

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – December 11, 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 7:06 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: None

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 December 8, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 8, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Mayor Gartland introduced Vinnie Christopher, president of Vero Amici. Mr. Christopher reported that Vero Amici for Charity of West Caldwell, New Jersey has donated \$10,000 to the Caldwell-West Caldwell Recreation Special Needs Program, \$1000 to the West Essex First Aid Squad, \$1000 to The Bridge and tonight we are donating \$1000 to the Caldwell Local Assistance Board. Maria Burak, Health and Human Service Director and June Cowell, President of the Local Assistance Board were in attendance to accept the donation.

Mayor Gartland introduced Karen Kleppe Lembo of the Caldwell Public Library. Ms. Lembo thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support during The Big Read and also for the Mayor's Gala and the \$16,000.00 donation raised by the Mayor's Gala.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: None

Receiving of Bids: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 27, 2007 Council Business/Conference Meeting

Approved by Councilman Dassing, Mescia, Curley and Gates,
Councilman Slattery and Councilman Edge abstained upon a
motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley.

Resolutions:

12-226 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Trinity Academy On-Premise Merchandise Raffle & 50/50 Raffle February 1, 2008 – 5:00 PM – 11:30 PM, Rain Date – February 7, 2007

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote Councilman Slattery, Dassing Mescia, Gates and Edge voted in the affirmative, Councilman Curley abstained. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-227 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Washington School On-Premise 50/50 Raffle January 31, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

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12-228 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle for Washington School On-Premise Merchandise Raffle January 31, 2008 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-229 Resolution authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #03-046, Block #72.01, Lot #129, 170 Westville Avenue, Gary Logan Summerville

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-230 Resolution authorizing the cancellation of 2007 taxes for Block 43.01, Lot 12, 11 Elizabeth Street

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-231 Authorizing Payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through December 11, 2007 in the amount of \$1,629,558.97

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-232 Authorizing the execution of Municipal Information Form – Community Forestry Management Plan Guidelines

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-233 Authorizing redemption of Tax Lien Certificate #06-00016, Block #65, Lot #1.17, 17 Fells Manor Road, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, Dorn, Peter J.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-234 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to prepare specification and advertise for the receipt of bids for the collection and disposal of solid waste

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No discussion On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

12-235 Resolution opposing the adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.3,5:70-4.7 and 5:70-4.17 Proposed September 17, 2007

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Edge. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/11/07

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REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Slattery – Gave condolences to the family of Tommy Bryant who lost his wife quite suddenly last week. Councilman Slattery reported that the new director of the Caldwell Community Center, Jim Nolan, started yesterday. Councilman Slattery reported that the Council was very excited to have Mr. Nolan on board. Councilman Slattery wished Mr. Nolan well. Councilman Slattery also reported that the council will interview three candidates next week for the position of police chief.

Councilman Dassing – Also expressed condolences to the Bryant family. Councilman Dassing thanked Beth Bush Telepan on gathering the information for the fire suppression statute and thanked Stuart Koenig, Esq. for preparing the resolution so quickly. Councilman Dassing also reported that the residents of Hatfield Street want to get together to raise money to install islands on Hatfield Street. Councilman Dassing also reported that the 25 MPH “knock down signs” have been effective. Councilman Dassing reported about an article in the Star Ledger regarding historic ordinances that Montclair has put together and that the Council should consider looking into these ordinances for Caldwell.

Councilman Mescia – Also expressed condolences to the Bryant family. Councilman Mescia reported that Caldwell is on of the 5 finalists for the Main Street Program. Representatives for the program visited Caldwell on Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They interviewed representatives from Caldwell College and The Grover Cleveland Birthplace and also interviewed Mayor Gartland, Maureen Ruane, and myself (Councilman Mescia). Councilman Mescia reported that the Borough will be hearing from Main Street as early as the 15th of December or as late as the 24th of December for their decision.

Councilman Curley – Also expressed condolences to the Bryant family. Councilman Curley reported on the training session with QScend Technologies in Tenafly on December 4, 2007. The next step is to bring up the QAlert on the website and also to update the Caldwell Community Center section of the website as well. Councilman Curley also reported on the Traffic Committee meeting. The Traffic Committee discussed Hatfield Street all the way through to Ravine Avenue. The Traffic Committee would like an independent study to be done on the North Side of town. One goal of the study would be to reduce the volume on the streets but not to have the traffic flow over to another residential street. Next week the Traffic Committee will discuss the South Side of town.

Councilman Gates – Reported on the Department of Public Works and thanked Mario Bifalco for helping at the Thanksgiving Luncheon at the senior center.

Councilman Edge – Also expressed condolences to the Bryant family. Councilman Edge reported on the training in Tenafly by QScend Technologies. Councilman Edge thanked Councilman Curley for getting the QScend Technologies information at the League of Municipalities last year. Councilman Edge also reported that he attended the League of Municipalities this year and the various classes he attended. Councilman Edge thanked the Council for passing the RA Zone ordinance at the last council meeting. Councilman Edge also reported that there will be a planning board meeting tomorrow night.

Mayor Gartland – Also expressed condolences to the Bryant family and thanked the police department for their presence at the wake and funeral, they were outstanding in assisting the family. Mayor Gartland thanked Lt. Dombrowski for an outstanding job. Mayor Gartland reported that there is a School Board election today and hopefully a lot of people come out to vote. Mayor Gartland asked Paul Milani, Construction Code Official to be at the meeting tonight to give an update to the Mayor and Council on the construction at the Temple.

Presentation by Paul Milani, Construction Code Official, regarding the construction at the Temple.

Attorney Stuart Koenig gave the Mayor and Council an update on the proposed improvements to Provost Square.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:44 PM. John Mooney of 18 Westville Avenue had questions regarding the raffles on the agenda. Mr.

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Mooney also question why construction equipment was parked in the Church parking lot on Sunday. Mr. Mooney also complained that the construction company did not clean up after replacing the sidewalks in front of the Church. Mr. Mooney also stated that everyday someone from the nursery school parks in front of the fire hydrant and this creates a safety hazard. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the meeting to the public at 8:50 PM.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date