

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 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 7:02 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Jon Drill, Esq., Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Ann Dassing, Stuart Koenig, Borough Attorney

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 October 5, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on October 5, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

A motion to recess the Council Business/Conference meeting to attend an event at the Caldwell Community Center to honor Assemblyman John McKeon and Coach Ken Trimmer was made by Councilman Mescia and seconded by Councilman Curley.

The meeting was called back to order in the Council Chambers by Mayor Susan Gartland at 7:58 P.M. all those previously in attendance were present.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 7:59 P.M. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had questions regarding the Salary Ordinance. Joseph Norton of 57 Arlington Avenue had questions regarding the budget and Zoning set backs for the residential zone. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had a question on Ordinance #1181-07 and also had questions regarding turns on Washburn Avenue. Robert Christensen of 3 Ravine Avenue had questions regarding speeding on Ravine Avenue and also had questions regarding his tax bill. Joseph Norton of 57 Arlington reported that the 25 MPH signs posted on Hatfield Street were supplied by him and that if anyone else wants the signs they can call him, his phone number is in the book.

Introduction of Ordinances:

Ordinance #1180-07 To fix salaries and compensation of the officers and employees of the Borough of Caldwell for the year 2007

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 10/9/07

Ordinance #1181-07 To amend the Borough Code, Chapter 230, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 230-69 Schedule XV of the Borough Code Entitled, "Parking, Stopping and Standing Prohibited at all times"

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 10/9/07

Ordinance #1182-07 To amend the Borough Code, Chapter 230, Traffic and Vehicles, Section 230-59 Schedule V of the Borough Code Entitled, "Prohibited Turns at Intersections"

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced with revisions 10/9/07

Public Hearings: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 25, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

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

Resolutions:

10-199 State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Enabling Resolution

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-200 Authorizing the submittal of an application to the State of New Jersey to become a partner of Main Street New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Motion to table the resolution was made by Councilman Curley seconded by Councilman Edge. On roll call vote Councilman Slattery, Councilman Mescia voted in the negative, Councilman Curley, Councilman Gates, Councilman Edge voted in the affirmative. Resolution tabled 10/9/07.

10-201 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive sealed proposals for furnishing one (new & unused) New Holland B95 Tractor Loader Backhoe, 95HP) Turbo, or approved equivalent and to schedule the receipt of bids at the October 23, 2007 council meeting

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-202 Authorizing the reappointment of John W. Kelly as Tax Assessor

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-203 Authorizing the payment of bills and issuance of checks for the period through October 9, 2007 in the amount of \$2,115,322.22

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-204 Authorizing the award of a contract for new electronic parking meter mechanisms and related equipment to MacKay Meters Inc., 147 Franklin Street, Paterson, NJ 07501 in the amount of \$36,233.26

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-205 Endorsing the "Green Acres, Farm Land, Blue Acres and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007"

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-206 Authorization to ratify the agreement negotiated between the Borough of Caldwell and West Essex PBA Local No. 81 (Caldwell Unit)

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

10-207 Authorizing Fairview Insurance at its Risk Manager effective October 9, 2007

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 10/9/07

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Street Fair and also reported on the celebration across the street honoring McKeon and Trimmer. Councilman Edge also reported on the RA Zone District Ordinance.

Councilman Gates – Reported that the last couple of days for the DPW Department have been tough and thanked Mario Bifalco for doing a great job. Mr. Gates also reported that the person who purchased the 25 MPH signs on Hatfield should be reimbursed for them.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Street Fair, and commended Mario Bifalco and the Police Department on a great job. Councilman Curley also reported on the Board of Education meeting held last night and said Karen Lembo received a proclamation for “The Big Read” on behalf of the Board of Education. The Technology Committee will be meeting on Thursday, and training on the Website will be tomorrow. Councilman Curley wanted extra Police Officers on Bloomfield Avenue for Halloween. Councilman Curley reported that flu shots will be given out on October 17, 2007 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Caldwell Community Center the cost is \$35.00 or Medicare Care for people 18 or older.

Councilman Mescia – Reported on the Street Fair and on the Library reading of The Age of Innocence on Friday from 9:00 PM to Midnight. Councilman Mescia also reported on the Environmental Commission meeting and the Caldwell Downtown Alliance. The Caldwell Downtown Alliance will be having a town wide meeting on October 24, 2007 the meeting will be held at the Caldwell Community Center at 7:30 PM. Councilman Mescia also reported that the Caldwell Downtown Alliance street directory maps are finished. The directories list the 438 businesses that are in Caldwell.

Councilman Slattery – Thanked the police, fire department and West Essex First Aid Squad for being at the Street Fair. Councilman Slattery also thanked Lt. Dombrowski for his effort on bringing the DARE day to the Street Fair. The new director of the Caldwell Community Center will be starting on December 10, 2007. Councilman Slattery also reported on the PBA Contract. Councilman Slattery said it was a great pleasure to present the proclamation to Coach Trimmer tonight and also to Assemblyman McKeon thanking him for the \$300,000 in extraordinary aid along with Senator Codey.

Mayor Gartland – Thanked all the participants with the proclamations tonight. Thomas Calandra was unable to come for his proclamation for his 90th Birthday, we will deliver it to him. The rededication of the library is on Friday October 12, 2007. We will also have a Mayor’s Gala to support the library. The library will be opening the Gene Collerd Room. Mayor Gartland reported that Celeste Holm has agreed to attend the Mayor’s Gala and she thanked Jackie Beusse for arranging for Miss Holm to attend. Mayor Gartland also thanked Beth Bush Telepan, Maureen Ruane, Anne Marchioni, and Mildred Fitzberg for their help

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with the Mayor's Gala. Anyone interested in coming to the Mayor's Gala on November 3, 2007 should contact Beth Bush Telepan at 973-403-4635. Mayor Gartland reported that the Street Fair was excellent and they estimated 30,000 people came to the Street Fair. The Caldwell Downtown Alliance walking guide was handed out at the Street Fair. Mayor Gartland also thanked all of our professionals and Mario Bifalco and the Police Department for there assistance with the Street Fair.

On a motion made by Councilman Mescia, and seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss 14 Park Avenue, Police promotions and Open Space. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session, Councilman Slattery and Councilman recused themselves for the discussion on 14 Park Avenue at 10:09 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business/Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:35 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 Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date