

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – November 27, 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 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman, Dassing, Mescia, Curley, Gates

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

ABSENT: Councilman Slattery and Councilman Edge

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 23, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on November 23, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

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: None

Public Hearings:

Ordinance #1183-07 To amend the Code of the Borough of Caldwell, Chapter 250, Entitle Zoning, in order to modify the front, side and rear yard setback requirements in the RA Zone District.

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia. On roll call vote Councilman Dassing, Mescia, Curley voted in the affirmative and Councilman Gates voted in the negative. Ordinance adopted 11/27/07

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.).

Former Councilman John Taylor, President of the West Essex First Aid Squad, thanked the Council for introducing this ordinance.

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted 11/27/07

Receiving of Bids: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 7, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

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

Resolutions:

11-222 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of check for the period through November 27, 2007 in the total amount of \$2,036,241.40

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/27/07

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11-223 Authorizing an intermunicipal services agreement between The Borough of Caldwell and The Board of Education of Caldwell-West Caldwell for use of the Caldwell Community Center Swimming Pool facility for limited purposes of Swim Team practices and swim meets

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted  
11/27/07

11-224 Authorization to fill the vacancy of the previously established position of police chief

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted  
11/27/07

11-225 Authorizing an interlocal agreement with The County of Essex for leaf removal and road salt

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion  
On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted  
11/27/07

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS**

Councilman Dassing – Reported on the Caldwell West Caldwell Education Foundation. The Education Foundation will be hosting A Taste of The Caldwells on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Caldwell Women's Club the cost is \$35.00 per ticket. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can call Councilman Dassing, 973-403-0032. Councilman Dassing reported that she attended the Caldwell Tenants Association Meeting. One of the items discussed at the meeting was a pending code that is before the DCA which would require landlords to install sprinkler systems in apartments of 7 stories or more and there was concern about this. This would create a \$300 to \$400 per month pass through on the rent. There will be a public comment period until December 19, 2007. Councilman Dassing suggested the Council submit a resolution in opposition to the proposed code. Councilman Dassing also reported that many of the tenants of 501-507 Bloomfield Avenue had problems with mold in their apartments. Councilman Dassing requested that Paul Milani go to 501-507 Bloomfield Avenue and check on the mold situation.

Councilman Mescia – Reported that the Borough of Caldwell is one of the five finalists for the Main Street Status. Councilman Mescia reported that the Caldwell Downtown Alliance will host a merchants expo at Caldwell College on December 3, 2007 from 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. There are about 18 merchants that will be attending.

Councilman Curley – Congratulated Councilman Mescia on the Main Street Application. Councilman Curley reported on the new Website and Channel 35. We have cutover from the old system on both the Website and Channel 35. Over the next few weeks we will enhance the look of the Website and Channel 35. The technology committee will meet within the next week and a half to discuss phase 2 of Website upgrade. Councilman Curley reported on the Traffic Committee Meeting that was held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the overall message that came out of the meeting was that enforcement is the key to the traffic problems. Councilman Curley thanked Lt. Dombrowski for the signs on Hatfield Street. Councilman Curley reported that at the next Traffic Committee Meeting they will focus on the north side of town.

Councilman Gates – Reported on the Senior Citizens Luncheon that was held for Thanksgiving. Eighty five people attended the luncheon and Maria Burak did a great job. Councilman Gates encouraged any senior citizen to attend the senior center; it is a wonderful program for Caldwell.

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Mayor Gartland – Thanked the police department for resolving the matter of one of our Downtown Jewelry Stores that was robbed on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Gartland also reported that she attended the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. The conference was very beneficial. There were many vendors at the conference including equipment for our Police Department, a variety of lighting for things we need in our downtown and the Caldwell Community Center. All of the vendors are State Contract. Mayor Gartland also reported that she attended several classes and seminars while at the conference.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: There was a presentation by Maser Consulting regarding Provost Square and the Calandra Property. The Council authorized Stuart Koenig, Esq. to prepare an easement regarding the use of Provost Square by Calandra's Italian Village. There was also a presentation by Keith Barrick of Cablevision Lightpath New Jersey. We will schedule Cablevision Lightpath to come back in January for another presentation along with Four Connections regarding access to Caldwell's public right-of-way for telecommunications purposes that are not related to cable television. The Council authorized Maureen Ruane to put a resolution on for the next meeting for obsolete vehicles. The Council also authorized the bagging of the parking meters for the Holiday Season. The Merchants Association asked for permission from the Council to put decorations on the black light poles, permission was granted.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 9:11 PM Gordon Lawshe of 15 Elizabeth Street had complaints regarding the construction site at the Synagogue. Mr. Lawshe informed the Council that the Construction Company's insurance company has denied paying his claim for damage to his basement. He said his lawyer will be sending a letter to Mayor Gartland. Mr. Lawshe also inquired about when he will be receiving the internal affairs report from the police department regarding his case. Lynore Lawshe of 15 Elizabeth Street had complaints about the construction site at the Synagogue. David Cowell of 29 Brookside Avenue invited everyone to a Holiday Concert this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cowell thanked the Council for passing the ordinance on the RA Zone and said the Council should look into passing an historic preservation ordinance. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue said that someone threw branches into the brook behind Valley National Bank. Dorothy Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue wanted to know why it is taking so long for the Borough to do something about this situation at the brook. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue said that the park across the street from his home had leaves on the sidewalk and requested that DPW go out and clean the sidewalk. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

On a motion made by Councilman Mescia, and seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss land acquisition. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Mescia the Council Business/Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 10:02 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Gates, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date