

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES – January 4, 2011**

The council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:19PM

PRESENT: Mayor Dassing, Councilman Murray, Norton, Hauser, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Paul Carelli, Acting Borough Clerk, Lisa O'Neill and Borough Attorney, Greg Mascera, Esq.

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 1, 2011. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 1, 2011. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

- Councilman John Coyle by Karen Coyle
- Councilman Thomas O'Donnell by Kelsy O'Donnell
- Councilman Douglas Piazza by Joseph DeFuria, Esq.
- Mayor Ann Dassing by Joseph DeFuria, Esq.
- Call to Order - Roll Call
- Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act
- Invocation by Rev. Anthony J. Randazzo
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Comments by Mayor Ann Dassing
- Election of Council President

Mayor's Message:

I would like to thank Mayor Alessi and Judge O'Connor and everyone for coming and for your many years of support. It means so much to all of us and in the coming months we look forward to serving Caldwell and continuing to affect a positive change to our Town. As we begin a new decade, that Father Anthony had mentioned on Sunday Mass. I was thinking to myself, 2011, what's so special about 2011. In your sermon you mentioned that it's a beginning of a new decade.

This is momentous for us with our brand new Council with seven republicans up here. What can we do in the beginning to affect a positive change in this new decade? We do so knowing that the words shared services are no longer a buzz word but a call to action. We intend to respond to that call by being a Council of less talk and more action. While Caldwell has been ahead of the curve with supporting of shared services agreements with surrounding towns for our Library, welfare services, tax assessor, health department, police dispatch, recreation, senior transportation and registrar. We must do more and we will. Future meetings are planned and with the help of professionals in Trenton such as Lori Griffa, head of Department of Community Affairs and her assistant George Dreden we hope to add more shared services to our list of successes.

The 2011 Budget will be challenging but Caldwell has a successful history as well. For the past two years we have struck budgets which have been under the 2% cap that is being imposed by Trenton this year. In 2009 our increase was 1.3% and in 2010 it was 0.8% we can and we will do this again and in 2011 by building on cost saving ideas in the areas of health care, energy efficiencies, technologies and shared services. On the Revenue side we plan to seek more grants and discuss ways to increase Revenue with all of our department heads.

This year for efficiency you may have noticed the Agenda is a little different. We have consolidated committee's and we have created a very important committee known as the

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Long-Range Planning Committee. This committee has been charged with looking further into the future, further into just one year out and they will research and present ideas to the Mayor and Council for the decade that lies ahead.

Caldwell unique character and charm needs to be preserved and I will be working with planning board to create an historic commission by ordinance to preserve our architecturally significant features throughout the Borough. We will promote Caldwell shopping district to perspective retailers and consumers. I urge everyone to think of three shops in the downtown and stop in and purchase something on a regular basis. Researchers tell us that every \$100 that is spent in these local shops \$68 returns to community with taxes, payroll and other expenditures. I think as leaders of this community we should start a shop local trend. Borough hall can help fuel the trend with facade improvement grants a new sign ordinance to enhance the look of the downtown and other initiatives to make our town more walk able and a shopping and dining destination. We will also continue our safe and peaceful streets campaign to address Borough wide problem traffic areas and make neighborhood safer for all of our pedestrians and residents.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to our Volunteer Fire Department and our West Essex First Aid Squad members for providing a phenomenal commitment of time 365 days a year 24 hours a day totally volunteer, amazing absolutely amazing. Also thank you to all of our volunteers who serve on the boards and committee's in town. There work and commitment to our town is truly appreciated and I would like you to know that many have served for many, many years. Thank you also to our employees who are dedicated and have made sacrifices when we have asked for the good of the whole. They are an example that we should recognize and if we can work as a team we can create a better Caldwell.

Once again, thank you all for coming this evening and in closing I would like to invite you all to join us at Calandra's next door at the close of this meeting. Thank you very much.

Councilman Norton reported that next on the agenda is the election of Council President and with a New Year and seven of us up here together, I had sent in a request to be Council President but do to a substantially increase of work load and my business, I would respectfully have that pulled and in doing so if I may, I would like to recommend Council Peter Murray as Council President.

Mayor Dassing asked for nominations for Council President. Councilman Norton nominated Councilman Murray 2nd by Councilman Hauser. On roll call, Councilman Norton, Hauser, Piazza, Coyle and O'Donnell voted in the affirmative. Councilman Murray abstained.

