

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – February 24, 2009

The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gartland, Councilman Lawshe, Dassing, Slattery, Curley, Norton and Brennan

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Maureen Ruane, Borough Attorney, Stuart Koenig, Esq., Deputy Clerk, Beth Bush Telepan

ABSENT:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference meeting was given on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on January 15, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on January 15, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PRESENTATIONS: Ann Marchioni, Chairman of The Caldwell Environmental Commission reported on the concerns of the Caldwell Environment Commission regarding the proposed artificial turf for the Kiwanis Oval

Mayor Tempesta of West Caldwell thanked Ms. Marchioni for her comments. Mayor Tempesta reported that the first thing we need to do is apply for funding. If we are successful, we will go out to bid. The safety issues can be addressed in the bid.

The application for the Open Space Grant has to be completed by March 17, 2009.

The council agreed to move forward with the application process.

Chris Kinslow of 14 Bowers Road asked the council to please ask the Environmental Commission to please state the positive benefits of artificial turf such as drainage and less use of lawn mowers.

Sheila Andreski said that the oval is a beautiful spot and it is not up to par. The turf is extremely important. Ms. Andreski also questioned whether it will be open to the public or not.

Perry DiPiazza of Wyckoff, New Jersey, Vice President of Fieldturf gave a presentation regarding artificial turf. He welcomed anyone to visit the Fieldturf website for information regarding artificial turf.

www.fieldturf.com

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 10, 2009

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley the minutes were adopted February 24, 2009.

February 10, 2009 Executive Session

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Brennan the minutes were adopted February 24, 2009.

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February 17, 2009

Approved by all members present upon a motion made by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton the minutes were adopted February 24, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS:

2-52 Authorizing redemption of tax lien certificate #08-00020, Block 65, Lot 1.20, 20 Fells Manor Road, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, Joseph Tona

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/24/09.

2-53 Appointing Rebecca M. Roth as Tax Collector for the Borough of Caldwell for a four year term commencing January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2012 with an annual salary of \$50,000 for the year 2009

Moved by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Slattery. No discussion. On roll call vote, Councilman Lawshe, Dassing and Norton voted in the negative. Councilman Slattery, Curley, Brennan and Mayor Gartland voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/24/09.

2-54 Grant Agreement between Caldwell Borough and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection, Grant Identifier: PF09-105

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Brennan. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/24/09.

2-55 Authorizing payment of bills and the issuance of checks for the period through February 24, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,461,814.67

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Norton. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 2/24/09.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Lawshe – Reported that on March 2, 2009 at 7:45 at the Congregation Agudath Israel they have made an invitation to all the residents to come for a tour and to discuss various issues and problems that may still be taking place at the Temple.

Councilman Slattery – No Report

Councilman Dassing – Requested that the Borough Engineer submit a report to the council regarding the erosion behind the dermatologist's office on Westville Avenue. Councilman Dassing also requested that the Army Corp of Engineers report be sent to the new council members. Councilman Dassing also reported on the Shared Services Committee meeting. Councilman Dassing also reported on the Caldwell Community Center Committee meeting. Councilman Dassing reported that the Taste of the Caldwells is Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Caldwell College Student Center.

Councilman Curley – Reported on the Traffic Committee Meeting. Councilman Curley thanked the Police Department for enforcing the speed laws on Bloomfield Avenue.

Councilman Norton – Reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. Councilman Norton also reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

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Councilman Brennan – No Report.

Mayor Gartland – Reported that the Big Read will be starting this Sunday.

OPEN MEETING: The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at 8:29 PM. Karen Lembo reported on the Big Read. Ann Marchioni reported that the 7th Grades at St. Aloysius School saw a wonderful film called Paperclips which related to the Big Read. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor closed the open public portion of the meeting at 8:34 PM.

On a motion made by Councilman Curley, and seconded by Councilman Norton, unanimously affirmed, the Council moved into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of potential litigation. Said motion was unanimously approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M.

The Executive Session was adjourned and upon motion by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Slattery the Council Business Conference Meeting was opened to the public and the press at 9:05 P.M. All those previously in attendance were present.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Norton, unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Prepared by:

Beth Bush Telepan
Deputy Clerk

Date