

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – August 12, 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 7:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Curley and Edge

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gates and Councilman Slattery

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.

Receiving of Bids: Improvements to Whitfield Street, Park Avenue and Ryerson Avenue

A.J.M. Contractors 71 Liberty Street Passaic, New Jersey	\$432,275.50
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Cifelli & Son General Construction Company 4 Coppola Street Nutley, New Jersey	\$428,186.00
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English Paving Company, Inc. P.O. Box 423 Ridgefield, New Jersey	\$390,610.89
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DLS Contracting Inc. 633 Franklin Avenue Nutley, New Jersey	\$403,157.00
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Tilcon New York Inc. 625 Mt. Hope Road Wharton, New Jersey	\$396,352.70
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D&L Paving Contractors, Inc. P.O. Box 507 Nutley, New Jersey	\$386,348.89
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Presentations: Karen J. Alexander, Director Eldercare Service, United Jewish Communities regarding a grant award for senior services

John Scheri, Hatch Mott MacDonald, and Edward Sandve, Sewer Director, Borough of Caldwell, regarding status of upgrades on the sewer plant

Approval of Minutes: July 22, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge the minutes were adopted August 12, 2008

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

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Resolutions:

8-155 Authorizing the extension and execution of the interlocal service agreement for civilian police dispatching services between the Township of West Caldwell and The Borough of Caldwell through December 31, 2010

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-156 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Parents & Friends Association of Mount St. Dominic Academy, Off Premise – Fair Share Raffle, September 21, 2008 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-157 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell College, Off Premise – Book Raffle, August, 20, 2008 1:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-158 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell College, Off Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 27, 2008 – 6:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-159 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, Off Premise – 50/50 Raffle, August 19, 2008 – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Edge.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Dassing, Curley, and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Mescia abstained. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-160 Authorizing the employment of Diana L. Horvath as a Part Time employee in the Construction Department

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-161 Authorizing Payment of Bills and issuance of checks for the period through August 12, 2008 in the total amount of \$1,769,386.16

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-162 Authorizing the Borough of Caldwell to Enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate, 69 Elm Road, Caldwell, New Jersey, Block 4, Lot 1.03

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

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8-163 Authorizing the issuing of a special liquor permit to Kiwanis Club of Caldwell October 5, 2008 11:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-164 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Anthony Peterson, Pro-Max Paving, 322 Brewers Bridge Road, Jackson, New Jersey 08527

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-165 Authorizing the Appointment of Mr. Greg Chontow as Electrical Subcode Official

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Amended Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-166 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise and receive sealed bids for contract 2007-1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

8-167 Authorizing the Borough Administrator to sign an amendment to lease agreement between the Borough of Caldwell and Omnipoint Facilities Network 2, LLC

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/12/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Thanked the Council for approving Resolution #8-162, Authorizing the Borough of Caldwell to enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate, 69 Elm Road, Caldwell, New Jersey, Block 4, Lot 1.03. Councilman Mescia also reported that the Borough received the Certified Market Values for the Faloni property and the Dougherty property from Green Acres. The Faloni property CMV is \$709,500. and the Dougherty property is \$340,000. Green Acres will pay half of the Certified Market Value of the purchase price. The town's obligation for the Faloni property is \$295,500. and the Dougherty property is \$37,500.00. The Open Space Committee will make recommendations for the funding of the property. Councilman Mescia reported that the Open Space Committee has the first draft of the Open Space Brochure. Councilman Mescia handed out copies of the draft brochure to the council. Councilman Mescia reported that the Open Space Committee will have comments on the brochure by August 20, 2008. Councilman Mescia also reported that the Open Space Committee will be putting together a priority list of properties for the September 9, 2008 meeting. Councilman Mescia wanted the Council's approval for Morris Land Conservancy to prepare the application for the Green Acres Funding this year. Councilman Mescia reported that there was an environmental assessment done on the Faloni property and we should have the results back by the end of August.

Councilman Dassing – Reported on the Main Street New Jersey two-day seminar she attended. The seminar was wonderful and enlightening. They do a terrific job. There were thorough presentations on how to make your town safe and how to look at things from a very different perspective. They talked about the darksky.com website regarding how the town's streets are lit for safety.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the fire drill the Fire Department held last Thursday for 507 and 512 Bloomfield Avenue. Councilman Curley thanked Anthony Grenci, Fire Chief,

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Kurt Dombrowski, Police Chief and Brian Rupakus, Assistant Fire Chief for coordinating the fire drill. Councilman Curley also reported on the Technology Committee meeting. The Technology Committee is looking at different ways to build a database on our website for notification of emergencies. The Technology Committee is still pursuing use of credit cards for the Community Center and various services throughout the town.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Technology Committee meeting regarding reverse 911 and e-mailing residents about emergencies. The opportunities are out there and it is great to be part of this exploration. There are much more cost effective ways to provide these services than years ago.

Mayor Gartland – Thanked Councilman Mescia for all his work on the Faloni and Dougherty properties, Caldwell is moving ahead with preserving open space. Mayor Gartland reported on the feasibility study and cost estimate for the Kiwanis oval for the possibility of putting turf on the field.

Administrator Report – CDBG Funding and Green Acres Funding

Attorney Report –

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 9:21 PM. Anthony Abaleo of Essex County reported on tree work to be done on Lane Avenue.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 9:24 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Mescia, and seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel and contract negotiations. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:24 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:59 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

Mayor Gartland asked the Council members if they wished to cancel the second meeting in August due to vacations. The council agreed to cancel the second council meeting in August.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date