

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – May 11, 2010**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:07 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Dassing, Slattery, Norton and Lawshe

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera, Esq.

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2010. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2010. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2010. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Presentations: Environmental Commission Award Ceremony

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Receiving of Bids: Parkway East and Parkway West Road Improvements

Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2010 and March 30, 2010

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Dassing. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 05/11/10.

Open Public Comment on Resolutions:

5-101 Authorizing Appointment of Lisa O'Neill as the Acting Borough Clerk for sixty days from May 11, 2010 until July 12, 2010 and until her successor is appointed and qualified with a stipend of \$2,000.00 per month

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10

5-102 Authorizing the issuing of a Special Liquor Permit to the Rotary/Kiwanis Caldwell Street Fair, Inc. for an event to be held at Municipal Parking Lot, Hanford Place, Caldwell, NJ on October 3, 2010 from 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10

5-103 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the issuance of checks for the period through May 12, 2010 for 2009 Bills in the total amount of \$17,690.10

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Dassing. Discussion Ensued. On roll call Councilman Murray and Hauser abstained. Councilman Dassing, Slattery, Norton, and Lawshe voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10

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- 5-104 Authoring Payment of Bills and the issuance of checks for the period through May 12, 2010 for 2010 Bills in the total amount of \$1,589,811.27
Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-105 Authorizing Adoption of Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Year 2010
Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-106 Authorizing Adoption of Temporary Budget for Debt Service for the Year 2010
Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Murray. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-107 Authorizing the Submission of the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Application for the year 2009 – Reprogramming
Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Dassing. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-108 Authorizing Appointment of Robert Paterson as the Director of the Caldwell Community Center from May 12, 2010 Until December 31, 2010 and until his successor is appointed and qualified with an annual salary of \$69,020.00
Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-109 Authorizing the Sale of a Municipal Owned Fire Truck to the Internet Site will be on Govdeals.com
Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10
- 5-110 Authorizing the Employment Agreement between the Borough of Caldwell and the Administrator of the Borough of Caldwell
Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 05/11/10

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OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Lawshe asks the question to Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera if information from our previous auditor was obtained. Greg Mascera responds that a letter was written to Mr. Ezyzske to please cooperate with the new auditors. I had asked for information to be submitted within ten days. The letter was sent to his place of Business. Councilman Slattery asked if he is working because he had some health issues. Councilman Hauser asked the question if anyone from the firm was sent a copy. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Murray gave an update on the Lane Avenue project. The County has changed there scheduling plan. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Murray had some questions about the Oval. He was unaware of the Agenda for Thursday's night Meeting. There are a lot of unanswered questions. Various Discussions Ensued.

Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera gave an update that he received drafts of a lease agreement from Mr. Lott and a draft of the Recreation services for shared services. There are questions in regards of cost and I have not been able to find any agreement for the dollars that Caldwell is paying to West Caldwell. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Lawshe responded that he can not make the meeting on Thursday night but his concern is the Parking. When the field is built and the different organizations start playing here, our lot is used for the Community Center, we have a serious issue with Parking and he asked Council to address that. Various Discussions Ensued.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Murray gave an update on the Technology Committee looking into the telephone system and the computer systems. Councilman Murray reported that he had a conversation with Councilman Tom O'Hern from West Caldwell about setting up a meeting for potential ideas with shared services.

Councilman Hauser reported about the Camp Wyonokie outing set for May 22nd. There will be Hot dogs and Hamburgers, arts and crafts and a fishing derby.

Councilman Dassing gave an update on Shared services with Mayor Gartland. There was discussion on the Joint Dispatch contract. Councilman Dassing welcomes Rob Paterson as the Caldwell Community Center Director. Mayor Gartland responded that there is an Open House on Sunday for Member Appreciation Day. Councilman Dassing reported that Saturday is Art on the Avenue.

Councilman Slattery gave an update on the Board of Education. She will be meeting with the Superintendent and the Board Secretary to get an update on some of the things that they are doing to deal with their financial crisis. Councilman Slattery reported on the Caldwell Live on Monday, May 17th there program will be Changing Relationships with Grown Children. On May 14th is feel Good Friday. There will be a dermatologist discussing about your skin. Councilman Slattery reported that the Environmental Commission, Ann Marchioni, professors from the College and the students planted a garden behind Jack's Foodtown in memory of Connie Stewart. There will be a memorial dedication on May 22nd at 10:00am. The students at Caldwell College had a service day and they shut down classes and went in the Community to clean up. The purpose was to give back to the Community.

Councilman Norton reported that he would like to thank the Volunteers and Committee of the Downtown for a first Presidential weekend with the Hawaiians. They had a fabulous time with the Luau and are looking forward to next year. Councilman Norton reported that Benefactor of the evening was the Grover Cleveland Birthplace and they

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raised approximately \$900 - \$1000 for the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. Councilman Norton thanked Mayor Gartland, Councilman Dassing and Diane Lilli for all there hard work. Councilman Norton reported that the Down Town Committee will be meeting to finalize the Insurance Ordinances and would be presenting it on the May 25th at the Council meeting. There will be new methods of Liability and new policies and procedures put in place. Councilman Norton reported that the 2010 Budget will be introduced on May 25th .

Councilman Lawshe reported that the Police Committee will be meeting this Thursday with the Police Chief, Mario, DPW and Tony Grecni for Fire to discuss the Budget. We are hoping to meet with Bob Hodge from the Rotary and Kiwanis to discuss the Street Fair.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Gartland gave an update on the conclusion of the Big Read which was on Longfellow. There will be a final camp out in the Longfellow's home in Massachusetts. Mayor Gartland congratulates Karen Lembo and the Library staff and all those who participated in the Big Read.

REPORT OF AMINISTRATOR/CLERK:

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported that a 2006 Local Aid Grant Award Letter was sent from Dan Salvante, Recreation Director with County, \$150,000.00 award for 2006 was going to expire. Mr. Mascera followed up with a letter and Mr. Salvante has given the Borough an extension for the money that is appropriate towards the Oval project.

NEW BUSINESS: Draft Ordinance Amending Chapter 182 Governing Registration and Inspection of Apartment Units

Greg Mascera, Borough Attorney reported that Councilman Lawshe and Mr. Milani had requested that an Ordinance be put together. The Ordinance was drafted and everyone should have a copy to review. There will be a two week period for Council to take a look at this Ordinance.

Councilman Lawshe responded that he had spoken about having a compliance officer. Mr. Milani and myself have spoken to someone already and we would like for the Personnel Committee to meet with him. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Dassing reported that she would like to congratulate Tom Bates for fifty (50) years of service as a Fireman. Councilman Dassing also thanked the Fire Department for a lovely Dinner Dance that she attended. Mayor Gartland responded that she would like to thank the Fire Department for a nice honor to her for many years of Service.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING:

Anthony Abbaleo, County Liaison, welcoming the new Administrator and the new CFO.

Mrs. Bezerra, 37 Personette Street, her concern is the safety issue on the corner of Bloomfield and Provost Square. There are people driving who are talking on their cell phones and six to eight cars go through the red light. The average driver is going 40 – 45mph. Mayor Gartland responded that the area around there is being redesigned and there will be new signalization in those places. There will be a count down at each of those crosswalks. Councilman Norton responded that if you push the button it adds eight seconds for you to cross that Street. Councilman Lawshe responded that on Thursday he would be speaking about it at the Police Committee meeting.

