

**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – May 10, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:011PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Councilman Norton, Murray, Hauser, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, Acting Borough Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera, Esq.

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2011. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 26, 2011

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell voted in the affirmative. Councilman Norton abstained. Minutes approved 05/10/11.

PROCLAMATION:

Boy Scout Troop 6 – BRIAN WLODAWSKI AND JOHN ANTHONY BITETTO III

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE #1233-11 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 130 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL BEING A SECTION CREATING THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all presented voted in the affirmative. Introduction of Ordinance was approved on 05/10/11.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

Tammy Wysocki, 15 Cedars Road she has a question on Resolution 5-135 is this a replacement of or a brand new technology?

Councilman Murray responded that part of the gear that the fire department uses is a breathing apparatus and some of these have a certain life period. What we are doing is upgrading their existing gear. The Thermal image cameras have gone down so we are bringing two. We have two Pumpers and ideally if you could have one on each pump we can get it done quicker. What also is part of this is an instant command system so that allows you to do so when a firefighter goes into a house they have a tracking mechanism so on a lap top it will pop up and you will be able to see.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

5-123: RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA

5-124: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN RUPAKUS FIREFIGHTER IN THE CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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- 5-125: 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
- 5-126: 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 – C&G Auto Tech, LLC.

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 05/10/11.

- 5-127: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 10, 2011 FOR 2010 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$263,14

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser, No Discussion. On roll call Councilman Murray, Norton, Hauser, and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Coyle and O'Donnell abstained. Resolution approved 05/10/11.

- 5-128: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 10, 2011 FOR 2011 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,026,442.67

- 5-129: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 2011

- 5-130: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS AND QUOTES FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES OF A SPECIALIZED NATURE TO THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL RELATIVE TO THE BOROUGH'S 2011 BOND SALE

- 5-131: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS AND QUOTES FOR A FIXED ASSET CONSULTANT TO THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO PROVIDE FOR A PHYSICAL INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS INCLUSIVE OF VALUATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6

- 5-132: THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 23, 2011 – JUNE 5, 2011

- 5-133: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

- 5-134: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 5-135: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FIREFIGHTER ONE FOR BREATHING APPARATUS ITEMS, THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS, AND OTHER FIREFIGHTING SAFETY EQUIPMENT UNDER STATE CONTRACT # 76364 / MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$132,402.72 APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #1225-10 FOR THE CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 05/10/11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Hauser asked the question as to if there is a quote for netting at the Oval. Mayor Dassing said she has information that she would be discussing in her report. He also asked if there was a schedule for the Parking deck. Paul Carelli said that they would

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be working on that next week possibly on Monday. They are just working out the traffic portion of it.

Councilman Norton reported on the Community Center. New processes are in place and working at the Community Center. All the staff is in uniform, we have our director and head personnel listed with their pictures and names on the information board. The first letter from the director will be going out possibly next week. In regards to the relationship with the Community Center and the Oval we are working on having a new playground installed. In regards to some issues that were listed at a previous Council meeting about a member who didn't have identification when they arrived at the Community Center. We did our research and the incident should not have occurred at all but what was left out was the incident occurred in 2008 under a different administration.

Councilman Hauser mentioned about the playground and before anything is done there has been some interest in putting a platform tennis court in the back.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that we will be introducing the Budget on May 24th. We looked for the tool kit and it doesn't exist.

Mayor Dassing spoke about a special budget meeting for Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00PM.

Councilman Piazza reported about the meeting with the Senior Transportation Committee. There has been talk about the replacement of the senior transportation bus and we have applied with the NJ Transit for the NJ Transit elderly and person with Disabilities Capital Assistant Program for a grant for a new senior bus. This is an eighteen month process which we will hopefully have an answer within a few months if we are accepted into this statewide grant submission. If we are accepted and we do get approved for this we would receive and be eligible for 80% of the cost of the extended mini bus which we have now and NJ Transit would actually pick up the additional 20% cost. The technology side of things, as of this morning we have to date 43 payments submitted on line. Fifteen (15) tax payments on line so far and twenty-eight (28) water payments on line if you haven't paid yet you can pay up until 11:59PM tonight.

