

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – May 20, 2014**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:04PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Councilman Kelley, Durkin, Rodgers and Capozzoli

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

ABSENT: Council President Hauser and Councilman O'Donnell

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2014. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 6, 2014

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Durkin. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 05/20/14.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE# 1293-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SECTION TITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER"

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 05/20/14.

ORDINANCE# 1294-14: CALENDAR YEAR 2014 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 45.14)

Moved by Councilman Durkin, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 05/20/14.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

5-119: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RALPH FERRARO AS A SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$16.00 PER HOUR

5-120: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 13-00015 BLOCK 49, LOT 8

5-121: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 11-00007 BLOCK 17, LOT 9

5-122: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 20, 2014 FOR 2013/2014 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,771,945.24

5-123: RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA – SUMMER SWIM TEAM 2014

5-124: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CREW ENGINEERS, INC. FOR DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES FOR THE ERWIN PLACE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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5-125: RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL BALANCES

5-126: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE AN EMERGENCY WATER SERVICE REPAIR FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$5,693.00

5-127: RESOLUTION JOINING WITH THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES IN CALLING ON ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING NEW JERSEY AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO WORK IN CONCERT TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW JERSEY MILITARY FACILITIES

5-128: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO BE FUNDED WITH THE BOROUGH'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 05/20/14.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget – Borough of Caldwell

Paul Carelli reported that the budget that we are introducing represents a tax levy increase of \$61,626.00 which is a 0.9% tax levy increase which equates to the average home in Caldwell is a \$28.00 increase.

Mayor Dassing thanked Mr. Carelli and Chris Battaglia and everyone who worked hard to get us to where we are today.

Moved by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, Councilman Kelley, Rodgers, Durkin and Capozzoli voted in the affirmative. Council President Hauser and Councilman O'Donnell were absent. Budget Introduced 5/20/14.

Councilman Durkin reported that Caldwell College had their last graduation as Caldwell College it will now be called Caldwell University and he can proudly say that he graduated with his MBA on May 18th. The Police Department was there and they did a fantastic job managing over 2000 people and the Fire Department was there as well.

Mayor Dassing wished her Mom a Happy Birthday. The Mayor reported that she received a letter from the State of New Jersey; New Jersey Department of Transportation has awarded from their Municipal Aid program to Caldwell a sum of \$237,000 for Academy Road and Elizabeth Street this is a grant that we worked on and applied for last year.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that our Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 5th. He thanked the Council for introducing the Municipal Budget.

We are putting the finishing touches on the performance reviews. We are working on finalizing the scoring.

He received preliminary numbers for the Brookside Avenue triangle for the re-design. Our Engineer said we are looking at about \$30,000 Engineering design fee and a project that will run somewhere between \$175,000 to \$200,000 which requires catch basin work, catch basin drainage and curbing.

He met with the West Caldwell Administrator to talk about the netting proposal at the Oval and we did get a proposal for the Engineering design and project management and we thought that was a little too high. We are working on that to have another quote hopefully by next meeting.

Part of what was done in introducing the Budget Resolution 5-125 we cancelled some capital balances this is the first step in finally cleaning up our old capital ordinances. He gave Council an ordinance that outlines the Capital projects that were given to the Council a month ago and it's put into ordinance form our Bond Council. For timing reasons, if the Council will be willing to introduce that it would help us because now that we have cancelled the balances we essentially don't have capital right now.

ORDINANCE #1295-14: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,539,900 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,149,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Moved by Councilman Durkin, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 05/20/14.

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Paul also reported that he has been approached about having summer hours. This would mean extending the hours by a ½ hour Monday – Thursday. The hours would be 8:30-5:00 and Friday is 8:30-1:00, starting Memorial Day to Labor Day. Council was in favor.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON:

James Jorgensen reported that it was the County Executive’s birthday on Saturday. He has done an incredible job with the Turtle Back Zoo. This was a zoo that was going to be shut down. The end result is spectacular.

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNTY OF ESSEX – Order to Implement a Municipal Wide Revaluation

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open meeting to the Public.

Moved by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to go into Executive Session.

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. The Executive Session will be discussion of the Gleason Litigation.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 7:58PM

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Kelley unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58P.M.

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

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