

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES- March 23, 2021**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order on Zoom at 7:18 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 9, 2021

Moved by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Gates. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 3/23/2021

PRESENTATIONS

1. Caldwell Fire Department - Chief Andrew Pollara
 - a. March 8th = Official 120th Year
 - b. Will be posting on the FB post historical documents, pictures, and facts about the fire department
 - c. Councilman Rodgers made a statement and read a proclamation
 - d. Councilman Gates, Lace, Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi offered thank thanks and gratitude for the service of the Caldwell Fire Department. Council President Schmidt asked all citizens of Caldwell to consider Donating to the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department
2. Women's Community Impact Award
 - a. Council President Schmidt introduced the winner
 - i. Irene Gibbons - posthumous winner
 1. First female Mayor of Caldwell and 9-year term on the Council, First female Kiwanians
 2. Award Accepted by Carol Dunham, Ms. Gibbons' Daughter
 - ii. Lori Brown-
 1. Been a part of Dress for Success for the past 4 years, volunteered to serve on the Community Center Task Force, and the Community Center Advisory Board.
 2. Ms. Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for the award and for recognizing Dress for Success.
 - iii. Ann Marchioni - Co-chair on the Environmental Commission, Member of the Essex County Environmental Committee
 1. Ann Marchioni thanked the Mayor and Council for the award and for all of their support.
 2. Thanked all of the volunteers that have helped over the years, as well as the Mayor and Council, and Borough Staff
3. Presentation regarding Lave Avenue - Thomas Scrivo, esq.
 - . Mr. Scrivo gave a background on what the next steps are for this project and why there are before the Council today. He also gave a brief background as to Mr. Meka and his past experience both in Caldwell and outside of Caldwell.
 - a. Mr. Banker noted that there will not be any action taken tonight, this is an informational presentation. The goal is to have a Redevelopment Agreement, between the Borough and S&S Caldwell Village, presented to the Governing Body at the next meeting.
 - b. Phil Abramson spoke to the compliance of this project with the Redevelopment Plan. He also asked Mr. Scrivo to confirm some of the information that of the project.
 - . Council President Schmidt asked questions regarding the height of the building, the amount of Affordable Housing units, and the project's storm water management. - Mr. Abramson answered the question regarding the Affordable Housing. Mr. Scrivo answered Council President's Question regarding storm water concerns. Borough Engineer, Glenn Beckmeyer addressed the questions regarding the Storm Water Plan, as did Mr. Banker.
 - i. Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked about maintenance of the Storm Water retention system. Mr. Scrivo answered her question, speaking to the measures that will be taken.
 - ii. Councilman Cole asked about protection against storm water run-off before the project is completed. - Mr. Scrivo said that they will absolutely protect against that when the project begins. Mr. Banker said that the Redevelopment Agreement will cover this as well. Mr. Beckmeyer addressed the soil erosion concerns.
 - iii. Councilman Gates asked about residents' concerns regarding drainage system at Mr. Meka's site adjacent to this property.
 - iv. Council President Schmidt asked about soil erosion protection plan. - Mr. Scrivo said that is something that they will address, but it is a Planning Board issue and will be addressed more thoroughly with them. Mr. Beckmeyer also addressed the County's involvement in that process.

