

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2007

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 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Slattery, Dassing, Mescia, Curley, Gates, Edge

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 March 22, 2007. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on August 10, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on August 10, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 24, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

Approved by all members present upon a motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates.

Resolutions:

8-171 Authorizing the submission of the 2008 New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund Program application

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-172 Approval of Sewer Connection Application for Construction of a Restaurant at 460 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey (Block 37, Lot 1.03)

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the Sewer Connection Application. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-173 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church On Premise Calendar Raffle, January 15, 2008, February 15, 2008, March 15, 2008, April 15, 2008, May 15, 2008, June 15, 2008, July 15, 2008, August 15, 2008 and September 15, 2008 – 1:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 7/24/07.

8-174 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise – Holiday Raffle, December 12, 2007 – 3:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

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8-175 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise-50/50 Raffle, November 17, 2007 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-176 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise – Chinese Auction, November 17, 2007 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-177 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise – Chinese Auction, November 18, 2007 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-178 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, September 29, 2007 – 6:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-179 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle for Caldwell College On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, November 18, 2007 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-180 Authorizing the Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period Through August 14, 2007

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-181 Authorizing the Appointment of Mr. Robert Smith As Electrical Subcode Official

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

8-182 **PULLED**

8-183 Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of 2006 Taxes Due to a NJ State Tax Appeal on Block 41, L2, 4 Lane Avenue, SSM at 4 Lane Avenue, Caldwell LLC

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

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8-184 Authorizing the Issuance of a Peddler License for the Sale of Good Humor Ice Cream to Said H. Elsayed

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Edge. Discussion ensued regarding authorizing the issuance of a peddler license. On roll call vote Councilman Slattery, Dassing, Curley, Gates, Edge voted in the affirmative. Councilman Mescia voted negative. Resolution adopted 8/14/07.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Slattery – Reported that she attended Camp Caldwell's Super DARE Day organized by Lt. Dombrowski and Brian Rooney. Councilman Slattery said they did a wonderful job. Councilman Slattery thanked the DPW for painting the fire hydrants. Councilman Slattery attended an event at Memorial Park and she rode on an antique fire engine. Councilman Slattery spent a couple of hours talking to the merchants on the Avenue and received a lot of good feedback regarding the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. Councilman Slattery congratulated the mayor on receiving \$300,000 in extraordinary aid. Councilman Slattery reported on a letter the council received regarding Willie Sunlar an Essex County employee in Newark who had fifty years of perfect attendance. Councilman Slattery congratulated Willie Sunlar on behalf of the council.

Councilman Dassing – Thanked Lt. Dombrowski and Mario Bifalco for putting up the signs on Parkway East and West. Councilman Dassing also thanked the Fire Department for the golf outing. The Caldwell Merchants Association will have a sidewalk sale on August 24th and 25th and hopefully that will bring a lot of people into the downtown.

Councilman Mescia – Reported that the Open Space Committee would like to know if they can apply for money this year and contact Morris Land Conservancy to help with the grant. Councilman Mescia reported on the article in the Star Ledger regarding the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. The Caldwell Downtown Alliance had a meeting 3 weeks ago with Caldwell College. The meeting was very positive. On December 3rd there will be a merchant's expo at Caldwell College. Councilman Mescia reported that two new stores are opening on Bloomfield Avenue, Minuteman Press and Smith and company. Councilman Mescia reported on the progress of the Caldwell Downtown Alliance projects. Councilman Mescia reported that Stephanie White will be performing at the Gazebo in West Caldwell on Thursday night at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the Technology Committee met with Al Inga of North Caldwell to discuss his proposal. Councilman Curley reported that the new website and Channel 35 will be launched in October. The Technology Committee is also looking into computer security for the Borough and the Community Center.

Councilman Gates – Asked Lt. Dombrowski if there were restrictions on signs in front of private property to drive slowly. Lt. Dombrowski said we do not have any restrictions.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the proposed leaf collection schedule. Councilman Edge asked that the Budget Committee meet to discuss the budget. Councilman Edge received a phone call from Liz Moore of the Star Ledger regarding the CCC Sales Tax refunds. Councilman Edge reported that the Planning Board passed a resolution for 26 Knollwood Road pursuant to the court order and 6 Washburn was also approved for parking. Councilman Edge discussed the proposed new set back ordinance.

Mayor Gartland – Thanked Councilman Edge for his efforts on the proposed new set back ordinance. Mayor Gartland thanked Senator Codey and Assemblyman McKeon and Hackett for the extraordinary aid Caldwell received. Caldwell was one of five communities in Essex County to receive extraordinary aid. Mayor Gartland also thanked Maureen Ruane and John Ezyse for their work on the budget. Mayor Gartland read a letter from Brian Rooney thanking Lt. Dombrowski for all his efforts for the Camp Caldwell Super DARE Day. Mayor Gartland also thanked Councilman Slattery for attending the Camp Caldwell Super Dare Day. Mayor Gartland reported on the article by Liz Moore in the Star Ledger regarding the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. Mayor Gartland thanked Councilman Dassing and Beth Bush for information regarding the town green. Mayor Gartland also thanked Bill Frint and the

DPW for painting the fire hydrants.

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OPEN MEETING: Mayor Gartland declared the meeting be open to the Public at 8:25 P.M. Doug Paul of 384 Bloomfield Avenue had questions regarding who was responsible for sidewalk repair on Bloomfield Avenue. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard Mayor Gartland closed the meeting to the public at 8:41 P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Dassing, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date