

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2008

The Council Business/Conference meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers by Council President Bill Edge at 7:11 P.M.

PRESENT: Council President Edge, 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: Mayor Gartland

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 April 4, 2008. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on April 4, 2008. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Presentation of a Proclamation to Carol Shenuski for her years of service to the Borough of Caldwell Public Library Board

Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month was read by Council President Bill Edge

Council President Edge asked for the Council's consent to move the open public portion of the meeting. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the open public portion of the meeting be moved ahead for this meeting.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: Ordinance #1186-08 – Calendar Year 2008 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:445.14)

John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had questions regarding the cap ordinance.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge and Slattery in the affirmative, Councilman Gates voted in the negative. Ordinance adopted 04/08/08

Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2008, March 18, 2008 (Executive Session), March 25, 2008.

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

OPEN MEETING: The Council President declared the meeting open to the public at 7:51PM. Bruce Betros, 15 Gladding Road had questions regarding resolution #4-84, the purchase of the Faloni property. Stuart Koenig, Esq. reported on the Faloni Contract. Jason Langer of 7 Gladding Road had questions regarding Green Acres Funding. Mr. Langer said there is a community completely in favor of approving the purchase of the property. Mr. Langer said that at the last council meeting he attended the Mayor and Council were polled as to whether they supported the purchase of the property and all the Council members except for Councilman Gates voted to support the purchase of the property, Mr. Langer wanted to know if any of the Council members have changed their minds.

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Robert Cosgrove of 45 Cedars Road echoed what Mr. Langer said and he commends the council on following up on what he believes is a mandate from the people due to the referendum vote. Mr. Cosgrove encouraged the council to pass this resolution. George Burrows of 26 Overlook Road had questions for the municipal attorney. Mr. Burrows wanted clarifications about some of the contingencies of the contract regarding the DEP. Mr. Burrows also asked what type of guidelines does The Green Acres Fund give the town as far as limitations and what can be done with the property in the future. The Borough Attorney responded that it is open space preservation. Mr. Burrows also questioned the driveway section at 5 Knollwood and the easement with 7 Knollwood and that is the only public access to the property. The borough Attorney responded that it will remain the access to the property. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had questions regarding Open Space fund and the Green Acres Program. Ann Marchioni of 85 Brookside thanked the council for passing this resolution. Lisa Heller of 67 Overlook Road had questions regarding the appraisal of the property. Wendy Callahan of 18 Bowers Road said she was in favor of the resolution. Glen Annan Brady of 19 Kirkwood Place had questions regarding the appraisal. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard Council President Edge closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Resolutions:

4-84 Authorizing the Borough of Caldwell to enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate, 5 Knollwod Terrace, Caldwell, New Jersey, Block 69, Lot 1.01

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge and Slattery voted in the affirmative, Councilman Gates voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 4/008/08

4-79 Authorizing the submission of the 2008 New Jersey Department of Transportation Federal Aid Safe Routes to School Program

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/08/08

4-80 **PULLED**

4-81 Authorizing the issuance of a license to operate electronic mechanical and other types of amusement devises to Ringside Pub from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/08/08

4-82 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the issuance of checks for the period through April 8, 2008 in the total amount of \$2,564,725.44

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/08/08

4-83 Authorizing the appointment of James McHugh, 87 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey to the Mayor's Senior Advisory Council

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/08/08

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4-85 Authorization to fill the vacancies of the previously established position of Lieutenants

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 4/08/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Thanked everyone for their support on the vote for the resolution for the purchase of the Faloni property. Councilman Mescia reported that the Caldwell Downtown Alliance is now in the 2008 National Main Street program. Councilman Mescia reported that he attended the National Main Street Conference in Philadelphia along with Maureen Ruane. Governor Corzine was the key note speaker at the convention. Councilman Mescia also reported that April 12 is spring clean up at the Grover Cleveland Park from 9:00 AM to Noon. Anyone interested in participating should meet at the playhouse in the park. Councilman Mescia reminded everyone that April 15th is the School Board Election. Councilman Mescia reported that at the next council meeting there will be two additional resolutions on the agenda, one for Morris Land Conservancy to hire the appraisers and also to extend the contract to the end of the year for Morris Land Conservancy.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that there may be a possible volunteer for the Local Board of Assistance. Councilman Dassing also reported on The Taste of the Caldwells held last Sunday. Councilman Dassing thanked everyone that attended. Councilman Dassing reported that there may be a way for the Division of Local Government Services to perform our audit for the Borough and that it could save the Borough \$38,000.00. Councilman Dassing asked Maureen Ruane to look into this service and if it is still available to municipalities. Councilman Dassing reported that the Merchants Association would like to have a sidewalk sale on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. There would also be a Pet Day at the Veterinary Center of Caldwell on May 4th

Councilman Curley – Reported that the Public Safety Committee has asked the Fire Chief to submit monthly service call reports to the council .

Councilman Edge – Reported that the Caldwell Volunteer Fireman's Dinner will be held on April 11. Councilman Edge also reported on the Hawaiians visit to Caldwell on April 24th and 25th.

Councilman Slattery – Reported on the proclamation given to Carol Shenuski. Councilman Slattery also reported that April is Autism Awareness month and that the Caldwell Public Library has several programs going on in the month of April for autism awareness and anyone interested should call the library. Councilman Slattery also reported on a grant offered by Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield and asked to have Muareen Ruane and Jim Nolan of the Caldwell Community Center look into the grant.

Councilman Gates – Reported on the Transportation Committee meeting. Councilman Gates also reported that Betty Spittle, the bus driver for the Senior Citizen Bus is doing an excellent job and should be commended.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Edge, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:25P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:36 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 Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date