

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES- April 6, 2021**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order on Zoom at 7:17 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Kelley, Council President Schmidt, Councilman Rodgers, Councilman Cole, Councilman Lace, Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi, and Councilman Gates.

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Brittany Heun, Deputy Clerk Kim Conlon, Borough Administrator Tom Banker, and Borough Attorney Vincent Nuzzi

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Meeting was given on January 22, 2021. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the first floor of Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent the same.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 23, 2021

Approval of minutes will be deferred until the Mayor can review with the Deputy Clerk

COVID-19/OEM COMMUNITY UPDATE

Mark Guiliano

- Last 4 weeks our numbers are going up in Caldwell, Essex County, and NJ
- April 19th the vaccine will be available for all those 16 years or older
- Spreading amongst the younger population now.
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for their support for the OEM team, COVID team, and all Borough Employees

REPORT OF COUNTY LIASON

Patricia Keenan

Patricia Keenan Reported

- Encourages testing
- About 800 people a day are being tested
- Essex County has about 91,000 fully vaccinated at County Sites
- Thursday, in Newark is the Food Distribution Event
- Please reach out if you have any troubles or questions with getting appointments

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS OR ANY TOPIC

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORD 1410-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

Mr. Banker spoke to the Ordinance and the main changes.

- Investment in Borough facilities, i.e. Community Center, Borough Hall, Police Department, and different repayment options through the Redevelopment Plan. It is simply an option the new financing program is not a requirement
- Allows for business to operate on side streets that have traditionally been mixed use or residential. Only reaches about a block down the side streets and is within the redevelopment area

If introduced tonight, it will be reviewed by the Planning Board before coming before the Council in May. This amendment does not affect the Lane Avenue Project or the Borough Hall Project.

Councilman Gates asked for clarification on what is meant by retail? Would a restaurant be able to come into one of the side street like Park Ave, Smull Ave, or Roseland Ave.

Mr. Banker said generally yes, but there are requirements that would make it very difficult to have a restaurant on those side streets due to parking requirements.

Councilman Cole reiterated Councilman Gates point and is nervous about having a restaurant on a side street and then having residents dealing with noise or garbage issues.

Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked about the boundaries for these non-residential uses. Would someone be able to but the house that is against the Cloverleaf and build a restaurant there as well?

Tom Banker said that that house that the Councilwoman mentioned would be the end of the boundary on Hanford. The boundaries on the side streets do not go too far down the streets.

Councilman Lace clarified that this amendment is in regard to the resolution to obtain Topology for amendments. Is it just for this amendment or would it be for any future amendments?

Tom said that it is for this and any future amendments.

Council President Schmidt said that she will be reviewing the Signage Ordinance to see how this new boundary will align with that new ordinance

Councilman Cole recommended that any financing for the community center moving forward is made known. When the CCC was originally built he along with other residents didn't know that the residents would be bearing the cost

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1410-21 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Cole. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 4/6/2021

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.

- 4-106 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD 3/23/2021 THROUGH 04/01/2021
- 4-107 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of April 6, 2021
- 4-108 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
Mr. Banker gave a brief explanation of Resolution 4-108
- 4-109 RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS OR BOND IN THE EVENT OF A SHORTFALL IN FUNDING FOR THE BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS
Mr. Banker gave a brief explanation of Resolution 4-109
- 4-110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO TROJAN UV TO PROVIDE PARTS FOR UV DISINFECTION SYSTEM REPAIRS AT THE CALDWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
- 4-111 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ONE (1) TAXICAB LICENSE TO Sezai Gurses, Metropolitan Limousine, 806 MURRAY STREET, AVENEL, NJ. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS.
- 4-112 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR PEDDLER LICENSE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE - The Guac Spot
- 4-113 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF Mary Hencinsky AS A CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$16.50 PER HOUR

A motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Cole. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Consent agenda passed 4/6/2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi

- *What if Lane Avenue became a one-way street? You could make it a one-way towards Bloomfield so that the High School would still be accessed and it could possibly elevate a traffic issue.*
 - *Mayor Kelley did say that the Borough is having professionals asses the traffic around town. This is a creative solution and could possibly brought to the professionals*
 - *Councilman Gates did mention that this is a county road so it would have to go through the county*

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council Members

1. Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi
 - Environmental Commission
 - Saturday April 24, from 10am-1pm - shred event
 - Rain Garden Webinar on Thursday April 29th at 7pm. Register in advance for webinar
 - Essex County Greenway- 9 mile of greenway.
 - Information webinar Monday April 26th from 7-8pm.
 - Info will be going up on the website
2. Council President Schmidt
 - Today is National Library Workers Day, so thank your librarians

REPORT OF MAYOR

John Kelley

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Thomas Banker

Tom Banker Reported:

- Budget processed is dependent on financing of things, confirmation of federal and state aid.

- Will try to introduce, informally, a budget by the end of April
- Cannot really adopt a final budget until those factors are settled
- Waiting on a signed contract from the contractors who will be doing the parking demolition project.
 - Once we get that contract, we will give notice to all those effected
 - Working on those parking solutions
- Have given notice on the air conditioning and roof of the CCC.
 - Should not affect day to day work in the building
- Final application to HHS for the rehab of 14 Park has been formally submitted

Councilman Cole asked about the cars parked on the upper level of the lot. Can we put notice on that blinking Police sign on the green?

Mr. Banker said that signage should be posted on that sign as well as around the top deck of the parking garage. Signage will have parking options and dates of work

Councilman Cole mentioned having a crossing guard, at least at the busy times. Mr. Banker said that is something we can definitely do.

Councilman Gates asked that the businesses be notified as well. Mr. Banker said that we will notice everyone within a few hundred feet of the project so that they can be prepared.

Council President Schmidt asked that the Library be notified as well as they will be affected by the noises. Mentioned about the plantings around the Library and protecting those gardens. Mr. Banker said that Glenn Beckmeyer is aware and has been instructed to make sure they contractors are aware of that. Those plantings were also in the specs so the contractor should already be aware, but we reiterate that to the contractor and protect the gardens.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Vincent Nuzzi

Joint Insurance Fund attorney will be sitting down with Vince and other regarding a global settlement

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council President Schmidt and seconded by Councilman Gates. Upon a voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. There being no business being voted on in the public. the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

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Brittany Heun, Deputy Borough Clerk

4/15/2021
DATE