

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – October 18, 2016**

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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 Capozzoli, Councilman Hauser, O'Donnell, Brown, Cascarano and Rodgers

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

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2016. 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:
October 4, 2016**

Moved by Councilman Brown, seconded by Council President Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Councilman O'Donnell abstained. Minutes approved 10/18/16.

PRESENTATION

1. ANJEC Award / Ann Marchioni, Environmental Commission

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Rodgers to open meeting to the Public.

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

10-183:AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church - Off Premise – Calendar Raffle, January 15, 2017, February 15, March 15, April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15, October 15, November 15, December 15, 2017 – 1:00PM

10-184: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

10-185: AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #15-00012, Block 55 Lot 1.17

10-186: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2016 FOR 2016 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,171,016.75

10-187:RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS TO OFFER AN INCENTIVE UNDER THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

CONSENT:

Moved by Councilman Cascarano, seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 10/18/16.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Councilman Rodgers reported**

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing thanked Paul Carelli, Greg Seaman, Sewer Director and Greg Mascera who worked on the sewer agreements she read them and they looked very good to her and there was one word that she might change. The presentation was very professional and she is happy that we are finally going to address the infiltration hopefully this year. Congratulations to Ann Marchioni and her dedicated team and Kris Brown, Liaison for the Environmental Commission for their Environmental Achievement Award that's a State Award. Within the resolutions this evening there is a fundraiser happening on Thursday evening for homeless animals and animals affected by Domestic Violence and the resolution this evening contains a lot of information about the connection between pets and families and keeping the family unity together. The event is sold out and there are over 200 people

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who will be attending this event. The Borough has declared October 20, 2016 Domestic Violence Pet Awareness Day. The surround towns, West Caldwell, Roseland, Essex Fells and Fairfield will be doing a similar Resolution.

Councilman Hauser asked Paul if in the Budget there is a decrease of \$700,000 from 2009 to 2016 for Government it is certainly under the Government umbrella to reduce costs by \$700,000 over the last 7 years is outstanding. As the Mayor pointed out Greg, Paul and Greg had a lot to do with that and hopefully the partnering towns recognize that as well. Greg Mascera responded that the Mayor and Council drove that and it is always a pleasure to do something that has a positive effect.

Councilman Rodgers reported on Senior Transportation met last week and they would like me to remind our seniors to take advantage of the new bus which is available to take them to Jacks, shop Rite, Stop & Shop and Walgreens every day and on Tuesdays they take special trips to the Malls. You can join them each day by calling Betty between 8:15AM – 8:45AM at 973-5108. This information is on the website and also available on Channel 35.

Councilman Cascarano reported that the Health Department will be having a flu immunization clinic on Wednesday, October 26th from 1PM – 2:30PM at the Caldwell Community Center. Vaccine will be offered to all full-time staff free of charge. Medicare card is accepted for vaccine and non-Medicare participants there will be a cost of \$25.00.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported on the following:

- He handed out to the Mayor and Council the Best Practices Worksheet for discussion.
- The senior bus has left the building and the Borough should be receiving payment on Thursday.
- Paul discussed the lighting and as to whether they would want to borrow the money through them, the Company, or do we go through capital.
- Advertisement for the Garbage and Recycling will be in the Progress next week. The Bid opening will be on December 29th. The idea of extending bulk to once a month was discussed. Also, discussion of brush pickup in the spring and fall.
- He is still working with the Health insurance broker and he is hoping to have a new quote next week.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported on the COAH Litigation and the plaintiff has submitted their response to our brief where we argued that the town is entitled to qualify immunity and he expects to hear from the court to schedule a hearing. In conjunction to that he has spoken to Alan Trembulak and the planning board will be working on affordable housing plan. The Marian Manor change of ownership will be taking effect within the next 30 days.

Mayor Dassing asked if there was an update on the re-val and Greg responded that the last time he spoke to George Librizzi everything was going smoothly and he will check with him again. Every property owner will receive a letter and there will be a time where you can meet with the Assessor and the company that did the re-val.

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON:

Patricia Keenan reported that The Essex County Turtle Back Zoo is having Howloween on October 31st from 4 – 8PM admission is \$5. Bring your own candy bag and dress in your favorite costume.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

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

Ann Marchioni, Environmental Commission she is looking at Sustainable Jersey website and there are points for “backyard composting program” with noncompetitive funding available and also “grass cut it and leave it program” with noncompetitive funding available.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Cascarano unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

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

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