

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – October 21, 2014**

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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: PM

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Kelley

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2014. 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 7, 2014**

Moved by Council President Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. No Discussion. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Councilman O'Donnell abstained. Minutes approved 10/21/14.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGEND

10-209: RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND FOR A SEWER CONNECTION FEE Block 2000, Lot 2, 3, 5, & 6 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL TO THE VILLAS AT WEST CALDWELL, LLC, 517 PASSAIC AVENUE WEST CALDWELL, NJ 07006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,900.00

10-210: DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

10-211: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BROOKSIDE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 10/21/14.

10-212: BOROUGH OF CALDWELL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 97 (CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, Councilman Durkin, Capozzoli, O'Donnell, and Rodgers voted in the affirmative. Council President Hauser voted in the negative. Resolutions approved 10/21/14.

10-213: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LOT LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – Claude Diletto, 103 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ

10-214: 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, 2015, February 15, 2015, March 15, 2015, April 15, 2015, May 15, 2015, June 15, 2015, July 15, 2015, August 15, 2015, September 15, 2015, October 15, 2015, November 15, 2015, December 15, 2015 – 1:00PM

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- 10-215:** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CREW ENGINEERS FOR PROVIDING FIELD SURVEY, DESIGN SERVICES, AND BIDDING SERVICES FOR ELM ROAD, HATFIELD STREET, AND ERWIN PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR A NOT TO EXCEED FEE OF \$35,100
- 10-216:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE ELM ROAD, HATFIELD STREET, AND ERWIN PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- 10-217:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE ACADEMY ROAD AND ELIZABETH STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- 10-218:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR THE CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
- 10-219:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2014 FOR 2013/2014 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,108,590.94
- 10-220:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH DAY CHEVROLET, INC FOR A 2014 CHEVROLET TAHOE SSV 4x4 POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #1295-14 FOR THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$35,288.09 UNDER STATE CONTRACT # A82926
- 10-221:** AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR GRIT AND SCREENINGS DISPOSAL AT THE CALDWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- 10-222:** PENDING: PURCHASE OF MASON DUMP / PLOW FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (STATE CONTRACT)
- 10-223:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A 2014 FORD MASON DUMP TRUCK AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #1295-14 FOR THE CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UTILIZING THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COUNCIL FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$61,484.00

CONSENT

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 10/21/14.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President Hauser reported that the Borough has achieved the Bronze level with Sustainable New Jersey and Ann Marchioni and Robert Edelstein worked very hard on this application. The Mayor with conjunction with the Environmental Commission has been pushing to get solar panel put in at the sewer plant and initially we did not win the application there were other organizations that were selected and those organizations failed to meet the criteria and we are back in. They are pretty sure that there will be solar panel powering at the sewer plant. **Greg Mascera** responded that the Mayor asked if we could have something on for this evening and he was unable to answer some questions that he had with regard to the procedure, yes it has been approved but he needs to discuss further with Paul and make sure whether bidding is necessary because it is a state contract and we want to make sure we follow up with everything. **Council President Hauser** reported that everyone should have received the Kiwanis Oval maintenance fund from West Caldwell. The fund is around \$90,000 as of last month which in several years that the Oval has been there it is rather low. He had questions for West Caldwell that some of the dollars were not consistent, have not been received, and there has been no advertising dollars received.

Councilman Rodgers reported that there will be Flu shots on Tuesday, November 4th from 2-3:30PM free with traditional Medicare card.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Dassing reported that she met with a lighting expert with regards to the lights at the Community Center in the pool area and he will be looking at some drawings to figure out what is the best lighting for that are. He is also giving us some ideas about the lobby area and lighting on the 1st floor of the parking deck. The Mayor had a request from the 4H club to plant daffodil bulbs in various areas of the town and they would like to do it this weekend or the following weekend so that in the spring we can have a daffodil festival. The Council agreed to buy the daffodil bulbs for \$170.00 and they would have the Auxiliary Police out there while they are planting. The Mayor has asked Greg Mascera to prepare an ordinance for promotions of events on parking meters and she would like to have this on for the

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November 6th Council meeting. Dr. Blatterer from Caldwell University sent a letter asking the Council if they would consider naming the roadway that currently leads from Bloomfield Avenue on to the property of Caldwell University, University Drive, and she has checked with the Chief of Police and we would need to make sure the first responders are aware of this. This resolution will be on the November 6th Council meeting.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported on the following:

- UV for Pool will be in tomorrow.
- Pre-construction for wheel chair lift the equipment has been ordered and will be in by the first week of December.
- We are waiting for PSE&G to disconnect the electricity at the knights of Columbus.
- One of the Resolutions on tonight is for Code Red Reverse 911 Emergency Messaging news & events in towns, phone apps, texting and messaging. The cost per year is \$5,200.00.
- He met with Greg Seaman they are getting ready to close out the sewer project as far as it initially being done. Council President Hauser asked if Hatch Mott McDonald will have to sign off on approval for the solar panel project and Mayor Dassing responded no.
- He passed out the street priority list to the Council.