- v. Council President Schmidt asked about the Traffic Study that was presented to the Council, and asked why the number seems low. With that being the only road to James Caldwell High School, is that traffic included in the report - Mr. Staiger said that it is an hourly rate and that it does tend to span a few hours. They did use counts from April 2015 as well as current DOT plans, and did address the school traffic.
- vi. Council President Schmidt did address the historical aspect of 14 Lane Avenue. She asked that the historic building be recognized in the new building either via plaque or photo in the lobby. - Mr. Scrivo said that his client would be more than happy to memorialize the history of the structure with the new building.
- vii. Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked green practices and lighting on the surface lots. -
- viii. Councilman Lace asked about the traffic on Lane because many of the residents on Lane are very concerned about the traffic on Lane Ave. Witnessed traffic accidents while out on Lane Avenue this afternoon. - Mr. Staiger addressed what makes Lane Avenue a collector Road and what that means for Caldwell
- ix. Councilman Cole asked if there would be a way to get Police Department accident reports for Lane Avenue. - Mr. Staiger said that that information is available to anyway via OPRA
- x. Councilman Gates asked Chief Pollara if the fire department has reviewed the plans and if he believes that this can be compliant with responding to any emergencies on the property. - Chief Pollara said that yes, the Fire Department has had a chance to review and have submitted plans to the Planning Board. They have mapped out the plans to determine the accessibility to emergency services.
- xi. Councilman Gates asked specifically regarding 12 Lane Avenue property, Mr. Scrivo referred to as a 2-family, it is currently set up as a 2-family to be redesigned as a 4-family with 4 apartments. What is the zoning of that property currently zoned as? Is it currently zoned as a 2-family property or is it zoned for something different? Mr. Abramson responded saying that property is in the redevelopment area and that redevelopment is superseding the current zoning, so I at this very moment tell you what the zoning was prior to that, but there was obviously a site plan approval either by the zoning board or the planning board I think in the early 2000's based on the records that I looked at. I have no reason to believe that it is not a lawfully existing structure, right now a multi-family is permitted there and the permitted density is 4 units an acre. Councilman Gates clarified that the reason he is heading in that direction is there is a letter from Mr. Meka that was sent us about this project and refers to that property as a 2-family there is currently 2 units that exist there, Mr. Scrivo said in this meeting tonight that 2 units exist there, but I know someone who lives in that building who, when I saw this today, I reached out to them. And right before the meeting I asked them how many units are that building, because it looks like it could fit more than 2 units, and she told me that she believes there are 4 units in that building as of right now, and she lives in the building. Mr. Abramson said that one of the things that they did request, he did not want to get into the minutia this meeting but, we did request confirmation as built plans as part of this, and I think that they should be attached just like the other plans were, given the uniqueness of this circumstance. So, I appreciate your concern, I did try to uncover this through public sources myself, and wasn't able to. You found private sources to get the data, so I certainly think it is worth considering, or researching and confirming when we come back to you. Here and now, they've said 2 units are in that building, to me that building looks large for 2 units, but we absolutely should and can confirm the floor plans in all these building, because given the fact that they are doing this reverse subdivision merger, aggregating the density, so it becomes incredibly important how many units are in those existing structures. Councilman Gates thanked Mr. Abramson and asked if Mr. Scrivo or Mr. Meka have any comments, as he is just trying to get to the bottom of why he is getting conflicting information on the number of apartments. Mr. Scrivo said that it is obviously a 2-family structure, and they will certainly provide the as builds requested by Mr. Abramson, and will report back to the Governing Body on the existing conditions and the future plans. Mr. Beckmeyer added that his review to the Planning Board did request those existing floor plans as well.
- xii. Councilman Rodgers asked about the view from Highview, the lighting, and if there will be a retaining wall at the back of the site. - Mr. Scrivo said that there will be 2 retaining walls on the back of the Property. - Mr. Beckmeyer said that there are 12-foot light poles and said that the light poles are about 14 feet below the ground level of Highview.
- xiii. Mayor Kelley asked about green screen for neighboring properties? - Mr. Scrivo said that Mr. Meka would be open and willing to address any concerns regarding green screen around the property.
- xiv. Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked how it will affect the Sewer System - Mayor Kelley said that it is not a concern for our Sewer System at this time.

COVID-19/OEM COMMUNITY UPDATE

Mark Guiliano

- Thanked for the recognition of the 120 anniversary of the CFP and Chief Pollara for all of his work especially during COVID
- COVID Numbers in Caldwell and the County our numbers are on the rise.
- We are up 8% in the past few weeks
- NJ goal is 70% vaccinations by May
- Essex County is currently at 30% vaccinated.

Patricia Keenan Reported

- Testing is now Tuesdays in Newark and Saturday in Cedar Grove.
- Mobile Outreach into different communities.
- Weekly food distribution event is this Thursday at 9am in Belleville.
- Parks are open as well as golf courses and the Zoo
- Be sure to maintain Social Distancing while partaking in outdoor activities

Mayor Kelley Announced that he will be creating an Ad Hoc committee to address best Practices. Council President Schmidt, Councilman Rodgers, Mayor Kelley, and Tom Banker will be on the committee. This will start in April.

Mayor Kelley thanked the media outlets that attend our Council Meeting.

Mayor Kelley remarked on a statement he had made last meeting regarding the 9-story building and an article in the Tap Into WestEssex, and apologized for any

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS OR ANY TOPIC

Charles Albert, 17 Lane Avenue, West Caldwell asked why the Lane avenue Project was set to appear at the March 10th and then pulled and then put back on the agenda on March 24th.

Mr. Banker said that the Lane Avenue project was pulled from the Planning Board meeting after it was determined that the project was not ready to appear before the planning board and the Redevelopment agreement hadn't been completed.

Mr. Alberta asked about the Sewer Impact statement and the impact that this project will have on it.

