

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – July 18, 2017**

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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 **7:01PM**.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill, Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli & Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2017. 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:  
June 20, 2017**

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 07/18/17.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Caldwell Environmental Commission – Ann Marchioni (Emerald Ash Borer)

Mr. John Linson, Arborist gave a presentation

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**7-159:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SAND FILTERS AT THE CALDWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

**7-160:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #16-00005, Block 22, Lot 17

**7-161:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #16-00022, Block 54, Lot 1.10

**7-162:** AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #14-00005, Block 15, Lot 2

**7-163:** AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2015 & 2016 TAXES FOR BLOCK 54, LOT 16, 11 ROSELAND AVENUE, CALDWELL, NJ 07006

**7-164:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL THROUGH THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

**7-165: TABLED**  
(AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT PERMIT PAYMENT PAYABLE TO MR. JOHN MARCHETTA)

**7-166:** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 AUDIT REPORT

**7-167:** RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 ANNUAL AUDIT

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**7-168:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JULY 18, 2017 FOR 2017/2016 BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,620,129.88

**CONSENT**

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Brown. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. **Resolution 7-165 was tabled.** Resolutions approved 07/18/17.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Borough Council Members*

**Council President Cascarno** reported that tomorrow, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am at the Fire Department upstairs there will be a special presentation by the WEFAS and Hackensack Meridian Health Mountainside Medical Center. This is a lifesaving presentation “Minutes Matter...When should you call for help?” The topics will include Heart Health, Strokes, Sepsis and dehydration. Sponsored by the Caldwell Department of Human Services and the West Essex First Aid Squad Call 973-403-4623 to reserve your place, light refreshments will be offered.

**REPORT OF MAYOR**

*Mayor Dassing*

**Mayor Dassing** reported that there is a second sample of the street signs for Caldwell and the reverend is a little larger and the text is in blue. She would like everyone to agree so we can go ahead with specs and pricing. Mario said he can repaint and spruce up brackets. Mayor and Council agreed to the new sample. The Mayor received an email from Claudine Pascale thanking the Mayor and Council for passing the resolution in support of the New Jersey Library construction bond act and she is happy to announce that it passed both the full assembly and the senate. It will now go to the Governor who will hopefully sign the bill and then it will go to the voters in November as a bond issue and the Library will do it's best to educate the public about the value of this bill to New Jersey Libraries and also to the Caldwell Public Library. There are many improvements that can be made with the financial support of the State. The Planning Board adopted the Master Plan Reexamination Report and she has asked Topology to do a presentation for the Mayor and Council in September. The Mayor thanked Topology and Peter Byrne who took this project under his wing and never stopped.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Paul Carelli** reported:

- Tax bills will be going out next week. We were waiting on information from the school.
- There was some issue with the State aid to the Schools so they had to re-calculate and Caldwell/W. Caldwell received an additional of \$133,000. Chris had asked if they were going to change the A4F that's the tax levy. So Paul reached out to the school and they said they are not going to change the A4F.
- PK Environment should have their report for the Oval next week. This is for the Preliminary Assessment Report.
- The Council authorized him to hire a consultant for the Dectron Unit he needs someone to write the specifications. He received a verbal quote not to exceed \$3,000.
- Greg Seaman found a laboratory that gave a proposal to test the grits and screening.
- We were fined by the Essex Regional Health and Mr. Fitzpatrick our Health officer has been involved. There is a meeting set up for Monday with myself, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Greg Seaman and a representative from the Essex Health.
- Parking Deck had little pieces of concrete breaking off the ceiling and falling in the lower level and that area has been cornered off. Glenn Beckmeyer had a structural engineer take a look at it and he wasn't happy with the cracks on the upper level. The cracks are running in the same direction of the joist. Paul would like if there could be a parking deck committee. After discussion the Mayor and Council would like to see the structural engineers report before any decisions are made.
- Paul discussed the Generator and the fuel that was contaminated.

**Councilman Brown** asked what the schedule was for Washburn, Hanford and Lincoln and Paul responded that the bids were just received and the apparent low bidder was D&L Paving and Greg needs to check it and we can award at the next meeting.

**Councilman Hauser** asked about the cleaning service at the Community Center and Paul responded that the bids were rejected. Discussions Ensued.

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**REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LAISON:**

**Patricia Keenan** reported that the County would like to invite everyone to enjoy blockbuster movies under the stars on the rooftop of our Turtle Back Zoo parking deck. There are free movies every Wednesday in July and August as well as taking advantage of the extended Zoo hours until 8:30PM.

**Councilman Hauser** responded that the First Presbyterian church will be expanding their parking situation and doing something with the Green area. He has given the Planner names of people who he can contact in the Borough and the County and he asked Patricia if she can let Sanjev know this.

**Mayor Dassing** asked Patricia if she can find out what the county is doing in front of the Able glass before Linwood and Bloomfield Avenue it has four (4) Barrels in front of it and also a big plate and it's causing a dangerous situation. Her understanding is that we are having a little bit of trouble with the county as to whose responsibility is to fix that whole.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

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

**Ann Marchioni, Co-chair Environmental Commission** invited the Mayor and Council and residents to Plastics Pollution movie and everyone who attends will receive a chico bag.

On a motion made by Council, seconded by Council unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:16P.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 will be discussion of a Litigation update and Contractual/Litigation Road Improvement project.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Capozzoli, seconded by Councilman Brown unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34PM.

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

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