

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – JULY 14, 2009

The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Lawshe, Slattery, Dassing and Curley and Brennan

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norton

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 15, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PRESENTATIONS: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 23, 2009

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Slattery the minutes were adopted July 14, 2009.

Administrator Maureen Ruane requested permission from the Council to read a statement into the record. Ms. Ruane addressed Councilman Lawshe's questions regarding the December 31st bill list and check register. Councilman Lawshe did not receive the second bill list that was run. If you add the two lists together they total the check register. Ms. Ruane also addressed Councilman Lawshe's question regarding whether the auditor had been paid in 2009. Ms. Ruane stated that most of the questions that night were focused on 2008 and the bill lists. When she was asked the question by Councilman Lawshe if the auditor had been paid in 2009 she took that to mean had he incurred any services for 2009. Ms. Ruane answered no because the auditor did not incur services for 2009. Ms. Ruane also handed out to the council a list of her accomplishments and responsibilities since 2004. Ms. Ruane also listed the various promotions and hiring of new personnel for the Police and DPW Departments. Ms. Ruane stated that about two weeks ago in an executive session meeting she expressed to the council that the number of jobs that she had assumed had become too much for one, two or even three people and in a moment of exhaustion and under duress she had stated that she should step down from the position as the Borough Administrator. Ms. Ruane stated that this is not who I am, I have never been a quitter. Ms. Ruane stated that she agreed with the council's recommendation to hire a CFO. Ms. Ruane stated she received several applications for this position and that the personnel committee should meet to go over the applications and proceed with the interview process. Ms. Ruane thanked each and every person that has called her in the last few weeks and voiced their unwavering support.

Various discussion ensued with the Council members and the Mayor and Ms. Ruane.

Mayor Gartland excused herself from the meeting at 7:34 to perform a marriage.

Council President Curley opened the meeting to the public at 7:38 P.M. for public comment on resolutions. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard Council President Curley closed the open public comment on resolutions at 7:38 P.M.

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RESOLUTIONS:

7-128 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through July 14, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,723,866.12

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Lawshe. No Discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/14/09.

7-129 Authorizing the issuance of a peddler license for the sale of Good Humor ice Cream beginning July 15, 2009 through September 30, 2009 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Said H. Elsayed, 1082 Main Street, Apartment 1, Paterson, New Jersey 07053. Applicant and application have been approved by the clerk's office and police department

Moved by Councilman Lawshe, seconded by Councilman Brennan. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Dassing, Curley and Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 7/14/09.

7-130 Authorizing award of a contract to Carner Bros. to install the water main extension on Park Terrace North. Cost \$2,400.00/Day for a total of Three Days. Total Cost \$7,200.00 plus materials

Moved by Councilman Lawshe, seconded by Councilman Brennan. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/14/09.

5-99 Authorizing the appointment of Edward Sandve, P.E. as the sewer director/licensed sewer collection operator from July 15, 2009 to December 31, 2009 with an annual pro-rated salary of \$18,000.00

Resolution pulled. Administrator Maureen Ruane explained that Edward Sandve had sent a letter resigning as of August 15, 2009. Various discussion ensued. The Council voted to go out for RFQ, including Hatch MottMacdonald, for the position of sewer director. Councilman Lawshe, Dassing and Curley voted in the affirmative. Councilman Slattery and Councilman Brennan voted in the negative. Permission was granted to go out for RFQ's.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Mayor Gartland returned to the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Councilman Lawshe – Thanked Mayor Gartland and Councilman Slattery for attending the Board of Education Meeting honoring various High School Students. Councilman Lawshe reported that he went to two Board of Educations meetings this year, one was canceled and one was snowed out. Councilman Lawshe reported that he is on the Recreation Committee along with Councilman Dassing and he has never been invited to attend any recreation meetings by Committee Chairman Councilman Slattery. Councilman Lawshe requested that from this point on he and Councilman Dassing would like to be informed of the meeting.

