

Conference Meeting April 12, 2016

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 6:13pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Council Members: Council President Cynthia Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond

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

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 Chief Deuer to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Executive Session

Resolution R-85-16 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment – (a) RFP's (b) Consortium Fee (2) LaSerra Farms – Block 400, Lot 14 Unimproved Harding Ave. B. Contract Negotiations – (1) Caldwell Sewer Utility (2) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (3) 2016 Tennis Court Rehabilitation (4) PVWC Contract was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 7:45pm

Citizens to Be Heard

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

Items for Discussion

Update on Acquisition of Walker's Property – David M. Paris, Esq. stated that Mr. Mondelli had given him the check for the deposit to be sent to the Walkers' Attorney. He will be sending that to them tomorrow.

Frank Zichelli explained that because the Borough is receiving grant money from the state two (2) appraisals are required and that Mark Hendricks is updating his original appraisal. The other appraiser Mark Sussman is working on his. The Environmental Consultant has been delayed because of weather and will be out this week to do what needs to be done. Councilman Chiaia asked if this included soil samples. Mr. Zichelli stated that the state does not require that. The Council said that they would like that to be done. Mr. Zichelli will ask the consultant for a price about doing the soil samples.

2016 Capital Budget Memo –

General Capital – Mr. Mondelli explained the capital budget memo and asked if the Mayor and Council agreed with items listed on the memo he would ask the Bond Attorney to prepare a Bond Ordinance to be introduced at the May 10, 2016 meeting. The Mayor & Council agreed.

Pool Capital – