

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES – December 28, 2010**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:07P.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 was absent at 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.

**Councilman Norton arrived at 6:10PM**

**Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE #1228-10 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$328,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$311,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**Mario Bifalco, DPW Director**, we opened the Parking Deck on Christmas Eve but the reason the deck is not open in the front there is not because it is not safe it needs some sealant that needs to be put on the concrete and the lines need to be put on for Parking.

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance adopted on 12/28/10

**RESOLUTIONS**

**12-254 -RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #09-00006, PAYABLE TO U.S. BANK CUST-PRO CAPITAL LLC**

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

**12-255 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - HSA Trinity Academy / On Premise – Tricky Tray Raffle January 28, 2011 – 6:00PM – 11:00PM**

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

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**12-256 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE.**  
APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S  
OFFICE - HSA Trinity Academy / On Premise – 50/50 Raffle / January 28, 2011 –  
6:00PM – 11:00PM

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

**12-257 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL LIQUOR PERMIT.**  
APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Trinity Academy / 235 Bloomfield  
Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 / January 28, 2011 - 6:00PM – 11:00PM

Moved by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

**12-258 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF  
CERTIFICATE #09-00001, PAYABLE TO JOSEPH CLEMENTE**

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

**12-259 - AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS  
FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2010 FOR 2010 BILLS IN THE  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,150,065.93.**

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Piazza. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, Councilman Murray, Dassing, Norton and Piazza voted in the affirmative. Councilman Slattery and Hauser abstained. Resolution adopted on 12/28/10

**Old Business:**

Reminder: Special Council Business Meeting December 30, 2010 / 9:00am – Year End Business

**Borough Presentations:**

**In appreciation and recognition of dedicated public service to the Borough of  
Caldwell**

**Councilman Kay Slattery (2007-2010)**

Presented by: Mayor Susan H. Gartland

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Councilman (1987-2006)

Presented by: Councilman Kay Slattery

Mayor Gartland thanks Kay for her years of service not only on the Council but years of service to the Board of Education. Kay and her family have been long time residents dedicated and involved individuals. We thank you for making life interesting up here for the last few years. Thank you for all your studiousness and reading everything and making sure we knew everything we were doing and keeping tracking of everything. I thank you for being my friend my longtime friend for your time and dedication to Caldwell and to this Council.

Councilman Slattery read:

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A few weeks ago I was privileged to introduce Susan at a function honoring her for her contributions to our community over the years. I was pleased to have that opportunity as I had been thinking for quite some time how I could public ally acknowledge Susan and thank her for all she has given to so many over the 40+ years I have known her. I would like to share a few of those same comments and feelings with you now. Some of you may have heard my remarks, but I feel they are worth repeating as Susan concludes her long public service career tonight. I hope the highlights I've chosen to share will give you a glimpse of the Susan Gartland you may not know. Susan and I have been friends for over 40 years. Our husbands go back to the cradle. We raised our children together, took trips together and were just close knit friends no matter what we did. We are now "raising" our grandkids together, each of us even having our own set of twin boys as well as our other grandkids. I mention these personal connections because I want you all to know that I speak from the heart tonight about a dear and loved friend.

Our political days together had a very fortuitous beginning. We first met on primary night in June, 1968 - the night Robert Kennedy was shot. The emotions of that night somehow forged us all together as "Dems of the Heart" and here we are over 40 years later paying tribute to Susan Gartland who has been a good politician in the truest and best sense of the word - the way politics and politicians are supposed to be. Susan has achieved much and has given much to all who know her, whether it be in a personal, work related or political capacity. Most of us, especially those from the Caldwell area, can cite first hand the many triumphs she has realized and the many successes she has been personally responsible for. Please allow me to share just a few of these with you.