Councilman Hauser reported that Janet from the Library wanted me to pass along information. For the last two weeks the Library has been open for 106 hours the service was provided by four full-time employees and six part-time and some high school students. The Council is invited to Local Government through our eyes program which is at the Library on May 24th at 6PM. It's an installation by Grover Cleveland Middle School students and a combination of discussions and research about what local government means to them followed by a performance by Conley String Quartet and the students will explain their art work and how it expresses the government in our town. On Monday, May 16th the Senior Center will be having a 5K walk for the first time. There is still time to sign up. There are t-shirts, visors distributed as well as a barbeque to follow. The cost is \$5.00. Caldwell Flowerland will be donating a large arch of flowers. There was a day trip to Mount Airy Lodge which was very successful. On September 26 – 30th there is a four day bus trip to Niagara Falls.

Councilman Murray thanked the Council for approving the purchases for the Fire Department. Executive Session will be with our Labor Attorney about the PBA Contract negotiations. We did have a third sit down meeting last week which we will discuss in Executive. We will be discussing on Thursday with the Police Chief the overtime for the road jobs. It is very important that we identify and make sure the line items are correct in there so we don't go above and beyond. I just came from a Board of Health meeting and everyone was handed out a suggestion of the new fees to go into the new fee ordinance. I will need to get a copy of PUPPA form. There is a fee that's on the books for vendors that come in for a one day event i.e. street fair things like that. Typically it has been waved in the past for a non-profit if it is individual vendors we want to see how it factors

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in. The Rent Board has several questions on things that have been put in a new ordinance. Mr. Milani will be attending the next Rent Board Meeting to answer any questions they have.

Mayor Dassing reported on the meeting she had with Gabe DiMasi, Recreation Director, and Mr. Iannelli who is the designer of the field, Mario Bifalco, DPW Director and Glenn Beckmeyer, Town Engineer in regards to the balls that are going over to the parking lots. I reached out to the man who built the field; he has not called me back yet. We have put in two additional poles to extend the netting and that would be another 60' that would go down to the first base line and it will go pretty far. Secondly along the wall that exists between the parking lot and the field one side of the wall at 48 Roseland is actually our property we own about 10' were the cars are currently parking. We are going to hug the wall with some telephone poles probably 30' or so in the air and off the poles there will be extensions that will go out over the cars. We are also going to raise the height of the fence. Caldwell College uses their cage when they are practicing batting and it catches everything. We are just waiting for pricing on the telephone poles scenario. While we were there I met the coach for Caldwell College and they are 10 and 5 in our field and they are thrilled. The Mayor wanted the Council to know that she was in the process of exploring, moving the welfare component over to the County. The County has a welfare consultant at 900 Bloomfield Avenue in Verona every Monday from 9am – 2pm. It is a much fuller service. They offer a Mobil unit to go town to town.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that the DPW has started striping on Hatfield. They have finished all the lighting upgrades at the Community Center. We had gotten a Lime Energy Grant which was \$50,000 worth of free energy upgrades. They did the pool area, the gym; they also replaced the lighting in the DPW garage. The last meeting we approved the e-ticketing and I have spoken to them today and we have just finalized the contract and there was some good news that they actually reduced the ticket price by 15%. We signed a one year contract and instead of paying \$2.21 per ticket it's a \$1.87.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Tammy Wysocki, 15 Cedars Road, **Caroline Mescia**, 6 Bowers Road they presented a study, review, and request paying on the specific streets and specific area of each street. They are concerned with Cedars Road, Knollwood Terrace, Gladding and Oak Ridge Road.

Mayor Dassing responded that she was out on Gladding Road two weeks ago with our Engineer and DPW Director. Our Engineer is in the process of putting specs together to go out and bid for re-milling, re-paving and re-curbng of Gladding Road. Cedars Road and Knollwood Terrace each have a 4" water mains and ultimately you want an 8" water mains on those streets. What we are thinking of doing is redoing of the water mains along with re-paving. The big picture is that we would like a 3-5 year road plan in all of Caldwell. As for Gladding Road we would like to have done this year if we can. Discussions Ensued.

Bob Christensen, 3 Ravine Road he spoke about the speeding to the Chief on Ravine Avenue and he said he would take a look at it. A police officer showed up and they have done some stopping and it has helped a lot. The Chief did an excellent job and the Police Department is great. He asked the question about the Traffic Committee. Mayor Dassing responded that I will be writing a press release asking for volunteers from different sections of Town. Councilman Murray responded that what we are trying to do is there are seven districts in our Town, so we are trying to get two people from every district. This way those people would be the voice of their neighbors. He spoke about Brookside along the park also needs to be looked at.

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On a motion made by Councilman Piazza, and seconded by Councilman Murray, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:23P.M.

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 The Bridge Property, Litigation Gleason vs. Caldwell, Police Contract with Mr. Thibault and Faloni Litigation.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hauser, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:22P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Murray, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 P.M.

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

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