

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – June 24, 2008**

The Council Business/Conference meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers by Mayor Susan Gartland at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge, Slattery and Gates

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Borough Attorney, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on December 27, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2008

Approved by Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge, and Gates.  
Councilman Slattery abstained. Upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery,  
seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted June 24, 2008.

Receiving of Bids: None

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Resolutions:

5-107 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to "Crime in America", 57 Leuning Street, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Gates.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge and Gates voted in the affirmative. Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

6-130 Authorizing Tax Exemption due to permanently and totally disabled veteran status as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, Block 4, Lot 103B, 75 Elm Road, Joseph & Marion McConville

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

6-131 **PULLED**

6-132 Authorizing the employment of William Roberts as a probationary police officer in the Caldwell Police Department effective July 1, 2008 with an annual base salary in the amount of \$43,680.00 in accordance with the current PBA contract

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

Swearing in of William Roberts as a probationary police officer in the Caldwell Police Department by Mayor Susan Gartland.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Ed Barbieri of State Farm Insurance presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Caldwell Downtown Alliance Rotary Plaza Fund Drive.

Joseph Morris, Vice President Business Development/Government Relations of Mountainside Hospital presented the Council with an update on the services offered at Mountainside Hospital.

Matthew Dank of Morris Land Conservancy gave the Council an update on the Open Space Program and answered all questions asked by those present.

- 6-133 Authorizing a professional service agreement with Kenneth P. Delpercio and Associates, P.C., Professional Engineers and Planners for providing professional engineering services to the Borough of Caldwell for the emergency generator replacement study and design for a lump sum fee of \$22,900.00

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley, Edge and Slattery voted in the affirmative. Councilman Gates abstained. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

- 6-134 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed bids for construction of the Caldwell Community Center Pavilion

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Curley, Edge, Slattery, and Gates voted in the affirmative. Councilman Dassing voted in the negative Resolution adopted 6/24/08

- 6-135 Authorizing the issuance of renewal liquor licenses for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Applications and applicants have been approved by appropriate municipal departments

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

- 6-136 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through June 24, 2008 in the total amount of \$947,195.50

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 6/24/08

Mayor Gartland reported that the Rotary Clock project is terrific and we are looking forward to a terrific campaign. Hopefully we will be able to sell out all the miniature clocks and make the money we need to put this project in place.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Welcomed his daughter Jacqueline to the meeting tonight. Councilman Mescia reported that he thinks the Rotary Plaza campaign will be successful. We received our first check tonight and we sold our first bench. Councilman Mescia thanked Mayor Gartland for purchasing the first bench.

Councilman Dassing – Reported that a few merchants and building owners phoned her regarding the CERP meeting to be held on Wednesday night; hopefully we will have good attendance at the meeting. Councilman Dassing reported that Maureen was also kind enough to check with DPW regarding the pot hole campaign. Maureen reported that the DPW were working their way through town. Councilman Dassing questioned Mr. Abaleo from Essex County about grant funding for the Kiwanis Oval.

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Councilman Curley – Reported that Brandan Hogan submitted a letter saying that he will not be taking the position of probationary police officer. Councilman Curley asked Stuart Koenig, Esq. about e-mails sent between council members if they would be violating OPRAH laws. Stuart Koenig, Esq. said the best advice is not to use e-mails between council members to discuss substantive issues.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Grover Cleveland Birthplace July 4<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social. Everyone is welcome to come. Councilman Edge asked the council members if the town should become a member of the Caldwell Merchants Association. Councilman Edge wanted to know if we could change the website and channel 35 regarding the newspaper and mixed paper recycling pick up. Maureen Ruane said that we need to change our ordinance to exclude tying string around the newspapers and mixed paper and also to change the ordinance to reflect that the papers do not have to be separated. Councilman Edge is all for changing the ordinance.

Councilman Slattery – Reported on the Library Board meeting that will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. For the second year in a row the Library has been awarded an \$8,000.00 grant as a participant of The Big Read. The book they have chosen is “The Shawl”. Tonight was the kick off for the summer reading program. Councilman Slattery reported that the schedule for the summer reading program is now on their website. Councilman Slattery thanked the children who came to sing tonight at the Library. Councilman Slattery welcomed Officer Roberts to the Caldwell Police Department and wished him well.

Councilman Gates – Reported that the Police Chief did an excellent job with the process of hiring a new patrolman.

Mayor Gartland – Reported on the Grand Opening at Rockn’ Joe Coffeehouse and Bistro held on Saturday, June 21, 2008. There was a radio station there and it was quite an exciting morning and many of the council members attended. Rockn’ Joe’s is a terrific place. Mayor Gartland reported that the State Legislature adopted a budget last night. Mayor Gartland reported that she spoke with the town attorney this week regarding the new COAH regulations. Mayor Gartland reported that she contacted Senator Codey regarding the concerns of the towns for the new COAH regulations. Stuart Koenig said he will give the council a report on the impact of the COAH regulations on the Borough.

Administrator Report – Asked for council permission to put two resolutions on for the next meeting for NJDOT Grants. The administrator also asked for the Council’s permission to change ordinance #203-6 regarding recycling.

Attorney Report – None

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:43 PM. Anthony Abbaleo, liaison from Essex County, reported that on Saturday, June 21, 2008 there was the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Essex County Open House at the Essex County Turtle Back Zoo. Approximately 8600 people attended.. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:44 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss building acquisition and a matter of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:44 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:44 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date