1. Susan served over 20 years on the Caldwell Council as an elected official;
2. She has served the last four years as the elected Mayor of Caldwell and will be stepping down at the end of this month after more than 24 consecutive years of public service;
3. She has been a Democratic County Committee person for 40 years and the Chairman of the Caldwell Democratic Committee for so many years now that it must seem like forever to her;
4. She oversaw the return of a vibrant movie theater to Caldwell's downtown after Caldwell's beloved Park Theater burned down many years ago;
5. She was instrumental in bringing the Caldwell Community Center to fruition, which has brought people from all over the area into Caldwell and has been a huge source of revenue for the town;
6. She actively supported the initiation of our very successful Fanner's Market and constantly supports the revitalization and beautification efforts of our downtown committee;
7. Susan was the driving force from concept to completion of our beautiful new state of the art facility at Kiwanis Oval;
8. She was always a voice for Caldwell in Trenton, which was indispensable to years of state funding Caldwell received to address the lowering of the local tax Levy; and
9. In 2005 Susan was inducted into Mt. St. Dominic Academy's Hall of Fame, which recognizes alumnae who have brought outstanding honor to themselves, their family, society and for humanity.

These are some of the highlights on a very long list of achievements and I could continue for a long time. However, more important than her finite accomplishments are the friendship, devotion and dedication she has brought to over 24 years of unselfish service to us all and the real message here is Susan's ability to work with everyone and build consensus in order to achieve common goals. And, if that were not enough, while she is doing all these "political things", as well as working full time for the State of New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs for over 20 years, she always manages to keep her priorities straight. She is a loving,

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supportive wife to Tommy (by the way, they were married on my birthday), a loving, supportive Mom to Tommy and Christy and their respective spouses Mary Beth and Rob and a doting, loving Grandma to her three grandchildren Max, Benjamin and Emmitt. There is also enough caring and love left for all of her extended families and friends. Boy, that's a lot of love!

She also finds time to devote to other interests as well, such as "keeping the tradition alive" for her Irish heritage. She marched as the Deputy Grand Marshall of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2000 and I can tell you indisputably that was a good time. She also makes time on a regular basis for her "girlfriends' group" but I'm not sure any stories should be relayed here regarding that.

Through the years there have been obvious ups and downs, political and otherwise, but truly Susan has never let any of it get the best of her. She always bounces back and moves forward. And she does that with her head held high because she holds fast to her faith and to her beliefs and never compromises her principles. You can take that to the bank! !

Susan is obviously a successful woman of many abilities but her true strength is within herself and how she values others.

In closing, I would like to briefly recount an event that took place a short time ago. Susan was recently recognized by Rabbi Silverstein on behalf of Temple Agudath Israel in Caldwell. In presenting her with a proclamation, he captured the essence of Susan when he said, "Susan is a friend to all of us."

Thank you to my friend and Caldwell's friend, Susan Gartland - we wish you only the best in your new phase of life.

Mayor Gartland said she sees so many people that I have interacted with over the years Council people, friends, employees, different boards and I am so grateful for your dedication, time and energy that you have given to this town. I have been honored to be elected many times to serve Caldwell and I hope every decision I made was the right decision as far as the residents of Caldwell go. I never felt that I made a decision that was self serving and I hope that all of those that go after me will keep that in mind. The main reason that you are here and the main reason you are elected is to serve the residents of Caldwell and do the best thing for them and for our children and for our tax payers. Mayor Gartland thanks everyone in the audience for their time and for being there for her.

**Open Public Meeting:**

**Thomas Giblin, Montclair** - I pay tribute to the Mayor Susan Gartland. Caldwell is such a great place to live and it's all about the people. When you talk about Susan Gartland as Mayor, Councilwoman as a person who has lived in this community her whole life, she has a great grasp at what this township is all about.

**Jim Jorgensen, County Liaison** - I expect that the County Executive will be here. The discussions that we had was exemplary in role as Mayor. Congratulations and best wishes going forward from all of us at the County.

**Mario Bifalco, DPW Director** - I would like to personally thank you for all that you have done in the Borough. On behalf of the DPW we thank you for your dedication and Councilman Slattery for yours also.

**Mary Davidson, 11 Evergreen Road, West Caldwell** - I would like to congratulate you for your amazing career that you have had in politics and not just for the community of Caldwell but also for the Community of West Caldwell and the entire County of Essex your presence is amazing. I wish you and Kay only the best.

