

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – November 7, 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 7:03 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Maureen Ruane, Borough Administrator, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Borough Attorney, Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: On Roll Call - Councilman Curley

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 November 2, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on November 2, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

On a motion made by Councilman Mescia, and seconded by Councilman Gates, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 7:05 PM. Councilman Curley arrived at the executive session at 7:10 PM.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery the Council Business/Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 7:52 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

Richard Maser of Maser Consulting presented their traffic study on Provost Square, and Mascari Lane regarding Calandra's Italian Village and the use of Provost Square as an exit for left hand turns.

Introduction of Ordinances:

Ordinance #1184-07 To the emergency services volunteer length of service award program (LOSAP) for members of the West Essex First Aid Squad in the Borough of Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Pursuant to P.L. 1997 C.388(N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183, Et Seq.).

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. It was noted that the ordinance was amended to include "West Caldwell". On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 11/07/07

Public Hearings:

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 Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 11/07/07

Receiving of Bids: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 23, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

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

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Resolutions:

11-212 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #05-018, Block #54, Lot #7.01, 97 Roseland Avenue, Anastasio, L. Amy Gonzalez

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07.

11-213 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #05-021, Block #58.01, Lot #1, 2-6 Oak Grove Road, Lew, Lup

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-214 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #06-0018, Block #72.01, Lot #4, 174 Westville Avenue, Powers, Francis & Rose

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-215 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period Through November 7, 2007 in the Total Amount of \$1,679,394.07

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-216 Authorizing the Release of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$44,770.00 to G & H, LLC Developer of Park Glen Condominiums, 101-105 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-217 Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-218 Authorizing the Award of Contract to Seely Equipment and Supply Company, 1325 Highway 34, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727, for one (new and unused) New Holland B95 Tractor Loader Backhoe, 95HP, Turbo, or Approved Equal in the Amount of \$69,865.00

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

11-219 Authorizing the Issuing of License for Raffle to Caldwell College, On-Premise Merchandise Raffle, December 1, 2007 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/07/07

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11-220 Authorizing the award of a contract for Arlington Avenue Roadway and Water Main Improvements and White Birch Roadway Improvements NJDOT Trust Funds of \$220,000.00 and CDBG Funds of \$90,000.00 and the balance of \$151,046-20 to be paid from the Borough of Caldwell Water Capital Improvement Fund to Smith Sondy, 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, New Jersey 07057

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted  
11/07/07

11-221 Authorizing the application by the Caldwell Tenants Association for use of the Fire House Meeting Room in the Borough of Caldwell Fire House for their annual general meeting

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted  
11/07/07

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS**

Mayor Gartland – Congratulated Councilman Slattery and Councilman Dassing for winning the election.

Councilman Slattery – Reported the PBA Contract was signed and that the council needs to approve a resolution according to the Borough Code so that we may proceed with filling the vacancy of chief. Councilman Slattery requested that the resolution be put on the Agenda for the November 27, 2007 meeting. Councilman Slattery congratulated Councilman Dassing.

Councilman Dassing – Congratulated Councilman Slattery. Councilman Dassing reported on the Caldwell Merchants Association and thanked the DPW and the Police Department for all their help on Halloween. Councilman Dassing reported that she had a request from Mr. Ferguson regarding flying the flags at half mast when a service man is killed in action, Councilman Dassing will find out what the law is and present it to the Council at the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Mescia – Congratulated Councilman Slattery and Councilman Dassing and also thanked the DPW and Police Department for their help on Halloween. Councilman Mescia reported on the Caldwell Downtown Alliance, the application for Main Street was completed. Councilman Mescia thanked Maureen, Amanda and Beth for their help with the application. Councilman Mescia reported that the Borough of Caldwell was recognized in the Star Ledger as one of 9 towns that applied for Main Street. Councilman Mescia also requested that the Council move the polling locations from the schools to the Caldwell Community Center or to the College for the safety of our children.

Councilman Curley – Congratulated Councilman Dassing and Councilman Slattery. Councilman Curley reported that the Traffic Committee will meet tomorrow night at the library at 7:00 P.M.. This is the kick off meeting for committee members only. Councilman Curley reported that Channel 35 will be upgraded this week on Friday as well as the website; this is the first phase for the website. Councilman Curley congratulated Lt. Dombrowski on the investigation regarding the recent vandalism to cars.

Councilman Gates – Thanked the DPW for their work on Ravine Avenue.

Councilman Edge – Reported on the Mayor's Gala. Councilman Edge congratulated Councilman Slattery and Councilman Dassing. Councilman Edge reported on the article in the Star Ledger regarding the investigation by Lt. Dombrowski. Councilman Edge also

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reported on the RA Zone Ordinance. Councilman Edge also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Gartland – Requested the Lt. Dombrowski give a quick summary on the arrest of the people for the BB gun incidents. Mayor Gartland thanked Lt. Dombrowski for all his efforts and also thanked the surrounding police departments. Mayor Gartland also thanked everyone involved in the Mayor's Gala. Thanked the merchants and vendors and the people of Caldwell for donating to the Mayor's Gala. We were able to raise \$16,000.00 for the Caldwell Public Library. Mayor Gartland thanked Maureen and Beth for their gallant efforts to make the Mayor's Gala a success. Mayor Gartland reported that Karen Lembo will be cataloging the entire Collerd collection and Mayor Gartland is hoping the money raised will be used toward this project. Mayor Garland reported that Councilman Dassing and she will be looking into grants to assist with the cost of cataloging. Mayor Gartland also thanked Caldwell Flowerland for the floral arrangements for the Mayor's Gala and also thanked Joe Accardi for donating his time and effort for the music at the Mayor's Gala. Mayor Garland also thanked the Caldwell Garden Club for their floral arrangements and Linda Stewart for the pictures that were on display at the Gala. The Guest of Honor at the Gala was Celeste Holm. Governor Corzine sent a proclamation and we presented Ms. Holm with flowers.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 9:54 PM. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public meeting portion at 9:54 PM.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date