

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
SPECIAL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES- September 9, 2021**

The Special Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order via Zoom Meetings at 7:18pm.

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

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this Special Council Business/Conference Meeting was given on September 3, 2021. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the 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 same.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 17, 2021

Moved by Council President Schmidt and seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved on 9/9/2021

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING-OPEN TO PUBLIC

Christine Gurrerie, 26 Welshman Court, concerns regarding the presentation in July having to do with the traffic plan. Did get a response from Council President Schmidt but did not get answers from the presenters regarding some questions. Questions on the Right turn only on Roseland Ave. from Westville Ave. What is the financial impact on the Caldwell tax payers caused by the reworking of the Bloomfield Ave corridor? The communication send out regarding an infrastructure study was received. How are the taxpayers going to pay for the infrastructure study and the Bloomfield Ave Corridor project?

- *Mayor Kelley - we did hire professionals to look at revitalizing Bloomfield Ave and the downtown of Caldwell. We at least needed to hire the professionals to do the research. We have brought it to the county and they are excited about it as well. We are trying to improve Caldwell, but have not committed to it yet. Regards to redirecting the traffic around Roseland Ave and Westville, we will address that when we have more information. The presentation was just a preliminary look so we don't have any formal plans at this time. In regards to the infrastructure study, we are working with Mott McDonald about the underlying drainage looked at and analyzed. They will bring their findings to us at a future meeting. Caldwell will probably not finance the whole thing; the County will likely provide part of the financing as well.*
- *Councilman Gates - the study that was authorized will help us simply understand the impact to the town financially and physically. We are all taxpayers as well, so we want to have a better understanding of the financial impact as well.*
- *Council President Schmidt - will follow up with Mr. Banker and Arterial regarding your questions from your email. Those points could have an impact on what the engineers decided to do.*
- *Mayor Kelley - we will not move forward without having a public meeting for the residents to voice their concerns*

June Cowell, 29 Brookside Avenue, erosion of the sidewalk in our area. Believe the culvert is causing the damage. Concerned about the safety of people who walk by as it is a danger.

- *Mayor Kelley - we will be evaluating this concern*
- *Tom- asked Glenn to evaluate the impact on Westville and Brookside s they were among the most heavily impacted areas. Glenn has been working his way through the flood issues, but I am not sure if he has gotten to Brookside yet. Hopefully at the Tuesday meeting, we will be able to present to the Council our finding.*
- *Mayor Kelley - can we block off that area for the safety of the resident?*
- *Tom- yes if I will ask Mario to block that off so residents*

June Cowell - there are sticks in the hole right now, to warn residents of it. Our driveway access is in the same area, and we are worried that is compromised as well. This is not the first time the culvert has cracked, but it is the most serious.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 1417-21 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1417-21, was made by Councilman Gates, and seconded by Councilman Rodgers. Discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 9/9/2021.

RESOLUTIONS – 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.

- 9-194** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH DYNAMIC TRAFFIC, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$51,000
- 9-195** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH COZZARELLI CIRMINIELLO ARCHITECTS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 (Boro Hall)
- 9-196** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH COZZARELLI CIRMINIELLO ARCHITECTS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,00 (14 Park)
- 9-197** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ARTERIAL STREETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000
- 9-198** RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC BIDDING TO DENVILLE LINE PAINTING, INC., 2 GREEN POND ROAD, ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY 07866, FOR PLACE, 2021 MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP ROAD PROGRAM
- 9-199** RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC BIDDING TO DENVILLE LINE PAINTING, INC., 2 GREEN POND ROAD, ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY 07866, FOR PLACE, 2021 MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP ROAD PROGRAM
- 9-200** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of September 9, 2021
- 9-201** APPOINTING MARIA BURAK AS THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CALDWELL'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM
- 9-202** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CROSSING GUARDS IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$17.00 PER HOUR FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
- 9-203** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL BERGMAN AS A CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$17.00 PER HOUR FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
- 9-204** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO FUND VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi. Discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions passed on 9/9/2021.

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 1418-21 CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A motion to introduce ordinance 1418-21 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 9/9/2021.

- 9-205** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021

BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

9-206 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion to pass resolutions 9-205 & 9-206 was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Council President Schmidt. No discussion. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions passed 9/9/2021.

There being no additional business to be conducted, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi. Upon a voice vote, all voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Prepared by: *Brittany Heun*
Brittany Heun, Deputy Borough Clerk

9/14/2021
DATE