

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – MAY 5, 2009**

The Council Conference meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:05 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Maureen Ruane, Borough Attorney, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Deputy Clerk, Beth Bush Telepan

ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this Council Conference meeting was given on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 15, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PRESENTATIONS: Presentation by the Environmental Committee to the winners of the Environmental Committee Poster Contest: Isabel Caravela, Jefferson School, Nicholas Gallup, Lincoln School, Carla Ko, Jefferson School, Jessica Yang, GCMS, Claudia Ko, JCHS, Luzebert St. Hubert, Caldwell College

Presentation by the Traffic Committee to the winners of the Traffic Committee Poster Contest: Robert Catona, JCHS, Stephanie Aperin, JCHS, Jamie Hreniuk, GCMS, Jenna DeVincenzo, GCMS

Presentation by Councilman Norton and June Cowell regarding the Caldwell Merchants Association, The Great Caldwell Downtown Treasure Hunt

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

Mayor Gartland opened the meeting to the public at 7:34 P.M. for public comment on resolutions. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard Mayor Gartland closed the open public comment on resolutions at 7:34 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

4-82 Resolution of support from the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Caldwell authorizing the sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Wal-Mart

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 5/5/09.

Mayor Gartland requested a two-minute break from the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Mayor Gartland opened the meeting at 7:41 P.M.; all those previously in attendance were present.

Presentation by John Scheri of Hatch Mott MacDonald regarding a change order for the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Lawshe – No report.

Councilman Slattery – No report.

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Councilman Dassing – No report.

Councilman Curley - Thanked everyone for coming out tonight and there will be a Police Committee meeting on Thursday.

Councilman Norton – No report.

Councilman Brennan – Reported that he circulated a memo regarding that there was a new United States Supreme Court Opinion in Gant vs. Arizona which restricts somewhat the police and their searches, I understand the Chief has made it mandatory reading for his department. It is very important that we stay on the cutting edge of these developments in law enforcement. Councilman Brennan also reported that there will be a DPW Committee meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that Caldwell received a \$500,000 matching grant from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen had a town hall meeting. Saturday, April 25, 2009 in our Caldwell Community Center and I received a nice thank you note from him. Congressman Frelinghuysen also presented a flag to Mayor Gartland. Mayor Gartland congratulated Councilman Slattery for being recognized by the Essex County Freeholders at its Women's History Month celebration on March 31, 2009. Mayor Gartland requested that Stuart Koenig, Esq. prepare a report for the council's review regarding tax appeals in reference to Mr. Neill's home on Washburn Place. Mayor Gartland also reported on the Montclair Magazine with the Caldwell Downtown Alliance section of the magazine. Calandra's Italian village was the feature of this addition. Mayor Gartland offered her condolences to Lisa O'Neill and her family on the loss of her husband.

Administrator Report – Administrator Ruane reported on the proposed ordinance for Hanford Place. Ms. Ruane also reported on the Caldwell Community Center membership rates.

New Business – Councilman Lawshe received two calls from two of his neighbors regarding the lights at the Synagogue, I will save this until next week. Councilman Lawshe asked the Borough Administrator about the letter that was sent out on April 30<sup>th</sup> to the Synagogue and they were supposed to be in compliance by May 5, 2009. Administrator Ruane reported that Mr. Marucci and Mr. Milani were at the site tonight and she would report tomorrow regarding their findings. Mr. Lawshe also requested that the council consider some type of ordinance for idling buses in the Synagogue parking lot.

OPEN MEETING: Mayor Gartland opened the meeting to the public at 8:35 PM. Robert Catona Sr., 12 Brookside Avenue, Apt. 4 wanted to bring to the Council's attention the amount of speeders on Bloomfield Avenue. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard Mayor Gartland closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:38 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Brennan, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of contract negotiation. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:38 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton the Council Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:12 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 Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan  
Deputy Clerk

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