

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – November 9, 2010**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:13P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Murray, Hauser, Dassing,
Norton, Slattery, and Piazza

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera, Esq.

ABSENT: Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk

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.

RECEIVING OF BIDS - Small Avenue Project

SUPPLEMENTAL DEBT STATEMENT – November 9, 2010

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #1226-10 - ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$26,915.90 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE ELGIN STREET SWEEPER IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY.

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Dassing. Discussions Ensued.

On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 11/09/10.

ORDINANCE #1227-10 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$551,750 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$188,810 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussions Ensued.

On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 11/09/10

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES: (Ordinance #1225-10 to be amended / final adoption 11-23-2010)

ORDINANCE #1225-10 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$653,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$620,350 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Dassing. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance amended on 11/09/10

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RESOLUTIONS:

11-228 - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2010 – REPROGRAMMING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,380.00

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Piazza. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-229- AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church / Off Premise Calendar Raffle / January 15, 2011, February 15th, March 15th, April 15th, May 15th, June 15th, July 15th, August 15th, September 15th, October 15th, November 15th, December 15th – 1:00 PM

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-230- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 TO THOMAS INTILE, JR. FOR A VETERANS DEDUCTION

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-231 -RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE #08-00017, BLOCK 58.01, LOT 1 126 ROSELAND AVENUE, CALDWELL, NJ 07006, LUP F. LEW

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Murray. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-232 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES, CONTRACT NO. 2007-1 – ADDITIONAL AMOUNT \$38,892.78 – NEW TOTAL AMOUNT \$11,855,768.20.

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-233 -RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY NOTES TO FUND SUCH EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

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11-234 -AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 2010 FOR 2010 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,496,812.56

Moved by Councilman Dassing, seconded by Councilman Piazza. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-235 -AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN W. KELLY, 49 FREDERICK STREET, BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY 07109 TO THE POSITION OF TAX ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011 WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$24,000

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-236-RESOLUTION APPOINTING IDAMAE RENNE AS THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2010 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2012 WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$60,000.

Moved by Councilman Hauser, seconded by Councilman Norton. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-237-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE #05-002 BLOCK 10, LOT 17.02, 50 CRANE STREET, CALDWELL, NJ 07006, CARALYN B. HENRY

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

11-238-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO DELL MARKETING L.P. TO PURCHASE GIS AND SOFTWARE SERVICES UNDER STATE CONTACT #A72727 FOR THE PHYSICAL MAPPING OF ALL WATER, STORMWATER, AND SEWER SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND SOFTWARE TO MANAGE THE INFORMATION FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$50,745.00

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Hauser. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 11/09/10

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Slattery asked when the stop signs will be going up. Paul Carelli responded that because of the Parking deck Mario has been busy. He will be putting them up this week.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Murray, reported that he would like to take a moment to congratulate Lt. Marc Driggs he has been awarded the State PBA Medal of Valor for the incident that happened last year. I would like to congratulate him. As far as the Fire Department the ladder truck is back and it's working well and the guys are pleased with it. As far as the DPW Mario has been working on the Parking deck, the leaf collection has been going on and we have recycling bins from the County that he is distributing to residents.

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Councilman Hauser, reported that the Recreation had a meeting prior to this meeting with certain members from West Caldwell. We will be discussing this in executive session. In regards to Personnel committee I have asked Paul and other members to set up a meeting to discuss planning for 2011.

Councilman Dassing, reported that she stopped in at Elegance Tile and Design Center's which is right on the corner of Provost and Bloomfield. It's a beautiful store and the owners are lovely. I stopped next door and bought shoes at the shoe stop \$9.50 and they are real leather. The Caldwell Merchants Association is sponsoring a come home for the holidays. Shops and restaurants will be open late on Thursday evening. The Community Center is offering babysitting services so drop the kids and take your spouse out for dinner. The Merchant Association would also like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Oktoberfest fund raiser which raised money for the Caldwell Fire Department and we raised a little over \$1000.00.

Councilman Slattery, reported that the Board of Health tonight had two new members, Robin DeStefano and Ann Christensen. The flu clinic and the blood pressure clinic were both held and both had lower than usual attendance. The local assistance board was presented \$5000 from Vera Amici which is a local organization made up of Caldwell and West Caldwell. A 100% of money that they collect are giving to recipients, they have given to families they have given to the Bridge. Thank you very much to them. There has been an issue with some of the restaurants not adhering to a grease ordinance. commercial restaurants have to have strainers that block the grease so it doesn't go into the sewer system. We have an existing ordinance that provides for that but it doesn't seem to give the authority to withhold the license if it doesn't comply with this ordinance. She asked Greg Mascera, Borough Attorney to look into this ordinance and if he could get back to Maria. Caldwell live feel Good Friday on November 19th, 10:00am at the Caldwell Public Library is geared to people with hearing lost. Every Wednesday from 9:00-12:30 at the Senior Center they have an individual counselor there to help you find work.

