

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – June 18, 2013**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at **7:01PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Richard Hauser, Councilman Coyle, O'Donnell, Rodgers and Durkin

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

ABSENT:

ABSENT ROLL CALL: Councilman Kelley

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2013. 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 21, 2013
June 6, 2013**

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Hauser, Coyle, O'Donnell, Rodgers and Durkin voted in the affirmative. Councilman Kelley was absent at Roll Call. Minutes approved 06/18/13.

PRESENTATION:

1. Lieutenant Marc Driggs / Proclamation
2. Gladys Rambaosa and Family / Singing

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser to Open Public Comments on Resolutions.

Councilman O'Donnell asked Nicole Grasso, Boswell Engineering, with her experience how long would it take for this project to be completed. Nicole responded that with her past experience with contractors the curbing no longer than a month and the milling and paving no longer than a week. She said two months total as the maximum time.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

6-158: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED 2013 TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 72, P.L. 1994

6-159: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR BROOKSIDE AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, NJDOT TRUST FUNDS OF \$265,000 TO GRANADA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, 147 THOMAS STREET, NEWARK, N.J. 07114 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$254,358.50

6-160: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JUNE 18, 2013 FOR 2012/2013 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,705,199.51

6-161: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

6-162: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUNDS

6-163: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBER

6-164: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF TAX PAYMENT FROM ONE TAX ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER

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- 6-165: AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2013 TAXES FOR BLOCK 68 LOT 2.07, FOR 20 KNOLLWOOD TERRACE, CALDWELL, NJ
- 6-166: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Caldwell Merchant Association, On Premise / 50/50 Raffle – July 4, 2013 – 12:00PM – 4:30PM
- 6-167: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FORD MOTOR CREDIT FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS AND AN ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,900.
- 6-168: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014. APPLICATIONS AND APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
- 6-169: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Block 24.01, Lot 45, Richard Angerer, 22 Park Terrace, West Caldwell, NJ 07006
- 6-170: RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 5-142 APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Block 21.01, Lot 8.03, Green Brook Country Club 100 W. Green Brook Road, North Caldwell, NJ
- 6-171: AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ROBERT J. ADAMS, 6 BIRCH ROAD, LITTLE FALLS, N.J. 07424 AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013 WITH AN ANNUAL BASE SALARY OF \$35,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT PBA CONTRACT

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, Councilman Hauser, Coyle, O'Donnell, Rodgers and Durkin voted in the affirmative. Councilman Kelley was absent at Roll Call. Resolution approved 06/18/13.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Rodgers to Open the Public Hearing of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

Doug Piazza, Erwin Place, he is here on behalf of the Open Space Committee as the Chair and a representative of the Environmental Commission in regarding the Budget as we know that it is under acceptable practice that some of the money that is being raised through the Open Space as part of our taxes. The Open Space Committee and the Environmental Commission object the use of the \$60,000 this year and as well as the money that was used last year to be used to offset debt services towards the Oval. They wanted to express that if there is another way to find funds we would like to see that happen.

Councilman Hauser asked the question as to how much is in the Open Space Fund. Heidi Wohleb responded \$255,477.00. Councilman Hauser asked how much is replenished each year. Heidi responded that the tax for this year is \$101,439.00. In 2012 we opened up with \$238,000 and \$102,000.00 was a levy and the expenditures were \$85,800.00.

Heidi Wohleb, Nisivoecia recommended tabling further action for the Budget.

Motion made by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Hauser to table any further action of the Budget tonight. All in favor.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Durkin reported that the finance committee will not be meeting this Saturday because Councilman Kelley has a conflict.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that the department was disappointed that the Mayor was out of the state for the Promotions. Lieutenant Andrinopoulos and Detective Sergeant Palatucci asked me to acknowledge Councilman Rodgers, Councilman Coyle, Councilman Hauser that they appreciate the fact that we took time out of our schedules to go next door and celebrate with them.

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Councilman Hauser reported that he has spoken to Councilman Hladik from West Caldwell and prior to their Council meeting tonight they have a pool utility meeting and they will be discussing what we talked about at the last meeting pursuing a joint Community Center and pool membership.

Mayor Dassing reported that she has a note from Chief Bongiorno thanking myself and the Council Members and the Administrative staff here for all the support that we have shown Officer Michael Krayanski he lost his Mom in a home fire over the weekend. PSE&G has a brand new thing called Choose New Jersey's Sites.com and it's a data base of commercial buildings and sites available throughout New Jersey. It's accessible by site selectors and other Real Estate decision makers around the world making it a powerful tool for marketing commercial properties and sites in New Jersey. This would be something really good to get out to the Realtors in our Town. The Mayor congratulated the Caldwell Cannon Special Olympics Team and also Rob Paterson and his staff. Rob reported to me that they had 21 swimmers in Trenton for the weekend. There were also 21 volunteers because of the special needs students. They had three relays take Gold and two take Bronze, fourteen (14) individual Gold, twelve (12) Silver and ten (10) Bronze. It was a fabulous weekend and most importantly we gave them an opportunity to be part of a team and realize that this is the first time these kids were away from their homes without a parent and I'm not sure who grows more from this moment our volunteers or our participants. He says that this could not have been done without Jessica and Alyssa the amount of hours that go in to this and they are swimming at the Community Center every Sunday evening since September. The Mayor stated that this is putting the Community in the Community Center. Discussion on cancelling July 2nd Council meeting but after discussion everyone will be there.

Councilman Kelley arrived at 7:34PM

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli, reported that we have been approved for NJ Infrastructure loan so we will proceed with that. The audit has been provided. The canopies are up. By Friday the Generator will be done. He has a meeting on Thursday with Ray Sullivan for a phone system. As of right now seven employees are in the Wellness Program at the Community Center. He passed out to Council where we are with our FEMA dollars. Hurricane Irene we were approved for \$61,000.00 and we get 75% of that and our share was \$45,859.00. That money has been received. The October storm we were approved for \$203,000.00 and we get 75% of that and our share was \$152,000.00. We have learned that five (5) of the projects are paid in full but the biggest one that was approved for \$173,000.00 our share is about \$130,000.00 that was a draw down account so we have to send them all the invoices for that work and that's what didn't happen. **Councilman Hauser** asked if there is a point in time that it will expire. Paul responded that at some point it will but they are still closing out 2007 storm so we still have time. The Hurricane Sandy storm we were approved for \$220,000.00 and our share is \$165,000 we have already received \$76,000 of that money.

Councilman O'Donnell asked the question about the PBA Contract as to whether we are still waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding. Paul responded that nothing has changed other than the salary chart has three (3) extra years. **Greg Mascera** responded that his recommendation would be to do another agreement.

Councilman O'Donnell asked to remove the projects that have been completed on the list. He would like a second quote for the dispatch area.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascara reported that one of the Liquor License approvals with regard to Wine Village he has spoken to Brad Palanucci and have been in touch with ABC there will be charges filed against Wine Village for serving minors. He received a call from Joan Pransky, Rent Board Attorney; I also sent Mr. Kelley a letter. There was a question on the ordinance and it has to do with when a single property owner in town who happens to own a rental property down the shore. I had some thoughts and it needs to be kicked around. It is not an emergency because apparently this has gone on for a few years. **Mayor Dassing** responded that just as an update the person who was on the board has resigned. Greg discussed signs and public property and the Planning Board is working on the sign ordinance and I have drafted something and if we can forward to the sign committee.

Councilman Kelley reported that there is an event this Saturday for a Camp outing at Camp Wyanokke. Brian Provost is being very generous from the Corner Butcher.