Council President Hauser asked about the Council getting a note pad so they can do away with all the paper.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Greg Mascera reported that he met with George Librizzi who is a tax assessor in many municipalities, in preparation of our revaluation George has been through many revaluations and he has enlightened him with certain procedures that need to be put in place. In speaking with George in his opinion we should utilize the services of someone in conjunction with our Assessor. George has sent a proposal to Paul for \$5,000.00 for his services. Discussions Ensued.

REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON:

James Jorgensen on behalf of the County Executive and the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund he brings to Council an award for the multi-sport field and improvements that Caldwell and West Caldwell were working on and there is a check for \$150,000.00. He placed brochures on the counter in the Lobby which has a copy of a map of Essex County and the different towns and a great list of all the different activities that you can do.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SID Feasibility Study

10-224: AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY – SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES, 60 ROSELAND AVENUE, CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY 07006 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution approved 10/21/14.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Best Practices Checklist 2014

Paul Carelli advised the Council on the Best Practice checklist and it is a series of fifty questions and its tide into how much state aid you have and if you answer well none of that will be held up. We had a total of 43 out of 50 which is 86% and this means that state aid will not be held.

Councilman Durkin reported that he was able to set up a meeting with Cory Booker on an special event run with Cory, he is one of our US Senators and I reached out to a good friend of mine, Freeholder Gill, who turns out to be Cory Booker's campaign manager who lives in Montclair very active in the Community. They contacted him yesterday and this is a timely thing so we will be starting this Friday night at 8PM at the Grover Cleveland Middle School and ending at the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. Senator Booker will be buying ice cream after the event at Gelotti's for everyone. Cory is always doing these events he raises money helps out local pizzerias and local ice cream shops and he wanted to do it at Caldwell University and he thought since it is our 75th year anniversary it would have been (Greg Mascera interrupts and asks Councilman Durkin if this is a political event and Councilman Durkin

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responded no and Greg asked, you are raising money for? and Councilman Durkin responded no, no we are not raising money at all) Councilman continued, we got turned away from doing it there and so we will start off at the Middle School and end at the Birth place. What he understands is they are reaching out to all the local groups, it's a nonpolitical thing and that's why he is announcing it today and he feels everyone should be there to support our US Senator. It would have been a fantastic opportunity for Caldwell University but they actually slighted our sitting US Senator in the way of politics. It feels it would have been a great opportunity for the students, alumni, and staff to see Booker and who knows where he will be in the future. It will be great for the town and will highlight the Business District as well. Councilman Hauser asked if this is a race and Councilman Durkin responded that it is a run with Cory. Mayor Dassing asked if there is security and Councilman Durkin responded that the chief is working on that and the Mayor said she is concerned about people crossing Bloomfield Avenue. Diane Lily, Tomato Press, responded that there is a dance at the Grover Cleveland Middle School at the same time.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

Moved by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open meeting to the Public.

Hilda Moore, 23 Personette Street asked when the Knights of Columbus building was being taken down and if the debris would be removed. She had questions about the street cleaner and read a statement from Earl Carter, Jr who was upset about being stopped by the three Caldwell police vehicles and one West Caldwell police and he did not commit any crimes except DWB Driving While Black. Councilman Capozzoli asked that Earl contact him and he will give Ms. Moore his number so he can discuss it with the Chief and 7-11 is West Caldwell and as far as undercover police on patrol time the bottom line is they are police officers. He would like to hear everyone's side of the story so he will give Ms. Moore his card. Councilman Durkin responded that he takes the issue with this driving while black, there is no race in Caldwell. Ms. Moore responded don't tell me that, I am a black person and I live in Caldwell more than you have been alive and I have had racial issues in Caldwell, don't tell me that. I even had a problem at the Street Fair three police officers walked right over me and didn't say excuse me, I'm sorry or anything. Hilda responded to Councilman Durkin don't tell me because you haven't experienced what I have and Councilman Durkin responded oh no don't put words in my mouth and don't tell me how my life has transpired. I just think that is wrong.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman O'Donnell, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26P.M.

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

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