

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 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 24, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on August 24, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

OPEN MEETING: Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:06 P.M. Gordon Lawshe of 15 Elizabeth Street, Tom Bates of 14 Florence Place, Lynore Lawshe of 15 Elizabeth Street, John Esposito of 6 Florence Place, Mrs. Palmiero of 13 Elizabeth Street, Adele Kalinowski of 8 Florence Place, Joanne Siebelist of 13 Florence Place, Steve Sateary of 11 Florence Place and Jane Henley of 21 Elizabeth Street had various discussions regarding the construction at Agudath Israel, Code Enforcement, the Caldwell Police Department and incidents of flooding in basements. Diana Stein of 1 Fells Manor Road discussed traffic on Ryerson Avenue. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor Closed the meeting to the public at 8:17 P.M.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 14, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

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

Resolutions:

8-185 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Prepare Bid Plans and Specifications for Improvements to Arlington Avenue and White Birch Terrace

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/28/07.

8-186 Resolution Concerning Review of Findings and Recommendations of the Local Finance Board Made at a Meeting of Said board on June 13, 2007 in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/28/07.

8-187 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald For Engineering Services for Caldwell Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued regarding the authorization of a professional service agreement with Hatch Mott MacDonald for Engineering Services for the Caldwell Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/28/07.

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8-188 Authorizing the Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period through August 28, 2007 in the total amount of \$2,235,490.10

Moved by Councilman Edge, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/28/07.

8-189 Borough of Caldwell Resolution to Amend the 2007 Budget

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued regarding the Borough of Caldwell Resolution to Amend the 2007 Budget. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 8/28/07.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Slattery – No Report

Councilman Dassing – Thanked Kevin Smyth of the Army Corp of Engineers for their report dated August 14, 2007.

Councilman Mescia – Reported that the Open Space Committee is working with Green Acres to transfer \$450,000 from our site specific project to a planning incentive project. Councilman Mescia also reported on the Caldwell Downtown Alliance meetings and progress, the next meeting for the Caldwell Downtown Alliance is Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Caldwell Community Center.

Councilman Curley – Questioned who maintains the bus stops. Councilman Curley also wished Maureen Ruane a Happy Birthday.

Councilman Gates – Reported on the low morale in the Police Department and asked when the council can vote for a new police chief.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the invitation received for September 4th at the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. Councilman Edge also reported on the Budget. Councilman Edge asked for a recommendation on compliance issues, who is the best party to issue summonses? Councilman Edge also reported on the new TV 35 and the new website and the focus they will have on leaf issues so less call will come into the borough

Mayor Gartland – Wished Maureen Ruane a Happy Birthday. Mayor Gartland reported on the Main Street meeting she attended on August 16, 2007. Mayor Gartland also reported on the Caldwell Merchants sidewalk sale and said she was sorry to see that there was not much participation from the merchants. Mayor Gartland reported on the Caldwell Downtown Alliance meeting that took place last week, Mayor Gartland and Maureen Ruane also met with Larry Rosanio of Villa Meats about a Kiosk. Larry is willing to work with us and do what the town needs to get an information center there. Mayor Gartland attended a Library Board meeting regarding The Big Read. Mayor Gartland announced there will be a Gala on November 3, 2007 at the Hanover Manor and a number of people have offered to assist in preparation of the Gala. Mayor Gartland thanked Liz Moore of the Star Ledger for the August 26, 2007 article regarding Camp Caldwell.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of attorney client privilege. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:38 P.M.

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The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business/Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:18 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 Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 P.M.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date