

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – October 3, 2017**

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The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Council President Cascarano, Councilman Hauser, O'Donnell, Capozzoli, Brown and Rodgers

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli & Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2017. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
September 19, 2017**

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capozzoli abstained. Minutes approved 10/03/17.

PRESENTATION

1. "Caldwell's Healthy Heart" Saj Parathath PhD:Cardiovascular Biologist/Consultant Caldwell Resident
Judith Friedland Heart Walk Director American Heart Association,
Liz Mudge:Regional Director, NJ Heart Ball American Heart Association
2. Community Center Parking Deck Update: Glenn Beckmeyer – Borough Engineer

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #1333-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 109, FIRE PREVENTION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY

Moved by Council President Cascarano seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 10/03/17.

ORDINANCE #1334-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A270-1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH, SO AS TO SET THE FEES FOR THE COST OF PERIODIC FIRE CODE STATUS INSPECTIONS

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Adopted 10/03/17.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Council President Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open meeting to the Public.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

10-203:AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 3, 2017 FOR 2017/2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,566,158.78

10-204: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FOR Emil Tabakhov, 32 Condit Court, Roseland, NJ

10-205:RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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10-206:BOROUGH OF CALDWELL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 97
(CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 10/03/17.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that the first meeting with Caldwell University was this evening and they will be holding quarterly meetings. A variety of topics were discussed and it was a very productive meeting. Some of the goals are to create a better communication between the University and the town looking out for partnerships that we can work together on and improve the town. The agreement for the baseball contact will be up in about three years and Dr. Blattner requested that we start to take a look at that because they are very interested in renewing the contract. The Mayor thanked everyone and the next meeting is January 16th at 6PM in Town hall.

The Mayor received a letter today from Congressman Frelinghuysen she has been corresponding with him asking about the parking lot behind the Post Office and behind 14 Park Avenue and she read a letter from Scott Cooper of the United States Post Office. She will pursue this and hopefully the Borough and the Post Office can make an agreement to lease the lots.

Council President Cascarano reported that Maria Burak from the Health Department asked if he could inform everyone that October is going to be the Caldwell Family Health Challenge and he thanked the Health Department for all their efforts in moving this forward. Some of his favorite challenges is Cook and eat together no cells, go for a family walk, bring flowers to a neighbor who is alone and on the 28th of October attend a free Halloween Party at the Community Center. More information is available at the Health Department website. Additionally, the Caldwell Health Department's 2017 Flu Immunization Clinic is on Wednesday, October 18th from 1:00 – 2:00PM no appointment is necessary and Medicare is accepted or \$20 for non-Medicare participants.

Mark Guiliano, Fire Official gave an update on inspections. To date they have done 250 inspections and the program has been really well received with the Community. They fire department appreciates the support that they receive from the Mayor and Council.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported:

- Paul thanked Mark Guiliano for spearheading the security at the Street Fair this year. He took a lot more initiatives; he invited the State Police who did a threat assessment. Homeland security with a bunch of things and there were new tactics that were implemented and provided an additional level of security without people noticing it.
- A special thanks to our Public Works Mario basically volunteers his day making sure things are set up and a lot of the guys are there working overtime which is another cost that we don't pass along and it ends up to be almost \$5,000 in overtime. The guys are out there early setting up barricades, blocking streets, using our equipment, cleaning up and by 9:30 – 10PM they call it a night.

Mayor Dassing responded that there are 19 ways to access Bloomfield Avenue and every way had to be blocked with equipment.

- The State issued their health rates and there will be open enrollment. The local Government did not increase for the second year in a row. The Retiree health rates went down a little bit the monthly premium is down about \$2,000 a little over \$20,000 in savings for the retiree's.
- With the Borough employees we are looking to save about \$60,000 in health care and another \$20,000 for Retiree's and we will offer it to the Police which would give us another \$40,000 if they all did it.
- The update on the generator Mario and Paul will be meeting with the people that are working on the generator. They were here last week and had it started and the output isn't where it is supposed to be. They are coming on Thursday to give us a quote to see what we can do. Right now they are looking at some options to have a smaller generator for the Fire Department and maybe one for Police Department.

Councilman Brown asked if we were progressing with the disposal of the grits and screen and Paul responded that he is waiting for the final from the state and he will follow up with Greg Seaman.

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Councilman Hauser asked about the leaf schedule has gone out and if they can be posted on the website.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Greg Masera reported he has received correspondence back from Omni Point who is the provider for Your Way Construction and they have asked for more information which he has provided to them. He is now waiting to hear back from them.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASION:

Patricia Keenan reported on a friendly reminder of the upcoming County collection Days on October 7th is Household Hazardous Waste Collection. On October 21st Computer & Electronics Collection and on October 28th is Shredding. For additional details and information you can go to the County website.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown to open meeting to the Public.

Hilda Moore, 23 Personette Street spoke about a letter she received from Maria Burak about picking up after your dogs and she feels the whole town should have received this letter. She would like the weeds in the back of the park be removed.

On a motion made by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Brown unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 8:32P.M.

Mayor Dassing 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. The Executive Session will be discussion of Personnel.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Council President Cascarano seconded by Councilman Brown, the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 8:52PM.

Mayor Dassing showed the Council a new version for the street signs and the decision was to keep the signs as they were using the square not the circle.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Cascarano unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

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

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