

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – June 9, 2016**

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The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dassing, Council President Capozzoli, Councilman O'Donnell, Brown, Cascarano and Rodgers

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

**ABSENT:** Councilman Hauser

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2016. 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 17, 2016**

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Council President Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Councilman Rodgers abstained. Councilman Hauser absent. Minutes approved 06/09/16.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Proclamation presented to Chief James Bongiorno/Declaring May 2016 Mental Health Awareness Month

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE# 1321-16:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 – ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Introduced Ordinance 06/09/16.

**ORDINANCE #1322-16:** AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALERIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2016

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Introduced Ordinance 06/09/16.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**6-126:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR CANVASSER/SOLICIT OR IN A ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – Renewal by Anderson

**6-127:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #15-00011, Block 58.10 Lot 25

**6-128:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #14-00011, Block 39, Lot 36

**6-129:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017. APPLICATIONS AND APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

**6-130:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 9, 2016 FOR 2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$934,736.86

**CONSENT**

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Hauser absent. Resolutions approved 06/09/16.

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Chris Battaglia, CFO discussed the general capital balances with the Council.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Borough Council Members*

**Council President Capozzoli** thanked Mark Guiliano and West Caldwell's Fire Official John Medina. He had the honor of being invited to the fire presentation to the two gentlemen that were burned in the 2000 Seton Hall Dorm Fire.

Chief Bongiorno responded that this Saturday at Caldwell University they did training exercise that the OEM coordinated with the Police Department, Fire Department and West Essex First Aid Squad as well as Essex County. Mark Guiliano did an excellent job coordinating that and as well as the University.

**Councilman Cascarano** reported that on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Caldwell Health Department will be having a Wellness Day from 10AM-1PM. The Caldwell Police Department portable Drug Collection will be on hand to bring your prescriptions. The Camp Wyanokie outing will be on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> registration is on the website campwyankie.com. There will be a Barbeque, fishing derby and more fun things to do.

**Councilman Brown** congratulated the Environmental Commission and Ann Marchioni for all their hard work. They have received the Anjec Open Space Stewardship funding grant in the amount of \$1500.00 which will go towards the Personette Street Polinary Garden. He attended a Recreation Committee meeting and discussion was on the RFP that will get some consulting assistance for advertising at the Oval.

**REPORT OF MAYOR:**

**Mayor Dassing** thanked Jane Kinkle and Phyllis Kent for their leadership role in creating the garden's that are on the side and back of the Library. On Saturday in addition to the Health Fair there will be Caldwell History Day which begins at 10AM at the Library. The Historic Commission is doing this Old House presentation and they will have information on many of the houses in Caldwell. Marie LanFrank who is the Board of Education Member has asked her to remind the community that the Board of Ed is looking for community input regarding programs, services, facilities, etc. There is a survey that you can complete on line at [cwcboe.org](http://cwcboe.org) the communities input is needed in addition to the parents. Mayor Dassing updated the Council on where they are in regards to the Pine Brook. She met with the Chief of Staff of Senator McKeon's office and they discussed all the steps that the Borough has gone through and she was able to put together some files. In 2006 the Borough wrote to Congressman Frelinghuysen and in 2007 the Army Corps of Engineers and they created a trip report and they surveyed the brook and informed us what is wrong and right with it. Since then they have been meeting as a Brook Study Committee trying to figure out if there was a remedy for the erosion that was going on which is back behind the apartment buildings. This evening the Mayor met with the new president of the Apartments this evening and there are 108 units and he lives in unit 59 which backs into the brook. They have written to 25 different entities with letters of inquiry looking for grant money. Glenn Beckmeyer has gotten the surveys and information from Mr. Flint who had his bank shored up professionally and we are trying to put a number on the brook that is most effected. They have reached out to four different entities with grant applications to the Department of Environmental Protection which is called a partnership proposal request. A grant was submitted to the State of New Jersey Hazard Mitigation and FEMA . There were letters of inquiry sent to private foundations which total seven that they have identified and they might be interested.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:**

**Greg Mascera** reported that on Tuesday morning he was at the Essex County Tax Board working with George Librizzi on the 2016 tax appeals and there were only two and both were withdrawn. Credit goes to George; he stays on top of every assessment within the Borough and makes adjustments when necessary. Also, approximately 40 – 45% of the properties in town have already been evaluated by the field workers who are working on the re-val for next year. Greg has filed the COAH litigation on behalf of the Borough it will be a while before we hear anything back. This is a proactive step taking by the Borough to try and get ahead of any builders remedy lawsuits.

**REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:**

**James Bongiorno** reported that they will have their portable prescription at the Wellness Day and we do encourage everyone to bring any expired or unused prescription medications. There will be

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bicycle safety there and Maria Burak will be raffling bicycle helmets. The Police Department has completed the “click it or ticket” campaign and there were only fifteen tickets given out this year.

**REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON:**

**Patricia Keenan** reported that seniors are invited to the Farmers’ Market at Essex County Verona Park on Tuesdays from July 5 – September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 2PM. It’s a great opportunity to buy fruits and vegetables and transportation is provided. The Essex County Summer Music Festival which is held throughout all the County parks. On Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grover Cleveland Park Jersey Sound will be performing.

Mayor Dassing asked if Patricia could ask the County when they would be paving the southbound Lane of Roseland Avenue.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Capozzoli to open meeting to the Public.

On a motion made by Councilman Cascarano and seconded by Council President Capozzoli, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 7:44P.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. The Executive Session is about property contract.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman , seconded by Councilman unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa O’Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

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