Councilman Norton, reported that he would like to congratulate Mayor elect Ann Dassing our Council elect Doug Piazza, John Coyle, and Tom O'Donnell. As far as the Finance Committee we met last week with Valley National Bank as our third and final bank that made a product and capabilities presentation. The discussions from that meeting will be forth coming to the rest of Council for review. Our next set of meetings for the finance committee is we are going to try and set up every Thursday evening from now and until the end of the year to try and meet with every department head. For traffic Ann and I had a chance to meet with our Borough Engineer and put forth what we think is a comprehensive plan to Glen Beckmeyer for his review. The plan is encompassing the entire north side of town from Hatfield Street to Ravine Intersection. North of Bloomfield Avenue running east to west. Hopefully we will have information back from the Engineer to have an entire discussion and review with Council at the November 23rd meeting. As far as the Downtown Committee I will be forwarding by the end of business tomorrow a plan presented to us by Aaron Klien from Greener Corners, which is a scale down version for recycling. The plan calls for 15 spots throughout the Borough for recycling bins some with advertising some without. Various Discussions Ensued.

Councilman Piazza, reported that the Farmers market this year has official ended. We went out with a bang and we tied everything with the trick-or-treaters on the Avenue. Thank you to everyone who has come down and supported the Farmers market.

Mayor Gartland said that she would also like to thank Vera Amici for this being the third year for major contribution to the Local Assistance Board. This goes to Thanksgiving dinners and holiday celebrations to families in need. She also announced that her daughter had two twin boys and it has been an exciting whirlwind.

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REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Paul Carelli reported that one of our crossing guards was struck by a vehicle this afternoon we should keep him in our thoughts and prayers. As far as the parking deck update I did receive a letter from our Borough engineer. The structural engineer recommended a power washing on that deck. The parking deck on Roseland Avenue can be re-opened with 43 parking spots available. We did get an estimate for work which is basically replacing concrete and decking of the first 27' of the upper level. We are waiting for scheduling from contractor the total amount is \$250,000. They will additionally be replacing all the bullets. Councilman Norton responded that in regards to the Parking deck we are going to see if we can offer some valet parking for the Community Center. We should look at this as far as keeping the members happy. Paul Carelli thanked our liaison on some help with emergency appropriations. He spoke about the health fair that the Borough had for all the employees. I have started doing an analysis on benefits. We started looking at ways to save money. Currently our copiers are up and we are looking at ways to save. Personal printers are very expensive and our goal is to get rid of personal printers. Councilman Murray had asked me to take a look at electric. I started looking at that for the Borough. We have 12 electric accounts. Typically the way it works your electric bill is divided into two portions there is a disabusing charge and a supply charge. The supply charge you can shop with other vendors. Various Discussions Ensued.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY:

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Murray would like to send his condolences to Colette, her Mom passed away. I would like to congratulate Karen Lembo who was inducted to Mount Saint Dominic to the hall of fame. I would like to congratulate Doug, Ann, Tom, and John.

Jim Jorgensen, County Liaison, reported that the lights at the turtle back zoo will be free. Dates that it will be open are November 26, 27, 28 and December 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17th – January 7th closed December 24th and 25th.

Councilman Dassing asked Jim Jorgensen if the County had made a decision on the parking in front of the Library. Many seniors are concerned and when someone called the County they said that Council had approved the spots removed on Bloomfield Avenue. Then there were some letters written to the County on this there are a number of seniors that are upset. I know there is a second plan that we have not seen. Various Discussions Ensued.

OPEN PUBLIC PORTION:

Jackie Sweigart, 16 Chestnut Street, her son was the one being crossed on Roseland Avenue where the man was hit. Something really needs to be done. What I would like going forward until the light is going in, something safer for these kids. Various Discussions Ensued.

Bob Christensen, 3 Ravine Avenue, I drive a school bus and I drive on Roseland Avenue coming to Bloomfield there is no sign on those crosswalks to stop when there is a person in the crosswalk. Where are those signs and when will they be put in place, not only that

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Bob Christensen, 3 Ravine Avenue, I drive a school bus and I drive on Roseland Avenue coming to Bloomfield there is no sign on those crosswalks to stop when there is a person in the crosswalk. Where are those signs and when will they be put in place, not only that area but a lot of number areas that should be addressed before someone gets hurt. Various Discussions Ensued.

Diane Lily, 74 Forest Avenue, the children coming Thursday for Veteran's Day on the Green, who will be there to cross all these kids. Councilman Murray said he will check with Kurt to make sure someone is there.

Francis Larkey, 32 Park Terrace North, she would like to say how proud she is to work at the Caldwell Public Library. We have some Gene Collard photographs exhibited, Caldwell then and Caldwell now.

Mayor Gartland 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. Greg Mascera responds that the Executive Session will be discussion of the contract issue is in regards to the Recreation Agreement with West Caldwell and the status of the Police Negotiations and the College Agreement.

On a motion made by Councilman Murray, and seconded by Councilman Slattery, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session at 9:22 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon a motion by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Murray the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 11:11P.M.

Councilman Norton asked the question to the Mayor if she had a list of current committee members. Paul Carelli responded that he did have it. Councilman Norton asked to send it electronically.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 P.M.

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Acting Borough Clerk