Mayoral Council Committee Appointments

Council Committee	Chairman	Councilman	Areas of Responsibility
Community Relations	Norton	Piazza	Community Center / Senior Citizens / CDBG Board of Health / Public Events / Economic Development
Finance	O'Donnell	Murray	Finance / Budget / Banking / Administration / Capital Projects Tax Collection / Annual Audit / Corrective Action Plan
Long-Range Planning	Piazza	Coyle	Technology / Website Development Master Plan / Board of Education / Solar-Green Initiatives
Personnel	Hauser	O'Donnell	Personnel Policies / Employee Handbook / Employee Benefits Health Benefits / Salary Ordinance and Resolutions / Pension
Public Safety	Murray	Hauser	Police Department / Fire Department / Emergency Management Municipal Court / Traffic Ordinances / Municipal Alliance
Public Works / Utilities	Coyle	Norton	Streets and Roads / Building and Grounds / Engineering / Utility Construction Department / Sewer and Water Departments
Recreation Advisory	Hauser	Murray	Recreation Advisory Committee

Note: Mayor Dassing is the 3rd member of each committee.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

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I. Resolution 1-1: Planning Board - Appointment by Mayor

- Councilman Joseph Norton Class III Member term expiration 12/31/2011
- Mr. Christopher Esposito Class IV Member term expiration 12/31/2014
- Ms. Marguerite Kenney Alternate #2 term expiration 12/31/2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/4/11.

II. Resolution 1-2: Zoning Board of Adjustment – Mayor, Consent of the Council

- Ms. Dawn R. SanFilippo Two-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2012
- Mr. David Malcolm Alternate #2 term expiration 12/31/2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/4/11.

III. Resolution 1-3: Library Board of Trustees - Mayor, Consent of the Council

- Mr. Bernard McGovern Five-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2015
- Ms. Cindy Kellenberger One-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2011
- Councilman Richard Hauser Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/4/11.

IV. Resolution 1-4: Board of Health - Mayor, Consent of the Council

- Mr. Glen Annan-Brady Three-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2013
- Councilman Peter Murray Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/4/11.

V. Resolution 1-5: Local Assistance Board - Mayor, Consent of the Council

- Ms. June Cowell Four-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2014
- Councilman Douglas Piazza Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2011

Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/4/11.

VI. Resolution 1-6: Rent Review Board - Mayor, Consent of the Council

- Mr. August Lembo Three-Year Term term expiration 12/31/2013
- Councilman Peter Murray Council Representative term expiration 12/31/2011
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Moved by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Norton. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution adopted 01/04/11.

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G. Borough Arborist - Appointment by Mayor.

Mr. Al Ferrentino – Green Maple Landscaping

H. New Jersey Council Motion Picture Development - Appointment by Mayor.

Ms. Lisa O’Neill

I. Liaison to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace - Appointment by Mayor.

Dr. David Cowell

J. Senior Citizen Transportation Committee – Mayor. Consent of the Council.

Mr. Manny Ferrara
Mr. Peter Pirrello
Councilman Douglas Piazza, Council Representative

On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 01/04/11.

K. Tree Removal Committee - Mayor. Consent of the Council.

Ms. Doris Halprin (Arborist)
Mr. Edward Broheimer (Tree Expert)
Councilman John Coyle, Council Representative
Mr. Donald Neil Aharrah (Environmental Commission)
Mr. Paul M. Carelli, (Borough Administrator)

On roll call, all present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted on 01/04/11.

X. Annual Professional Appointments – Mayor. Consent of the Council.

1-9	Municipal Attorney:	Gregory Mascera, Esq.
1-10	Borough Prosecutor:	Joseph DeFuria, Esq.
1-11	Public Defender:	James Pomaco, Esq.
1-12	Licensed Water Operator:	William Frint
1-13	Licensed Sewer Operator:	Greg Seaman
	Sewer Director:	Greg Seaman
1-14	Regulatory Compliance Rep:	Greg Seaman
1-15	Municipal Zoning Officer:	Paul Milani
1-16	Rent Board Attorney:	Dawn R. SanFilippo, Esq.
1-16	Borough Auditors:	Nisivoccia and Company
1-17	Borough Bond Counsel:	McManimon & Scotland LLC

Moved by Councilman Piazza, seconded by Councilman Hauser. No Discussion.

On roll call vote all members present voted in the affirmative.
Resolution adopted 01/04/11.

XI. New Business

- 1-18 - Authorizing the Extension of the Appointment Of Lisa O’Neill As The Acting Borough Clerk
- 1-19 - Authorizing Appointment of Committee Members for the Community Development Block Grant Program for the Year 2011
- 1-20 - Authorizing the Appointment of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department Officers for Year 2011
- 1-21 - Designating the Official Depositories of the Borough for the Year 2011
- 1-22 - Designating Official Holidays in Year 2011
- 1-23 - Authorizing Adoption of Temporary Budget for the Year 2011
- 1-24 - Authorizing Annual Schedule of Regular Council Business-Conference

