

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – September 9, 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, Curley, Edge and Slattery

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

ABSENT: Councilman Gates and Councilman Dassing

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: None

Presentations: Greg Holway, General Manager and Craig Hacker, Fixed Operations Director of Bloomfield BMW for the donation of two bicycles for the Caldwell Police Department Bike Patrol

Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2008

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: Community Development Block Grant

Resolutions:

9-168 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church – On Premise – 50/50 Raffle, November 14, 2008, 9:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Edge and Slattery voted in the affirmative, Councilman Curley abstained. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-169 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church – Off-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, November 14, 2008, 10:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-170 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church – On-Premise – Tricky Tray, November 14, 2008, 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

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9-171 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church – Off-Premise – Calendar Raffle, January 15, 2009, February 15, 2009, March 15, 2009, April 15, 2009, May 15, 2009, June 15, 2009, July 15, 2009, August 15, 2009, September 15, 2009, October 15, 2009, November 15, 2009, December 15, 2009 – 1:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.
Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-172 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Vincent Coronel, 20-20 Communications/Verizon Fios, 258 Andrew Place, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
Discussion Ensued. Councilman Slattery explained that her no vote was on principal not against the actual vendor. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley, and Edge in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted negative.
Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-173 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Patrick Young, 20-20 Communications/Verizon Fios, 92 Coolidge Street, Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-174 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Richard Drummand, 20-20 Communications/Verizon Fios, 30 Vanderbeek Place, Hackensack, New Jersey 07607

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-175 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Ruben Lebron, Jr., 20-20 Communications/Verizon Fios, 16 Mina Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-176 Authorizing the issuance of a permit for canvasser/solicitor to Tomasz Garnek, 20-20 Communications/Verizon Fios, 177 Corabelle Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey 07607

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-177 Authorizing the award of a contract for Whitfield Street, Park Avenue and Ryerson Avenue roadway improvements NJDOT Trust Funds of \$250,000.00 and CDBG Funds in the amount of \$85,000.00 and the balance of \$51,348.89 to be paid by General Capital Funds to D&L Contractors, Inc., 185 High Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.
No Discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Mescia, Curley and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Slattery voted in the negative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-178 Authorizing the payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through September 9, 2008 in the total amount of \$3,607,290.06

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

9-179 Resolution to amend the 2008 Budget

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 9/08/08

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Mescia – Reported that Thursday is September 11th. Seven years ago on this day changed the world that we live in and he wanted everyone to keep in their thoughts and prayers those who lost their lives that day. Councilman Mescia reported that the Open Space Committee met last week and worked on the Open Space Brochure. We plan to go to print on the brochure next week so that we can send the brochure out with the tax bills. Councilman Mescia reported that the Sign Committee should have a draft sign ordinance within the next few weeks. The draft ordinance will be sent to the planning and zoning board for their opinion.

Councilman Curley – Reported that the Environmental Green Living Fair is on September 20, 2008 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Caldwell College. Councilman Curley thanked Ann Marchioni for all her hard work she put into organizing the fair. Councilman Curley thanked Chief Dombrowski for organizing the police bike patrol.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Board of Health meeting. They discussed the July water emergency. They were very pleased with the cooperation of the merchants and residents. The Board of Health also discussed raising the dog license fees. Councilman Edge also reported on leaf collection season. Councilman Edge proposed that the council consider changing the recycling ordinance. Councilman Edge also requested that the Caldwell Community Center Committee meet with the Caldwell Downtown Alliance and the Caldwell Merchants Association to discuss the possibility of advertising in the Caldwell Community Center brochures.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that the Library Board will meet on September 25th for their regularly scheduled meeting. The Library website has the new fall schedules for reading programs for patrons that have toddlers and preschoolers. Councilman Slattery reported that she will be attending the 9/11 ceremony at Eagle Rock reservation at 8:00 am Thursday morning.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that she will be attending the ceremony at Eagle Rock reservation on 9/11 and hoped that all residents will remember those lost on 9/11.

Administrator Report – Maureen Ruane reported on the fire truck purchase and the reallocation of funds from prior ordinances. Ordinance will be on for the September 23, 2008 meeting. Ms. Ruane also reported on the 2008 Main Street Budget. Councilman Mescia also reported on the 2008 Main Street Budget. A resolution will be placed on the Agenda for the September 23, 2008 meeting to approve the Borough's contribution.

Attorney Report –

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Mayor Gartland reported that Calandras opened this past Thursday. We are in the process of waiting for the roadway to be worked on so that there will be access to Provost Square for the left hand turn out onto Bloomfield Avenue.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:56 PM. Robert Hunter of Livingston, New Jersey reported that a resident of Caldwell tripped and fell on Smull Avenue due to the sidewalk disrepair and he requested that the Council look into getting the sidewalk repaired. Mr. Abaleo, Essex County Liaison, reported on the 9/11 memorial to be held at Eagle Rock reservation. Mr. Abaleo gave the administrator information regarding the Economic Development Corporation, which helps small businesses. Mr. Abaleo also had information regarding the stimulus package. Forty-five thousand people in Essex County have not filed for their rebate. He will leave information with Maria Burak at the Caldwell Senior Center. Joe Norton, of 57 Arlington Avenue had questions regarding the salary for the part time executive director for the Main Street. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:02 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, and seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel, land acquisition and contract negotiations. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:11 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia the Council Business Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:18 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 9:18 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date