

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – December 18, 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 7:09 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 15, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 15, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Public Hearings: 2007 Community Development Block Grant – Hawthorne Road

Receiving of Bids: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 11, 2007

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

Resolutions:

12-236 Authorizing Borough Treasurer to cancel certain Community Center appropriation balances

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

12-237 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the period through December 18, 2007 in the amount of \$1,050,716.80

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

12-238 Authorizing the submission of the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Application for the Year 2008

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

12-239 Authorizing Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Solid Waste Administration FY07 Recycling Tonnage Grant

Moved by Councilman Gates, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

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12-240 Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a contract with All American Recycling Corp./Zozzaro Brothers, Inc.

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Gates. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

12-241 Authorizing Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, Division of Highway Traffic Safety FY07 Over the Limit

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

12-242 Authorizing Chapter 159, P.L. 1948, State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 2007 Green Communities Grant

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley. No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/18/07

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Councilman Slattery – Wished all of the employees and residents Happy Holidays. Councilman Slattery reported that the Council will be interviewing the candidates for the position of Police Chief tonight. Councilman Slattery also reported that the reorganization meeting for the Borough of Caldwell will be on January 1, 2008. The recessed Council Business/Conference meeting will begin at 11:30 AM and the reorganization meeting and swearing in of the Council Members will begin at 12:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Borough Hall Council Chambers.

Councilman Dassing – Wished all of the employees and residents Happy Holidays.

Councilman Mescia – Thanked Mario Bifalco and all of the DPW employees for an excellent job done during the snowstorm. Councilman Mescia also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Curley – Congratulated Mario Bifalco for a job well done during the snowstorm. Councilman Curley also wished everyone Happy Holidays. Councilman Curley reported that the QAlert portion is up on the website. The next project for the website is the Caldwell Community Center information.

Councilman Gates – Congratulated Mario Bifalco for a job well done during the snowstorm.

Councilman Edge – Reported that he received word today that Chip Gardner, Chairman of the Planning Board, had a heart attack. Councilman Edge wished Mr. Gardner a speedy recovery. Councilman Edge also reported that the Planning Board meeting for December 12, 2007 was canceled by the attorney for the applicant and was rescheduled for January 9, 2008.

Mayor Gartland – Thanked Mario Bifalco for a job well done during the snowstorm.

Presentation by Maser Consulting regarding proposed improvements to Provost Square.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:17 PM. Tom Verniero of 412 Bloomfield Avenue had complaints regarding a crosswalk on Bloomfield Avenue near PNC Bank. Mr. Verniero also had complaints regarding speeding on Bloomfield Avenue. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the meeting to the public at 8:29 PM.

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Presentation by Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance Company

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 and to conduct Police Chief Interviews. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 9:13 PM. The executive session was recessed at 9:43 PM and was back in session at 9:53 PM. All those previously in attendance were present.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Curley the Council Business/Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 1:05 AM. Councilman Slattery, Dassing, Mescia, Curley, and Edge were in attendance. Councilman Gates left the executive session meeting at 12:00 AM and was not present for the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 AM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

Date