Mayor Kelley did say that there is enough capacity for this new project. Mr. Banker said that the Sewer Plant will be able to accommodate the project

Brain Zaorski, 13 Lane Avenue, West Caldwell. Addressed the questions the Councilman Gates raised about the 2 family house on Lane Avenue. He did say that the building is zoned as a two-family residence, but it had 4 mailboxes, 4 doorbells, etc. Has a letter regarding a 100 year storm plan, and asked about that plan. Asked if there will be a play area for children or at least a safe area for them to go. Asked about lighting on the structure and its impact on the existing residence.

Mr. Scrivo said that he will be happy to address those concerns further through the Planning Board. The Borough Engineer does have a copy of the lighting plan and is reviewing it and can bring any of those concerns to them as well.

Tom Cocchiola, Here on behalf of the Kiwanis Street Fair. They are seeking guidance from the Governing Body on whether or not they should even be planning a street fair this year.

Mayor Kelley said that at this time he is not sure if it will be possible this year. Right now, numbers are up but it is hard to tell what the numbers will look like in October. Mr. Banker said that it is hard to plan a long-range event under the assumption that an event will take place

Pete Nancoz, 45 Birkenhead Road, Caldwell. President of the First Aid Squad. Asked if the First Aid Squad will be able to review the plans to determine if the property will accommodate their equipment.

Mr. Banker said that they absolutely can review the plans and bring any comments on those plans.

Don Giorgio, 51 Hillside Avenue. Is the Lane Avenue project a definite yes?

Mr. Banekr said that not decision has been made at this time. The Council will decide at the April 6th Meeting to execute a redevelopment agreement to not.

Mr. Giorgio, asked about the number of units and where that number comes from.

Mr. Banker said that the number of units is determined by property density that is outlined in the Redevelopment Plan

Mr. Giorgio asked about construction deadlines

Mr. Banker said that there will be a schedule in place due to the Redevelopment Agreement. The Redevelopment Agreement will outline and sort of fees or fines for not complying.

Barbara Buechner, 7 Park Lane. Asked about the 9-story plan that was addressed last meeting.

Mayor Kelley said that the Borough of Caldwell is not building and constructing a 9-story building on the site.

Ms. Buechner asked about the 9-story building that was explained in the Architects letter

Mr. Banker said that they are investigating as to what the best uses are for property that is owned by the Borough of Caldwell. This is just an investigation trying to look at what might be in the interest of the citizens of Caldwell

Anthony Banano, 5 Klimback Court. Post construction, what protections will there be for the residents surrounding this project

Mr. Scrivo said that the project will systems in place to maintain and monitor the storm water.

Mr. Banano asked how long is the storm water retention good for. What recourse do they have?

Mr. Banker said that NJ has a very elaborate set of regulations that have to be satisfied before the projects can even start. All of those regulations will need to be satisfied by this project as well. There will also be requirements in the Redevelopment Plan to impose finance. They will build in compliance and maintain compliance.

Mr. Banano asked if this is maintained indefinitely.

Mr. Banker said that yes it will be indefinitely.

Mr. Banano has expressed his views regarding the optics of this process

Chip Gardner, 55 Crane St. asked why the plan is going before the Council before the Planning Board. Expressed is concerns about this meeting not being held in-person and in public.

Mayor Kelley explained the process to Mr. Gardner and why the Council is hearing this before the Planning Board. The Site application is will be heard before the planning board. At this time, it will not be responsible to hold an open public meeting.

Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi responded to Mr. Gardner concerns about public meetings and expressed her appreciation to open public meetings due to health concerns.

Bev Crifasi, spoke about historic documents that are being stored in Borough Hall and about preserving those documents. Spoke about looking into getting grants to maybe digitize the records that are there.

Councilman Rodgers said that this can be discussed during the nest Historic Preservation Meeting.

Mr. Banker said that Mario and DPW have been instructed to create a special area in the community center gym to temporarily house the documents and work on getting a permanent house for them in the new Borough Hall.

Ms. Crifasi asked that the historic committee be present when these documents are moved so that they can be aware of where everything is going

Mr. Banker said that they can absolutely accommodate that

Rich Ruotolo, 15 Highview Road expressed concerns about his property value dropping with this project going in behind his house.

Mayor Kelley said that maybe George Librizzi, the Tax accessor may have some idea, but his tax knowledge will be different then the real estate value

Mr. Ruotolo, expressed his disappointment in the scope of their project. He was hoping for more smaller projects like other ones that were presented.

