

**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – August 9, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:02 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Councilman President, Murray, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, Acting Borough Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascara

ABSENT: Councilman Norton and Councilman Hauser

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2011. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 26, 2011

Moved by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Piazza. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 08/09/11.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Bob Colaizzo, 7 Hatfield Street, asked the question of Resolution 8-196 what is the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program. Paul Carelli responded that it is for our Volunteer Fireman to help them with college.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

8-186: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE 10-00012 PAYABLE TO STONEFIELD INVESTMENT FUND 1, LLC

8-187: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS

8-188: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy / Off Premise -- 50/50 Raffle / September 11 - 18, 2011 – Various Hours

8-189: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (4) BLEACHERS FOR THE KIWANIS OVAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,623.76 AS REQUIRED BY THE KIWANIS OVAL IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

8-190: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2011 FOR 2011 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,172,953.87

8-191: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 AUDIT REPORT

8-192: RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE REVIEWED, AT A MINIMUM, THE GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTIONS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 ANNUAL AUDIT

8-193: AUTHORIZING THE 2011 EQUIVALENT CONNECTION CHARGE PER EQUIVALENT CONNECTION, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF EQUIVALENT CONNECTIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE SEWER USER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE SEWER USER MUNICIPALITIES OF WEST CALDWELL, NORTH CALDWELL, ESSEX BELLS, FAIRFIELD AND ROSELAND

8-194: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2011 FOR 2010 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,223.00

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Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Piazza. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Murray, and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Coyle and O'Donnell abstained. Resolutions approved 08/09/11.

8-195: APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR AJACO TOWING INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1201-09

8-196: RESOLUTION FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM (P.L. 1998, c. 145)

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Piazza. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 08/09/11.

Councilman Piazza reported that he had a meeting with Tele Measurements which is one of the companies to install video capture and television systems for Broadcasting.

Council President Murray reported that he had a meeting with the Chief which they discussed Parking meters and e-tickets. 600 tickets were issued in one month. E-ticket allowed us to use for two days a massive license plate meter that can read up to 10,000 license plates. There were 58 tickets identified in a parking lot.

Councilman Coyle reported that the upgrade to the sewer plant is about 87% completed.

Mayor Dassing read a letter from our Governor, "Dear Mayor Dassing, Thank you for your invitation to your upcoming Budget adoption. Although I am unable to attend I want to personally congratulate on you for introducing the fiscally responsible and balanced budget for fiscal year 2012 to the residents of Caldwell. I appreciate all the hard work that must have been involved in keeping your budget level from last year. While New Jersey faces many challenges we have a unique opportunity to be a part of the solution not only have you stood shoulder to shoulder with this administration to enact a meaningful and bold reform, you have also followed through with a budget that falls well under the 2% cap without diminishing any services. I thank you for your tenacious pursuit of responsible budgetary policies and for demonstrating that a more efficient and effective government is possible. Again, congratulations on this accomplishment and best wishes for continuous success. Sincerely, Chris Christie, New Jersey Governor."

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascara reported that the Faloni closing was targeted for Friday but it may not be until mid next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Meter Analysis/Review of Parking Meter Rates

Councilman Murray reported that they met with the Chief and Joe Accardi in regards to Parking Meters. They came up with an analysis of meters working and not working. In storage there are 150 meter heads that they were hoping to use and upgrade but the company said they are obsolete and are unable to be upgraded. Paul Carelli spoke about replacing meters and pricing. Discussions Ensued.

Review of Fee Ordinance regarding Parking Fines

Councilman Murray spoke about the parking lots and how the Borough is paying leases on them. Mayor Dassing spoke about the cost per hour and would like to discuss that at the next meeting along with the digital read tracking system.

Councilman Murray spoke about the fee ordinance. The merchants asked if we could increase parking from 2 hours to 3 hours. The fine we had was \$70 and we realized that it was aggressive and the Public Safety Committee would like to change that to \$45. I would like for the Council to review this at the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee. Discussion was made to change fee for snow removal on sidewalks.

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NEW BUSINES:

West Caldwell 9/11 ceremony on September 8th at 7pm at Crane's Park

Mayor Dassing reported that Mayor Tempesta called her and would like to ask the Council if they would be interested in a joint ceremony on September 8th for 9/11. The reason for the 8th all the families will be in Manhattan on the 11th. The three families from West Caldwell have chosen this date.

Discussion was made on netting at the Oval.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Stanely Kagan, 15 Seymour Street, asked questions about Caldwell College applying for a variance for an easement. Mr. Kagan was given Liz Durkin's name who is the attorney for the Zoning Board and phone number.

Bob Christensen, 3 Ravine Avenue, asked if the timing of the lights on Roseland and Westville can be fixed. He was concerned that he was never notified of the surcharge that was doubled on his water bill. Mayor Dassing responded that an ordinance was discussed at meetings and advertised in the paper with those charges.

Jim Jorgensen, Liaison for Essex County reported that they are tweaking the traffic lights.

Paul Carelli, reported that he has a refund for the Community Center a child signed up and cannot partake in the class.

8-197 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A COMMUNITY CENTER PAYMENT PAYABLE TO MARIANNE LYNN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 08/09/11.

On a motion made by Councilman Murray, and seconded by Councilman Piazza, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:08P.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. Greg Mascera responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of personnel matters including insurance matters, former employees, Maureen Ruane and Beth Bush, and Parking lot leases.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman Murray, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:33P.M.

8-198 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO FACILITATE THE CHANGE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL'S DENTAL INSURANCE PROVIDER SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY CALDWELL POLICE PBA LOCAL 81

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 08/09/11.

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There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Coyle, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34P.M.

Prepared by: Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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