

**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – September 27, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:07 PM

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

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

ABSENT:

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

September 13, 2011

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Coyle. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 09/27/11.

PRESENTATION

Polizia di Stato (Italian State Police) – October Visit to the United States

By: Chief Anthony Greci – Caldwell Fire Department

Mr. William Agnellino – EHIAC

Italian Police will be at Calandra's Village on October 6th at 7:00PM

INTRODUCTON OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE #1240-11 -AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 230 – ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all presented voted in the affirmative. Introduction of Ordinance was approved on 09/27/11.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

9-218: AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A TAX APPEAL PAYABLE TO: MICHAEL AND LISA CURI

9-219: APPROVING A TOW OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR J & M TOWING INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF BOROUGH ORDINANCE 1201-09

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Coyle. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted to pull the Resolution on 09/27/11.

9-220: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD MEMBER – Marcia Fricke

9-221: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBER - Suzanne Pemrick and Frank Galante

9-222: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS – Dawn R. SanFilippo - Member / B.J. Kurus – Alternate 1

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- 9-223:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 FOR 2011 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$439,928.70
- 9-224:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES, WAGES, AND ALLOWANCES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR POSITIONS NOT COVERED UNDER A SEPARATE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011
- 9-225:** APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BROOKSIDE AVENUE
- 9-226:** AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION IN BUDGET OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – CHAPTER 159 – Municipal Alliance
- 9-227:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- 9-228:** AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 09/27/11.

Councilman Norton reported that he would like to have the Council look over paperwork he has handed out to help make information flow much more efficient.

Councilman O'Donnell reported that he had a finance committee meeting that went very well. There is a comfort level that we are going to hit our numbers. He reported on Open Space and thanked Greg Mascara for all his hard work in the Faloni property.

Councilman Piazza spoke about the Local Assistance Board and whether it needs to be changed or modified. Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Piazza announced that it was his Anniversary and he wanted to say Happy Anniversary to his wife in public.

Councilman Hauser thanked all the volunteers that were on the resolutions this evening. It takes a lot of time to serve on these boards. The Library has hired a new director and she will be starting on October 17th. The Library Board would like the Council to stop by for a welcoming evening. The Recreation agreement has gone to the Recreation Advisory Committee on the Caldwell College Agreement.

Paul Carelli spoke about the netting. The recommendation from the engineers at Birdsall felt that the Golf netting was not a good idea. Their solution is going back to stopping the foul balls at the source with netting that covers home plate.

Council President Murray reported that the Rent Board has a couple concerns that have to do with members and his question was what actions and duties does the liaison have. The Fire Department has submitted a grant to purchase thirty-eight sets of fire gear. On October 7th we will be having a public safety meeting. There is flu immunization clinic on Wednesday, October 5th from 1:00 – 2:30pm at the Caldwell Community Center in the conference room. \$25.00 or Medicare cards no Medicare HMO's.

Councilman Coyle reported that the 2011 Leaf collection schedule was agreed to by the committee and will be going to print this week.

Mayor Dassing reported that the first 5K race will be at the Caldwell Community Center on October 29th for runners and walkers of all ages. The Mayor thanked the sponsors that they have so far. The race will benefit Special Olympics; swim Inc. which is at the Community Center for people who have Muscular Dystrophy and Teen night which is typically a free night for teenagers. Lakeland Bank, Hatch Mott MacDonald, PSE&G are sponsors and there are a few others that have expressed interest. The application will be on the website and at the Community

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Center. The senior center is back we have been discussing possibilities with Mr. Pio Costa to let the seniors stay there. There were so many enrichment programs this summer for the seniors.

Councilman Norton announced that Mayor Dassing is being honored by at their annual Project Charity Ball as Women of the Year. It is at the Mayfair Farms at 7:00PM.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Carelli reported that we do have an intern and his name is Perna Panta he is a finance student at Caldwell College. We have him doing some projects and he is doing well. We have posted RFP's for Electric and Audio Visual Equipment.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported that he has two items in private session. There is a Pay to play ordinance to discuss. Letters to landlords which are parking leases correspondence went out to two landlords.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comcast Renewal DRAFT Ordinance review
This ordinance will be introduced in two weeks

Discussion was made on the Faloni property and what the cost would be to clean it up.
Discussion was made about a stairway from the top of the parking deck to the corner of Roseland Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue area.

Councilman Murray made a suggestion that the Council go to their committee's and come up with a list of Capital items that they would like to see done.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTION:

Hilda Moore, 23 Personette Street, spoke about her water bill and did not agree with this bill.

Gail Pruner, 507 Bloomfield Avenue, spoke about her concern with the tenants and visitors with the ball situation at the Kiwanis. It is a major concern for her and she has had a lot of complaints.

Jane Lieber, 48 Roseland Avenue, spoke about the problem with the balls and she feels like there has been no action taken.

Councilman Hauser, responded that the fact that nothing has been done is not true. It has been addressed at every single Council meeting. We talked again tonight about actions that have been taken to review the situation to get engineers that have a professional ability to evaluate the foul ball situation. To continually come up and say nothing has been done is not accurate.

Bob Christensen, spoke about his tax bill and the Library increase that was on his bill. He spoke about the light on Roseland Avenue and he feels that the timing should be fixed.

Jim Jorgensen, Liaison for County of Essex, he addressed the traffic complaints that were forwarded to the Engineer and they are suppose to be getting back here to look at the lights.

On a motion made by Councilman Norton and seconded by Councilman Piazza, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 9:16P.M.

Council President Murray 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, certain leases between property owners and the Borough of Caldwell and Pio Costa property that was formally The Woman's Club. The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion

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by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Murray, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:44P.M.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Piazza, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45P.M.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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