation program at Essex County College and it's free.

Paul Carelli reported that there will be a Public Works employee working full-time at the Community Center. It is my intention that this person will report to me.

On a motion made by Councilman Hauser and seconded by Councilman Coyle, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 9:05PM.

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 Personnel and Contracts.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Kelley, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:49P.M.

PRESENTATION:

Caldwell Department of Public Works – Mario Bifalco/Superintendent

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Murray, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20P.M.

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

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