

Conference Meeting December 8, 2015

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:37pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond

Absent: Councilman Astorino, Councilman Rees

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator 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 Councilman Kessler to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public. No one came forward.

Items for Discussion

5 Year Plans – Mayor Alessi stated that he received all of the 5 years plan and they are being reviewed. He stated that Council President Santomauro and himself will meet with each of the Council members to review and prioritize the needs.

COAH – RFP Review – Mr. David Paris, Esq. stated that a meeting will be needed to interview the applicants from the RFP's that were received. Cynthia stated that she has reviewed all of the applications and is putting her comments in writing at this time. There was discussion amongst the Council on how the meeting should be handled. It was decided that the four top applicants will be asked to present their application on January 12, 2016 at 6:00pm before the Mayor & Council Conference Meeting. They will each be given a half hour to present their application. The four applicants will be decided by Council President Santomauro, Councilman Rees, Borough Administrator Levine, Borough Engineer Zichelli as well as Mr. Jeffrey Surenian, Esq. (COAH Counsel) and Mr. Eric Nolan, Esq.

Fireworks – July 4, 2016 – Mayor Alessi explained that Caldwell High School will be having a turf field installed over the 2016 summer, so they will not be able to hold the annual West Essex Fourth of July celebration in 2016. They asked if the celebration can be moved to West Essex High School. There was discussion and it was decided that they Police Chief would need to be consulted before the West Essex Board of Education was asked.

Action to Be Taken

Resolution R-178-15 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,212,780.46 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-180-15 Insertion of Revenue Item-Chapter 159-Police Body Armour was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-181-15 Approve Budget Transfer to Dedicated Trust Funds was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-182-15 Emergency Appropriation, 2015 Water Utility Budget was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-183-15 Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell Authorizing the Nick Tanelli Children’s Soccer Foundation 5K Run on April 24, 2016 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-184-15 Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell Authorizing the North Caldwell Partnership for Education Food Truck Festival Fundraiser on May 7, 2016 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-185-15 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Contract Negotiations (1) Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility (3) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement between North Caldwell and the WE BOE B. Litigation – (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment Status Issues. C. Liquor License Fee – Retail Distribution License was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:40pm

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 Kessler that this meeting be adjourned at 8:42pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger
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