

Conference Meeting March 20, 2017

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 8:07pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Also, present were David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Richard Mondelli, CFO and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter, 231, P.L. 1975.

Mayor Alessi asked Mr. Mondelli to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

There were no other citizens to be heard.

Items for Discussion

Recreation Tennis Courts & Fireman's Field Improvements donation by North Caldwell Recreation Foundation – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer stated that the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation has offered to do the improvements at Fireman's Field and makes a donation of nets, windscreens and benches for the tennis courts. Mr. Zichelli stated that there is a resolution in Action to be Taken with an agreement with the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for these improvements.

Solicitation Banners on Municipal Fields request by North Caldwell Recreation Foundation – David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney stated that he had a meeting with Councilman Kessler and Councilman Raymond regarding the request from the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation to sell banners to be placed on the Fields. In the past, Mr. Paris stated that there is an ordinance prohibiting the banners. Mr. Paris suggested that if the Mayor & Council would like to allow this at this time, the recreation committee would need to come up with guidelines and recommendations as to the size, shape of the banner and wording. The banners would need to be taken down seasonally. The Mayor & Council agreed with Mr. Paris and the recreation committee will come up with the guidelines for the Recreation Foundation to adhere to.

The Recreation Foundation has also requested to sell paver stones. The Mayor & Council agreed to this as long as the Recreation Foundation did the work of collecting the money and having the pavers made to the specifications of the Recreation committee and then donated the pavers to the Borough for their discretion of where the pavers were located on any of the Field improvements.

Councilman Kessler stated that there is a lot to consider in these matters. For example, what if some other organization was to come in and want to sell banners as a fundraiser and place them on one of the fields? He was

very concerned with parameters being set. The Recreation Committee will meet and bring back recommendations to the Mayor & Council.

West Essex Little League Participation – Councilman Kessler stated that there has been an initiative from an individual from the Caldwell area to create a Little League from the West Essex area. Mr. Bill Maranz has had some contact with this person and said that there has been no structure set yet. The Council discussed this and they have concerns regarding the already established travel teams within the community. Councilman Kessler explained that there would be a change to the Borough's recreation baseball program. They are saying that if it was part of the Little League organization that you would attract more volunteers. Councilman Rees stated that around 15 years ago this had been attempted and the Little League rules are very onerous and that the fields within the Borough were not qualified for Little League. The Borough would have to change the fields to comply with Little League requirements.

The Council stated that more information would be needed to make the decision as to whether to become involved with the change.

Recommendation for Naming of Pulte Homes Development and Street Names– Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer stated that the Developer would like to put the name of the Development as well as the streets on the Plats when they submit them. The Mayor and Council discussed the recommendations for the naming of the streets and the development name. The Mayor and Council decided that the street names should be Harvest Lane and Sagamore Drive, with the development name as 'The Hills at North Caldwell'.

Bid Results for Mowing & Trimming Municipal Facilities – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer said that he received 2 bids for the Mowing & Trimming of Municipal Facilities. L.T.I, Inc. was the lowest bidder. They performed the work last year. They came in with a bid \$1,300.00 more than last year, but this includes approximately 3 acres of Walker's Property. Mr. Zichelli stated that he would like the Mayor & Council to approve the resolution accepting the bid and awarding the contract later during the meeting.

Mayor recused himself 8:39pm due to a conflict with the next discussion.

Proposal from Four Seasons Resident Re: Improvements to Magnusson Field
The Council discussed the proposal that was submitted to them from a resident for \$4,285.00 of work to be done around Magnusseon Field. The Council discussed this proposal and decided that it would not be fiscally feasible to complete this work at this time when there are plans for improvements to be completed within the next few years.

Action to Be Taken

Raffle Application by Caldwell Public Library Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at Green Brook Country Club on October 12, 2017 – A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the Caldwell Public Library Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Alessi read the following Resolutions, which are as a consent agenda. Councilman Kessler asked to adopt R-67-17 and R-68-17 on a separate vote; Councilman Raymond moved to adopt all of the resolutions, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-65-17 –Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,458,734.79

Resolution R-66-17 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Determining to Permit the Issuance of One New Plenary Retail Distribution License Within the Borough of North Caldwell Pursuant to the Public Bid Option Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.3

Resolution R-69-17 Bid Acceptance & Contract Award – Mowing & Trimming Municipal Facilities

Resolution R-70-17 Approve Budget Transfer to Dedicated Trust Funds

Resolution R-71-17 A Resolution Authorizing and Directing Refund of Tax Interest Charge

Resolution R-72-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Borough of North Caldwell and the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for the Remediation of the Conditions at Fireman’s Field in the Borough of North Caldwell

Resolution R-73-17 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Borough of North Caldwell and the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for Items to be Provided by the Foundation to the Borough at the Public Tennis Courts in the Borough of North Caldwell

Resolution R-74-17 Authorizing Employment of Steven Lerner Police Department Crossing Guard

Resolution R-77-17 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution R-78-17 Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey Certifying a Submission of Expenditure for Taxes Paid Pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act

Resolution R-67-17 Fixing Fees Pertaining to Recreation Programs – Pool Membership Fees – Tennis Membership Fees was read. After discussion of this resolution, motion was made by Councilman Kessler with a change in the wording of the tennis memberships, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-68-17 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2017 Baseball/Softball Season Umpires and Officials was read. There was discussion on this resolution. Councilman Kessler asked for this resolution to be tabled to the next meeting.

Executive Session

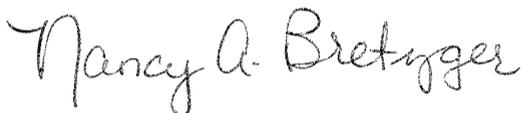
Resolution R-75-17 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment; B. Contract Negotiations - (1) Caldwell Sewer Utility (2) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement; C. Personnel (1) Pool Manager (2) Summer Camp Directors (3) Part Time Recreation Program Director was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:02pm

Resolution R-76-17 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2017 - Municipal Pool was read. Councilman Kessler asked that this resolution be tabled to the next meeting.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Council President Santomauro seconded by Councilman Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 9:05pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk