

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – November 18, 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 7:07:PM

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera

**ABSENT:** Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli

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**

Greg Mascera made an apology to the Mayor for letting his passion at the last meeting interfere with decorum of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**October 21, 2014**

Moved by Council President Hauser, seconded by Councilman O'Donnell. No Discussion. On roll call, Councilman Durkin, Capozzoli, O'Donnell, Hauser and Rodgers voted in the affirmative. Councilman Kelley abstained. Minutes approved 11/18/14.

**November 6, 2014 - TABLED**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE #1301-14:** CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NJ AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$250,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 11/18/14.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Council President Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli to open to the Public for Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**11-233:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION CM-009 TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES, CONTRACT NO. 2007-1 – REDUCTION AMOUNT -\$179,828.02 – NEW CONTRACT TOTAL \$12,307,263.03

**11-234:** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –HSA Trinity Academy/ On Premise – Merchandise Raffle, December 6, 2014 - 8:00AM – 5:00PM

**11-235:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BAGGING OF CALDWELL PARKING METERS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON FROM DECEMBER 1, 2014 TO JANUARY 1, 2015

**11-236:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE WITH WATCHGUARD DIGITAL FOR A POLICE IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #1295-14 AND DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$62,988.00 UNDER NJ STATE CONTRACT # A81300

**11-237:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2014 FOR 2013/2014 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,152,810.36

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**CONSENT**

Moved by Council President Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolutions approved 11/18/14.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Council President Hauser** reported that Ann Marchioni along with two other members from the Committee are in Trenton today receiving the Sustainable New Jersey Bronze Award. In addition at the next meeting in December there will be a few awards that will be presented to some of the children who did craft presentations.

**REPORT OF MAYOR:**

**Mayor Dassing** reported that Saturday was the Veteran's opportunity day here in Caldwell at the American Legion and they had a full house of people coming and going. The Visiting Angels which is a home health nursing agency were kind enough to donate a lot of food which they made themselves and brought over. Shop Rite donated some hot dogs and it was a great time and she thanked her committee Bob and Janet Markman, Joe DeBellis, Bob Pipezynski, Dan Handy and Fara Sanchez who have been meeting weekly since the summer time planning this event. There were vendors that spoke to the veterans and helped them with Mortgages, finances, health and jobs and the next one we do we are planning to maybe concentrate on more job opportunities. Mayor Dassing wished all of our employees and residents of Caldwell a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. There will be an ad in the progress and on the New Jersey League of Municipalities website requesting RFP's for our Professional positions whose terms are up in 2014 and they are due to the Borough by December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY:**

**Greg Mascera** reported that the Millennium Contract is completed and it is in Paul's hands. Paul and Greg have created a master services contract that will apply to all vendors. The Historical Preservation Ordinance was completed and was sent over to the Historic Commission and he believes it was sent back to Trenton for further comments. He settled the Sam Sound small claims law suit the amount claimed was \$900 and he was able to settle for \$400 and Paul had authorized that settlement. It was a dispute at the Community Center.

**Councilman Kelley** asked Greg Mascera if he has taken any actions with regards to the ordinance that was discussed at the last meeting the parade ordinance. Greg responded that he looked into it but was not instructed to take any action on it. Councilman Kelley asked if there was any light that he can share with the Council in regards to the research that he had done and Greg responded that he looked into the fact that there are words that can be added to make it more specific and the Mayor thought they were necessary he would be more than happy to include them when the time comes and when someone instructs me he will prepare the ordinance. Councilman Kelley responded also at the beginning of this meeting you apologized to the Mayor with regard to your behavior at the last meeting and he thinks that you represent the governing body and I would really appreciate an apology and I know Councilman Durkin would as well. Councilman O'Donnell responded that he does not need an apology this is childish and Councilman Kelley responded that he disagreed based on the conduct and Councilman O'Donnell responded that he didn't have an issue with the conduct.

**REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF**

**James Bongiorno** reported that five auxiliary officers will be graduating tomorrow night. He sent the message out CodeRed emergency communication network and it is up and running and we encourage residents to visit the Borough website to make sure all their information is current and if they have additional contact numbers. If they don't have access to the internet they can call the police department and give their information. He commended Sgt. Henderson and Officer Rizzo who help deliver a baby girl on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Dassing responded that she understands that Sgt. Arnold is back and please send him, from all of us, our good wishes.

**REPORT OF ESSEX COUNTY LIASSON**

**Jim Jorgensen** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and on behalf of the County Executive he expressed only the best things for the Thanksgiving Day. On Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and the 18th for a modest \$5 registration is the Holiday Candle Light Tour at Kips Castle. On Wednesday thru Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> of December from 12 noon to 4:00PM Holiday visit at Kips Castle this is a self-guided tour. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM – 9:00PM it's the Essex County Holiday Lights at the Turtle Back Zoo and this year they will be adding more features. Mr. Jorgensen congratulated the Mayor on her election and he looks forward to another four years to serve her and the Council.

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Greg Mascera reported that Surrogate Stevens called him the next day after he was here to address my concerns.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:**

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

**Hilda Moore, 23 Personette Street** still has concerns about her property being damaged by the excavator. Mayor Dassing responded that attempts were made to contact her and there was no answer and Hilda responded that she has no phone service and would give the Mayor her cell number. She would also like to know if seniors can get leaf bags for free and the Mayor said she will check into that and maybe Ace Hardware which is opening on the 12<sup>th</sup> would like to donate them.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council President Hauser, seconded by Councilman Capozzoli unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36P.M.

Prepared by:

Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

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