Councilman Slattery – Addressed Councilman Lawshe's request. Councilman Slattery reported that she had been to one recreation meeting, the Memorial Day meeting. Prior to that meeting Councilman Slattery reported that she went to see Gordon Bruchac and requested a schedule of meeting. Mr. Bruchac said there is no schedule we have one when we need it. Councilman Slattery said she received a phone call regarding the Memorial Day meeting. Councilman Slattery said she did not attend the July 4th meeting because she was not notified. Councilman Slattery reported that she will give Mr. Bruchac Councilman Dassing and Councilman Lawshe's contact information. Councilman Slattery reported on the Board of Education meeting honoring the students. Councilman Slattery

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also reported on the June 12th Walkability Study. There will be a written report regarding the study. The walkability is part of grant money that was received by Caldwell in conjunction with the United Jewish Communities Foundation. As of this week there are programs coming to Caldwell for residents that are 60 and older. There are Social Work Services on Mondays. There is also home maintenance and repair. The number to call for this service is 973-674-2415 ext 296. Councilman Slattery congratulated Maria Burak for doing a wonderful job on these services.

Councilman Dassing – Reported on the Fall Happenings at the Caldwell Community Center. There is a basketball league, only teams can register, the deadline for registration is September 7, 2009. They have room for 14 teams and it is determined on a first come first serve basis. The cost is \$750.00 per season, it runs from the end of September through the end of December. The teams will play on either Tuesday or Thursday nights between 7:00 and 10:00 PM. The current leagues semi-finals are tonight and the championship will be next Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. The Cyclones will be having swim team try-outs, they will be held on September 14 and 15th at 4:00 PM. This is for children there are two age categories 10 and under and 11 and up. It is free to try out and if you make the team the fee for 10 and under is \$750.00 and for 11 and up it is \$1400.00. The season lasts from September to March. This is a great program for our youth. Anyone interested can go to the cyclone website, www.caldwellcyclones.com. There are two new interesting classes at the Center, Latin Dance and Real Boxing. They are running now and will continue in the fall. There is also a competitive stroke class for children. The CCC Committee meeting will be on July 28, 2009. Councilman Dassing questioned why she was not invited to the Shared Services Meeting in West Caldwell since she is the Chairman of the Shared Services Committee in Caldwell. Councilman Dassing said she would call Mr. Katz tomorrow to make sure she is on the list for the Shared Services meeting. Mayor Gartland responded that West Caldwell scheduled the meeting and only invited the Mayor and Administrator. Councilman Dassing said that when she attended the first meeting back in January, there was a sign in sheet and they asked for contact information. Councilman Dassing requested that she be notified of all meetings. Councilman Dassing also reported that in regard to Maureen's statement made earlier this evening she had some questions that she would like to ask in Executive Session.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the savings changing the telephone system. Councilman Curley wanted a consensus from the Council to go forward with the new system. Councilman Dassing had questions regarding getting a contract from the phone company. Councilman Curley requested that we get an updated proposal from Broadview and Black Box. The information will be provided to the Council members and the attorney before the next council meeting. Councilman Curley also reported that there will be a technology meeting in the next couple of weeks. Councilman Curley would like to discuss with the committee the possibility of televising the council meeting. Councilman Curley also reported on the Police Committee meeting and the meet and greet with the officers. It has been very positive. The police committee also discussed the dispatch and regionalization. Councilman Curley asked Ann Marchioni of the Environmental Commission to speak about the No Idling Resolution. Ann Marchioni urged the council to approve this resolution. Mayor Gartland requested that Ann Marchioni schedule a meeting with Maureen Ruane to schedule a presentation regarding no idling education.

Councilman Brennan – No report

Mayor Gartland – Thanked Diane Lilli of the Jersey Tomato Press regarding the information she forwarded regarding what West Orange does to promote their Downtown and their Main Street. Mayor Gartland also reported that she asked Peter Mescia of the Caldwell Downtown Alliance to supply a revised budget for our next meeting

Administrator – Ms. Ruane asked Anne Marchioni of the Environmental Commission to discuss the No Idling Resolution

Attorney – Stuart Koenig reported there are a couple of issues to discuss in Executive Session.

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New Business – Councilman Lawshe had questions regarding the turf for the oval.

Councilman Dassing had questions regarding the police overtime and the procedure in which they are paid.

OPEN MEETING: Mayor Gartland opened the meeting to the public at 8:52 PM. Joe Valente Jr. III was in the audience. He is working on getting a badge from the Boy Scouts. Ann Marchioni of the Environmental Commission reported on the Green Fair that will be on Friday, October 24th at Caldwell College. Ann Marchioni also spoke about the change to recycling regarding newspaper. Lisa O'Neill, Administrative Assistant, reported that she has worked with Maureen for 4 ½ years, and is really proud that she has decided not to step down as Administrator. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:56 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Brennan, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of potential litigation. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:56 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Brennan the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:45 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 Brennan, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan
Deputy Clerk

Date