

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – May 21, 2019**

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The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order at Caldwell University at 7:16PM.

Mayor Kelley welcomed Senator John McKeon.

PRESENT: Mayor Kelley, Council President Rodgers, Councilman O'Donnell, Capozzoli, Lace and Cole

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill, Borough Administrator, Thomas Banker & Borough Attorney, Vincent Nuzzi

ABSENT: Councilwoman Schmidt

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2019. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
May 14, 2019**

Moved by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Lace. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 05/21/19.

PRESENTATION

1. Land Conservancy / Open Space Plan
Ann Marchioni & Barbara Davis, Land Conservancy spoke about the Open Space Plan.

2. Environmental Commission / Sustainable Jersey Grant Check
Mayor & Council, Environmental Commission and Senator McKeon took a picture with the check from Sustainable Jersey.

Mayor Kelley read and presented a proclamation to Mario Carlino, owner of Divina Ristorante.

Sergeant Pellegrino & Maria Burak teamed up to get a Healthy Community Grant along with the help of Councilwoman Schmidt. They received the silver award grant.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING - ANY TOPIC

Max Time: 3min per speaker

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on ANY issues, whether or not on the agenda

Mr. John Gonnella, 287 Bloomfield Avenue discussed the parking in the Cook's Lane Parking Lot. American Legion has reserved six more parking spots.

Justine Green, 277 Bloomfield Avenue, had questions about the parking in Cook's Lane and she wanted to know how long it would take for a survey to be done.

Barbara Veffer, 9 Hawthorne Road, has concerns about the pool behind her house on the University's property.

Mr. Veffer, 9 Hawthorne Road

Phil Almeida, 74 Forest Avenue, discussed his property on Forest and wanted an update on the contractor.

Emily from Mom's Demand Action thanked the Mayor & Council for the resolution declaring June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Month. On Friday June 7th she requested that everyone wear Orange.

Mr. Ted L'Estrange, on behalf of Falun Gong practitioners in the Hudson Valley, spoke about ending the violent persecution and state-sanctioned killing of Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience in China for their organs.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council President Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Cole to open meeting to the Public.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

5-151: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION* OF MAY 20 – JUNE 2, 2019

5-152: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 17, 2019 FOR 2019 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,214,398.30

5-153: RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

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5-154: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA BURAK AS REGISTRAR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

5-155: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH MOTT MACDONALD OPERATING SERVICES FOR A four (4) MONTH EXTENSION

Councilman Cole responded that he has been on the Council and the Sewer Board for a 1 ½ years and he has been very disappointed by the other Municipalities and their lack of participation in the meetings that we have had. One or two Municipalities have attended, several have never attended and this is a serious situation and it's in all of our interest doing a good job and if they don't participate it can't be done.

CONSENT

Moved by Council President Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Cole. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 05/21/19.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council Members

Councilman Lace reported that Environmental Commission is still collecting signatures on the ban the bag petition. Any resident who is concerned about single use plastic is encouraged to sign the petition. The Commission would like to invite everyone to the presentation on local Bats which will be on Friday, June 7th at the Center for Spiritual Living at 7PM followed by a Bat Hike in Grover Cleveland Park.

Councilman Capozzoli reported that City Green Farm will be on the Green selling fresh fruits and vegetables starting June 7th and will continue every Thursday until November from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Caldwell residents are invited to Camp Wyanokie 100 Year celebration on June 15th. There will be a fishing derby with registration at 9:00AM along with family friendly hikes, pony rides, petting zoo and a DJ. The tickets are \$5.00 per person which includes coffee, munchkins, hamburgers, hot dogs, water and soft drinks.

Councilman Cole reported that Sgt. Pellegrino was at Lincoln School for the Bike Rodeo and there was coverage on News 12 and he would like to commend him for his work.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Thomas Banker reported:

- *He hopes to have at least a recommendation regarding the Parking Deck by the next meeting.*
- *Budget discussions to be held in executive session because there are personnel and contract implications.*
- *There are a number of capital projects that are ongoing. We have a water project and sewer projects that are still going.*
- *Flower baskets are hung.*
- *He met with West Caldwell regarding the shared service discussions and he is trying to get a firm date on the report from the State.*
- *We have not be able to nail down the source of our water leaks we thought we made some progress but we keep springing water leaks in this building.*
- *An evaluation has been done on the Generator and a replacement governor is on order. If the governor is replaced on the generator we will be able to get rid of the lease.*
- *A Roof consultant is evaluating all the roofs.*
- *Community Center is preparing a list of interior improvements for their shut down in September.*
- *He received the initial outline of the area in need of rehabilitation study and the initial recommendations regarding the COAH plan and we are hopeful to submit in June to the court.*
- *We are examining the cost of netting that would require the property owners to agree to using their buildings as the anchor point.*

On a motion made by Council President Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Lace unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 9:00P.M.

Mayor Kelley 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 Budget with Contract implications and Personnel matters.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Cole, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:33PM.

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There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Lace, seconded by Councilman Cole unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33PM.

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

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