Mayor Kelley said that the Affordable Housing requirements do drive the numbers a bit higher.

Mr. Ruotolo asked if this project will fulfill the requirements?

Mr. Banker said that this project does not meet all of the requirements. This project meets about one quarter of our affordable housing requirements

Mr. Ruotolo did say that he would like the opportunity to meet with the developer about the impact on his property.

June Cowell, Brookside Ave. Questions about the architectural plans proposed for the Provost Square. It will not be possible to house both the senior services and the food pantry in the same building that it is in now. The food pantry is already full up in the small area that it is in now. How can you expand the services of the Community Center while cutting the building in half?

Mayor Kelley did say that they have a lot of plans for 14 Park Avenue that will accommodate both the Food Pantry and Senior Services

Carrie Reinhardt, 8 Klimback Court, W. Caldwell. Would like to defer her 3 minutes to Charlie Alberta

Madeline Brown, 13 Birkenhead Road. How will these redevelopment plan projects impact the schools?

Mayor Kelley said that many of the units in the redevelopment plan are single bedroom or 3-bedroom units to help minimize the impact on the School District.

Ms. Brown, if there is a burden of overcrowding of schools due to these buildings, does that fall on the builder?

Mayor Kelley did say that the builder does have a financially burden due to paying multiple taxes in the County and municipality.

Mr. Brown asked if there is a layout of the number of units and their make up?

Mr. Banker said that at this time there is not breakdown of the unit types. The Borough Council will have the opportunity to adopt a Redevelopment agreement that can outline these issues

Christopher Dooley, Lane Avenue, W. Caldwell. Mr. Dooley stated that he has witnessed many multiple accidents on Lane avenue and fire in apartments that the fire department could not get to.

Michelle Bananno 5 Clinback Court, w. Caldwell. Expressed her concerns for this big building coming into Lane Avenue. Why can't this be built smaller? Concerned about the schools and possible overcrowding. Concerned about construction equipment being put on their street for the duration on the project.

Pat Alliotto, 8 Highview Road. How many affordable units are needed in Caldwell? How many do we have?

Mr. Banker said we need 80 total units in addition to what we have now.

Ms. Alliotto asked why the traffic engineer said that Lane Avenue is 2 lanes on each road.

Mayor Kelley did say that he believes Mr. Staiger misspoke. Yes, it is a 1 lane on each side, and that is reflected in the written report.

Ms. Alliotto said that this building is not aesthetically pleasing and believes that other buildings done in town are much more pleasing to the eye. Has concerned with the way the builder treated her neighbor when the last building was placed.

Charles Alberta, why are there 2 lots with 98 units, with a large amount of impervious coverage. 32 units per 1 acre that is outlined in the Redevelopment Ave. there is still another development planned for 30 Lane which is just a few lots down. This is going to be out of character for Caldwell.

Mayor Kelley said that the Redevelopment plan provided an incentive to merge plans to increase the density. Increased density will provide for more units to satisfy our COAH obligations.

Dave Cowell, supported the points raised by Bev Crifasi regarding preserving the documents. Offered the idea of allowing someone to purchase the historic building a moving it, as has been done in the past in Caldwell.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORD #1407-21 BOROUGH OF CALDWELL STORM WATER ORDINANCE

Mr. Banker spoke to the Ordinance

Councilman Lace asked if Redevelopment Projects would fall under the category of "Major Developments" that is mentioned in this Ordinance? Mr. Banker said that they would.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1407-21 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 3/23/2021.

ORD #1408-21 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Councilman Lace asked if it would be possible to have a conversation with the Police Department about purchasing hybrid or electric vehicles in the future, instead of full gas vehicles.

Mr. banker said that is something that can be looked into, or done with a written directive in the form of a resolution.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1408-21 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 3/23/2021

ORD #1409-21 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

Council President Schmidt did note that there is a chart on the website regarding the status of the water projects.

Councilman Cole asked about previous discussions about alternate water sources.

Mr. Banker said that that is an option this is still being explored.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1409-21 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 3/23/2021.

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.

Mr. Banker advised that the Council take the late addition of Resolution 3-104 separate, and not add it to the Consent agenda.

