

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – November 23, 2010**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:04P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Dassing, Slattery, and Piazza

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norton absent on roll call

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2010. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2010. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2010. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

**PRESENTATION: Essex County - Bloomfield Avenue Traffic Signal
Modernization**

Presented by: Mr. Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. – County Executive
Mr. Philip B. Alagia – Chief of Staff
Mr. Sanjeev Varghese - Director & County Engineer
Mr. James J. Jorgensen – Director of Purchasing / County
Liaison

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

**ORDINANCE #1226-10 - ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$26,915.90
PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR
ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR
EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ELGIN STREET
SWEEPER IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN
THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY.**

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Dassing. No Discussions. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Dassing, Slattery and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Norton was absent. Ordinance adopted on 11/23/10.

**ORDINANCE #1227-10 -BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN AND
BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY,
APPROPRIATING \$551,750 THEREFOR AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
\$188,810 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST
THEREOF.**

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Piazza. No Discussions. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Dassing, Slattery and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Norton was absent. Ordinance adopted on 11/23/10.

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ORDINANCE #1225-10 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$653,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$620,350 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Piazza. Discussions Ensued.
On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted on 11/23/10.

RESOLUTIONS:

11-239 - AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE ELECTRONIC, MECHANICAL AND OTHER TYPES OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES; APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS – CCS Holdings/LLC/Caldwell Cinema – (4) Video Machines

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussions Ensued.
On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

11-240 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Volunteer Fire Company Borough of Caldwell / On Premise – Tricky Tray Raffle / December 4, 2010 – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussions. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

11-241 -AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - HSA Lincoln School / On Premise – Merchandise Raffle / November 29, 2010 & November 30, 2010 – 3:00PM – 8:00PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussions. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

11-242 -AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL LIQUOR PERMIT. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Caldwell/West Caldwell Education Foundation / April 3, 2011 / 4:00PM – 8:00PM

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussions. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Slattery, Norton and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Dassing abstained. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

11-243 -AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 23, 2010 FOR 2010 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,814,444.57

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussions. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

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11-244 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS TWENTY-THREE (23) THROUGH TWENTY-FIVE (25) FOR THE KIWANIS OVAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,686 AS REQUIRED BY THE KIWANIS OVAL IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Murray. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 11/23/10.

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORT OF COUNCILMAN CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Murray reported that the website was down today and we reached out to our vendor they had a problem and this was affecting some other towns too. As far as the Fire Department there was a house fire on Wakefield. Mike who happened to live in the area saw the fire and went and woke the residents got them out and then drove to the Fire house put his gear on and came back to fight the fire. As far as Police we are working on getting together to set up a meeting to go over some issues. As far as the DPW, some residents are looking for extensions for picking up leaves and I would like to sit down with Mario and figure out how to make everyone happy.

Councilman Hauser asked the question on the Council about the follow up chart, what is the pool agreement and why is it ranked as a number 4. Paul Carelli responded that it is something that we may want to look at for next year. Councilman Murray answered that West Caldwell is talking about closing there pools. Councilman Hauser also wanted to know about the Auxiliary Police and why wasn't it ranked higher since this was a priority that we have been talking about. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Slattery reported that our High School had an exciting double overtime win. Their conference will be on Friday, December 3rd at the Kean University at 7:00PM and they will be playing for the group Championship.

Councilman Norton reported that the Downtown Committee is still in a holding pattern with regards to the Green based on the parking deck. In regards to Finance we had a meeting and we had a review of year to date expenditures across the board. I believe we are on track for a good performance. We had a presentation for 2011 from our community center director and as far as 2010 is concerned the good news that came out of our meeting is that the programs Rob Patterson and his team has put forth the Caldwell community center is in much better shape than we thought.

Councilman Piazza reported that during the farmers market we had a couple of days when the Essex County Cancer Collation came to the market and they were handing free Radon kits out to the residents. They are actually trying to set up a program with the Town which they already have with Belleville and the residents can come here pick up a coupon and mail it in for a free Radon Kit. I think as a town we should set this up and offer it on a full-time basis. I am going to follow up on this with them and see what we can do. Also the downtown right now is running a late night Thursday a lot of the businesses will be open until 8:00PM. During this holiday season after work you can come down and shop or eat at some of the restaurants they are offering specials for appetizers.

Mayor Gartland reported that the Library is having a very special function on Friday, December 17th at 6:30 PM to honor Caldwell before and now with many pictures that are quite beautiful.

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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that he was contacted by Karen Lembo, Library Director to look into insuring the Collierd collection. I contacted the insurance people and that collection is insured for a half million dollars. As far as the parking deck update they will be starting work on Monday. I have an estimate between three and four weeks for the work to be done. Councilman Slattery asked what exactly will they be doing. Mr. Carelli responded that they will be replacing the steel decking approximately 27' till the second or third beam. They need to replace some electric and they will be changing all the bolts. The unfortunate thing that I heard today at a CDBG meeting is that the parking deck is not qualified for the reprogramming grant. Apparently the actual deck is a public parking deck that services the whole town they would have to look at a census track for the whole town and then we don't qualify for that. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Norton asked if we could go back to the to-do list as far as the parking deck the Valet Parking. Paul Carelli responded that he met with Advanced Parking Concepts they came in yesterday and we walked the parking lot. The biggest thing is to do an analysis on the volume. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Norton made a motion that we appropriate up to \$5,000 for complimentary-valet services at the Community Center until said parking deck is completed. Seconded by Councilman Dassing. Roll call, Councilman Dassing, Norton and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Murray, Hauser and Slattery voted in the negative. Mayor Gartland voted affirmative.

Councilman Slattery reported that over a year ago I asked for a sink hole that is probably as big as that desk. It took 6 to 8 months and it was not addressed. I flagged down a DPW guy and he put an orange cone on it. The orange cone has been there for at least 8 months. This is in front of people's homes that pay taxes in this town. It's a safety issue we can't find the money to fix that sink hole? I'm telling you a human being as big as me can fit in it. Knollwood Terrace is dangerous it has huge holes; Gladding Road is dangerous we can't find the money to repair these streets because we don't qualify for a grant. This has been going on for at least four years as long as I have been here.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CALMING

Councilman Norton reported that this was a concept that we brought up ranging from Westover to Ravine. There has been conversation of several years of different ways to address the issues at hand with volume and speed. We sat down with Councilman President Dassing, Glen Beckmeyer and myself and discussed the idea of possible round-a-bouts in certain intersections to slow down traffic, islands in the middle of the road to slow down the traffic and triangular islands in certain sections as well. Various Discussions Ensued.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

Jim Jorgensen, County Liaison speaking about County Executive how he took action at a separate press conference and it was the day after William Payne passed away and he said that he would like a moment of silence for the death of Mr. Payne. Also, the lights at the tennis courts are the responsibility of the County. They will be going off November 30th and will be off until sometime in March.

Amy Piazza, 24 Erwin Place, spoke about that she thinks it is great about offering Valet parking for the Community Center. My question is during the traffic presentation you had mention limitation of some bus stops. I take the bus everyday and they are normally either always early or always late they are never on time. I am wondering what stops you are limiting and when are you thinking of doing this. Mayor Gartland responded that it

