

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – December 23, 2008**

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 7:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilman Mescia, Dassing, Edge and Slattery

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

ABSENT: Councilman Curley

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on December 27, 2007. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 27, 2007. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

Administration of Oath of Office:

Councilman Richard Brennan by Elizabeth Brennan Miller, Esq.

Proclamation for James Gates and presentation of clock

Introduction of Ordinances: None

Mayor Gartland introduced Meryl Layton to the Council. Ms. Layton will be working for the Caldwell Downtown Alliance starting January 5, 2009. She will be managing the Main Street Program. Ms. Layton has a lot of experience and is someone who can bring the Main Street program to the next level.

Receiving of Bids: 75 Foot Rear Mount Aerial with Pump Fire Truck

Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.  
610 West Fourth Street  
P.O. Box 8  
Snyder, NE 68664

Total Price – Contract before 12/30/08 \$547,615.00  
Total Price – Contract before 01/16/09 \$577,470.00

A motion was made by Councilman Slattery and seconded by Councilman Edge to accept the bid for \$547,615.00 subject to review of the bid documents for accuracy and to check with the DCA on the issue of potential retrofit. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Public Hearing: CDBG Parkway East and Parkway West Road Improvements  
\$321,000.00

CERP Program \$100,000.00

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:41 PM. Seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:42

Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2008

Approved by all members present, Councilman Brennan abstained, upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia the minutes were adopted December 23, 2008.

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Resolutions:

- 12-238 Resolution in support of the application of the Borough of Caldwell for a Challenge Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to study the feasibility of the formation of a special improvement district in the Borough  
Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-239 Authorizing an agreement between the Borough of Caldwell and Sallie Mae Business Office Solutions, A division of Sallie Mae, Inc. a Delaware corporation for electronic payments and credit card payments  
Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-240 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation, Inc., Off-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, March 29, 2009 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Edge, Slattery, Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Dassing abstained. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-241 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation, Inc., On-Premise – 50/50 Raffle, March 29, 2009 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Edge, Slattery, Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Dassing abstained. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-242 Authorizing the issuing of license for raffle to Caldwell-West Caldwell Education Foundation, Inc., On-Premise – Merchandise Raffle, March 29, 2009 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote Councilman Mescia, Edge, Slattery, Brennan voted in the affirmative, Councilman Dassing abstained. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-243 Authorizing the execution of the indemnity and trust agreement with the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011  
Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia. Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08
- 12-244 Authorizing the execution of an agreement between Fairview Insurance and the Borough of Caldwell for professional Risk Management services January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011

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Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

- 12-245 Authorizing refund due to redemption within 10 days of tax sale prior to issuance of tax sale certificate, Block #41.02, Lot #2, 2 Magnolia Lane, Peter G. Ahr

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No Discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

- 12-246 Authorizing refund due to redemption within 10 days of tax sale prior to issuance of tax sale certificate, Block #72.01, Lot #29, 170 Westville Avenue, Gary Logan Summerville

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

- 12-247 Authorizing the selection of Metlife Dental, 100 Walnut Avenue, Suite 303, Clark, New Jersey 07066 as the Borough of Caldwell's dental insurance provider

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

- 12-248 Designating time, date and conduct for the annual Reorganization Meeting for the year 2009

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Mescia.  
Discussion ensued. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

- 12-249 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through December 23, 2008 in the total amount of \$3,830,574.90

Moved by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery.  
No discussion. On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 12/23/08

**REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS**

Councilman Mescia – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Dassing – Thanked the Mayor for meeting with Councilman Elect Norton and Lawshe and herself on Friday. They talked about various appointments and committees, Councilman Dassing and Councilman Elect Norton and Lawshe offered suggestions on how some of the committees could be condensed and also submitted names for various appointments. Councilman Dassing reported that the swearing in ceremony for Councilman Elect Norton and Lawshe would be on January 1, 2009 at 12:00 PM. There will be a party afterwards at Calandra's Italian Village. Councilman Dassing thanked a couple of the residents for putting together a Dinner and a Movie night on January 8, 2009, it will be 20% off Dinner and \$2.00 off on a movie ticket. Babysitting will be available at the Caldwell Community Center and Creative Cottage. Nine restaurants are participating in this event. Councilman Dassing wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Edge – Reported that it is a pleasure to have Richard Brennan on the Council.

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Councilman Edge said he served on the Zoning Board for 8 years with Councilman Brennan, every opinion that comes out of Councilman Brennan will be carefully measured. I think he is a great asset for 2009. Councilman Edge said he was thankful to have met so many people from Caldwell in the past three years. I am proud to see we have had some zoning ordinance changes and the sales tax repeal at the Caldwell Community Center. Councilman Edge said he will miss being on the council.

Councilman Slattery – Wished Councilman Mescia and Councilman Edge well and said that they have both made huge contributions to Caldwell and we will miss them. Councilman Slattery welcomed Councilman Brennan to the council. I am looking forward to working with him. Councilman Slattery reported that the Library will be closing at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Councilman Slattery reported on a website, volunteernj.org, if people wish to volunteer for anything they should look at this website. Councilman Slattery reported on the personnel committee meeting. Councilman Slattery also discussed the recommendation of the personnel committee to eliminate 3 holidays from the holiday schedule for the Borough employees. This will be for non-union employees only. The committee is suggesting to remove Good Friday, Columbus Day and Election Day.

Councilman Brennan – Echoed Councilman Edge's comments and thanked him for his help.

Mayor Gartland – Congratulated Councilman Brennan, it is nice to have you back after all these years. Mayor Gartland reported on the League of Municipalities scholarship competition. Mayor Gartland requested that we post this on Channel 35. They offer three one thousand dollar scholarships. Mayor Gartland also reported that she received letters from second graders at Jefferson School and it is refreshing to see young people looking at their town and making comments and suggestions.

Stuart Koenig, Esq. – Reported on the Elm Road purchase. The council agreed to go forward with the purchase.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor declared the meeting open to the public at 8:52 PM. Anthony Greci, Fire Chief, Caldwell Fire Department, thanked the Mayor and Council for the purchase of the new fire truck. Hilda Moore of 23 Personette Street said she had a problem previously with a break in and the Mayor promised to get back to her regarding Police Officers and a town employee entering her house. Ms. Moore said she has not gotten an apology from the Police Department or Paul Milani. Ms. Moore also said she would like to see some minority officers on the Police Department. Ms. Moore also requested that during campaign time that people not come to her door and not leave literature in her mailbox. Ms. Moore also had complaints regarding speeding on Personette Street. Ms. Moore thanked Mario Bifalco of DPW for the snow removal and thanked Councilman Elect Norton for the 25 MPH signs. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 9:02 PM.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to recess the meeting to January 6, 2009 was made by Councilman Mescia, seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan, Deputy Clerk

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Date