

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, N.J.**  
**RECESSED COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**MINUTES – January 1, 2010**

The Council Business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 11:30 A.M.

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

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

ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this Recessed Council Business/Conference meeting was given on December 22, 2009. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey on December 22, 2009. Four official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail on December 22, 2009. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

RECEIVING OF BIDS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 22, 2009, October 6, 2009, July 7, 2009, April 7, 2009, March 12, 2009, and February 28, 2009

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Brennan, On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Lawshe and Councilman Dassing abstained from the December 22, 2009 minutes. Minutes were adopted January 1, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS:

12-218 Authorizing Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period Through December 31, 2009

Moved by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/1/10.

12-219 Authorizing cancellation of small balances on tax accounts for the year ending 12/31/09

Moved by Councilman Slattery, seconded by Councilman Curley. Discussion Ensued. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/1/10.

12-220 Authorizing the cancellation of current appropriations

Moved by Councilman Curley, seconded by Councilman Brennan. No discussion. On roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted 1/1/10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Councilman Lawshe – Thanked Stuart Koenig, Municipal Attorney. Councilman Lawshe reported that having worked with Stuart this past year has been enjoyable. Councilman Lawshe also reported that his brother who was the Police Chief in Caldwell had told him that Stuart Koenig was one of the smartest guys you will meet, he really knows Municipal Law. Stuart Koenig and my brother got along very well when he was here. Councilman Lawshe reported that he and the Council will miss Stuart Koenig, Esq. Councilman

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Lawshe also reported that it was a real pleasure to work with Councilman Brennan. Councilman Lawshe said that Councilman Brennan was a legend in this town; Councilman Lawshe heard a lot of good things about him before he became a Councilman. Councilman Lawshe thanked Councilman Brennan stating that his interest was for the people of this town. Councilman Lawshe thanked Councilman Curley. Councilman Lawshe reported that being on the Police Committee this year was very knowledgeable, I learned a lot from Councilman Curley and Councilman Brennan. Councilman Lawshe stated that the Police Committee did a lot of good things this year.

Councilman Slattery – Reported that without any reflection on any of the new incoming people, Councilman Slattery stated that her personal experience and professional experience with Stuart Koenig, Councilman Brennan and Councilman Curley has been nothing but positive and good for this town. This town will miss them. Councilman Slattery stated that she will really miss Stuart Koenig. Councilman Slattery reported that she does not believe the average person knows what Mr. Koenig has done for this town, especially in the sewer area. Mr. Koenig is an expert that is recognized everywhere, especially in Municipal Law. Councilman Slattery wished the two new Councilmen good luck.

Councilman Dassing – Thanked Stuart Koenig, and stated she has learned from him. Councilman Dassing expressed that even though they had differences she has always respected his opinion. Councilman Dassing reported that she knows that Stuart has put a lot of time into this town and has not been compensated for because he cares for the town. Councilman Dassing thanked Mr. Brennan, Councilman Dassing stated she really did not get to know Councilman Brennan, but Mr. Brennan's sister is a good friend of her mother and father so it was nice having that connection. Councilman Dassing stated she appreciated Councilman Brennan's levity during the meetings. He helped to smooth us out many times with very few words, which is very unusual for a politician. Councilman Dassing wished Councilman Curley best of luck and thanked him for his service to the town. Councilman Dassing stated that she knows they will be crossing paths with the Merchants Association. Councilman Dassing wished him best of luck with his business and his family. Councilman Dassing stated that most people do not know the amount of hours put behind what they see up here today. That is true service to the town. Councilman Dassing wished the employees for a happy and healthy New Year and is looking forward to a great 2010.

Councilman Curley – Thanked the people of Caldwell for the honor and privilege of serving them for the past three years. Councilman Curley congratulated Peter Murray and Richard Hauser and he said to the wives "get ready". Happy New Year to everybody.

Councilman Norton – Wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Councilman Norton reported that Stuart Koenig, Councilman Curley and Councilman Brennan have been professional and courteous throughout the year and it has been a pleasure to serve with them.

Councilman Brennan – Reported that his one-year term was every bit as enjoyable as his three-year term forty years ago. The only difference now is that his children are now older than he was when he first served. Councilman Brennan thanked everyone Republican and Democrat alike. Councilman Brennan thanked the council for what he hoped would be a sense of collegiality in the future. Councilman Brennan thanked his wonderful wife Pam for permitting him to run forty years ago and again today. Councilman Brennan thanked the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works. Councilman Brennan was fortunate enough to be on those committees this year. Councilman Brennan reported it was great working with Chief Dombrowski. Councilman Brennan reported that we have a great town and he encourages the new council to please continue the tradition of good government. Councilman Brennan concluded with a statement he has made before, one of his famous quotes is from Winston Churchill, "it is amazing what can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit".

Mayor Gartland – Presented clocks to Councilman Curley, Councilman Brennan and Stuart Koenig, Esq. Mayor Gartland wished Councilman Curley a Happy New Year. Councilman

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Curley has been an asset to the committees that he served on and to this town. Mayor Gartland stated she appreciated his friendship and his service. The Traffic Committee, Police Committee, Technology Committee will all miss Councilman Curley. Mayor Gartland stated that she hoped that if we ever needed Councilman Curley's assistance on a professional basis that we could call on him to assist this town. Mayor Gartland thanked Councilman Curley for his three years of service. Mayor Gartland stated that she was here in town forty years ago and she is here now and thanked Councilman Brennan for accepting to return for this year. Mayor Gartland thanked Councilman Brennan for serving. Mayor Gartland reported that her husband had served with Councilman Brennan forty years ago. Mayor Gartland thanked Councilman Brennan and said he has been a true asset and stated that he has been a leveling factor many times on the Council. Mayor Gartland reported that she has been here from the beginning with Stuart Koenig for the nineteen years he has served. Mayor Gartland stated that he has always given sage advice, sound decisions and have been very helpful to the Mayor and Council. Irene Gibbons was the Mayor who brought Stuart Koenig, Esq. on board and Mayor Gartland said that was a very wise and smart decision. Stuart Koenig has always remained non-political; his decisions have been truly based on the law and his experience. Mayor Gartland stated that Stuart Koenig was someone that she can count on and turn to in times of difficult decisions. Mayor Gartland stated that Stuart Koenig is a very valuable and well-respected attorney in the State of New Jersey for his knowledge of Municipal Law. Stuart Koenig has served on the New Jersey League of Municipalities as their Senior Assistant. Mayor Gartland reported that she knows Stuart Koenig will assist the new attorney. Mayor Gartland stated he will be a first class and top rate gentleman to do that. Mayor Gartland recognized John Taylor former Councilman, expressed his appreciation to Stuart Koenig for his service to our community and wished him the best in the future. Mayor Gartland stated she considered Stuart Koenig a friend as well as someone that worked here on a professional basis. Stuart Koenig thanked the Mayor and said it was his honor and privilege to serve for nineteen years. Stuart Koenig stated that his wife was in the audience for the first time, she is very happy to have him back on Tuesday nights for the first time in nineteen years. Stuart Koenig wished the Council well in the New Year.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – None

ATTORNEY REPORT – Stuart Koenig, Esq. reported that he has given as many memos as he could to the Council before he left. Mayor Gartland stated the memos would be distributed to the new Councilmen.

OPEN MEETING: Mayor Gartland declared the meeting open to the Public at 11:54 A.M. seeing no one from the public wishing to be heard the Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 11:54 A.M.

On a motion made by Councilman Slattery, Seconded by Councilman Curley the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

Prepared by:

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Beth Bush Telepan  
Deputy Clerk

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Date