- 3-94** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD 3/6/2021 THROUGH 3/22/2021
- 3-95** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of March 23, 2021
- 3-96** 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 Towne Scoop
- 3-97** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LIEN REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATE #20-00005, Block 41.01, Lot 32, 18 HIGHVIEW ROAD CALDWELL, NJ 07006
- 3-98** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Sisters of Saint Dominic -Off Premise – Calendar Raffle – 8/31/21,9/7/21, 9/14/21, 9/21/21, 9/28/21, 10/5/21, 10/12/21, 10/19/21, 10/26/21, 11/2/21, 11/9/21, 11/16/21, 11/23/21 – 2 PM
- 3-99** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TOPOLOGY NJ LLC IN AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$50,000
- 3-100** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TOPOLOGY NJ LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,250.
- 3-101** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 SINGLE AXLE HOOK LOADER, CONTAINER BODY FROM TONY SANCHEZ LTD., 1685 U.S. ROUTE 46, LEDGEWOOD, NJ 07852 FOR THE CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$135,340.52
- 3-102** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF CANVASSER AND/OR SOLICITOR PERMIT. APPLICANTS AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS-Power Home Remodeling, 2147 Route 27 South, Edison, NJ 08817
- 3-103** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS

Councilman Lace asked about resolutions 3-99 and 3-100 and Mr. Banker explained the reasoning for those resolutions. Councilman Lace asked if they amendments would allow for the change of any height restrictions. Mr. Banker said that now, it would not allow us to change any height requirements

A motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative with Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi abstaining from resolution 3-100. Resolutions passed 3/23/2021.

RESOLUTION

3-104 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AZZOLINA & FEURY ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

Mr. Banker explained the reasoning behind this resolution

Councilman Lace asked if this is valid regardless of what we do with Borough Hall. Mr. Banker confirmed that it would be valid regardless.

Council President Schmidt asked if it will include the Library. Mr. Banker said that it will include the Library.

Councilman Gates asked how they built the Community Center without a survey? Mr. Banker said that he didn't know.

A motion to pass resolution 3-104 was made by Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi and seconded by Councilman Lace. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Resolution passed 3/23/2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Schmidt:

Two follow-ups from the March 9th meeting

- 1) Where are we on the shopping cart problem?
- 2) Where are we on the revision of the Certificate of Occupancy ordinance?

One new item

Today, we saw the brutal shooting in Boulder Colorado, it's a sorry state of affairs when we, as a nation, become numb to this kind of tragedy. Thoughts and prayers are not enough.

Just last week 8 were killed in Atlanta and I would just like to say a few words about this recent killing of 8 people in Atlanta - 6 of whom were Asian American. To me, this shooting was particularly disturbing. First of all, there was the ease with which the murderer purchased and used his weapon on the same day. If that wasn't enough, he targeted Asians.

Here in Caldwell we may say, there are not many people of color in our community so what's the big deal? Being a mother of two Asian-American daughters, I can say the hate and distrust towards Asians has a long history but it has become very real ever since the corona virus came to these shores and it has been exacerbated by the racist rhetoric used by the previous US administration. The Atlanta shooting has put this simmering anti-Asian sentiment onto the headlines. My daughters and their friends have all experienced the distrustful sideways glances whenever they go out. My older daughter who lives in Manhattan felt compelled to buy mace and personal defense items because the number of assaults there has been rising and only now is it actually being reported as hate.

Many say they are tired of hearing about racism, but think for a moment of how people are tired of experiencing it. We as a community can all start by becoming allies. We can start by making people of color - not just Asian-Americans feel safe and accepted in our own community and workplaces because I can tell you from personal experience that Asian Americans are currently living in fear and people of color are indeed very tired of racism.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council Members

1. Councilman Lace

- Shared Services
 - Meeting on Monday
 - Two items discussed were the turf field at Harrison - 1.9 million dollars
 - Major Building Plans in Caldwell and West Caldwell

2. Council President Schmidt

- Library
 - Survey on the Library homepage
 - Currently working with the Borough Administrator to work out parking during the Parking Deck Demolition

3. Councilman Gates

- Camp Wyanokie
 - Camp is open
 - Dam in the lake that will need major repairs in the next few years.
 - Research is being done as to what can be done to repair it.

4. Councilman Cole

- Board of Health
 - Radon Kits are available

REPORT OF MAYOR

John Kelley

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Thomas Banker

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Vincent Nuzzi

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kelley read the following statement: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matters: 1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation; 2. Personnel matters; 3. This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence. The Executive Session will be discussion Personnel rice notice Borough Administrator, Attorney/Client Privileges, Potential Litigation, and Sewer Operator.

A motion to enter into executive Session was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Cole. Upon a voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. The Borough Council Meeting adjourned the public meeting and went into Executive Session at 11:30pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Gates seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. There being no business being voted on in the public, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51PM.

Prepared by: _____
Brittany Heun, Deputy Borough Clerk

DATE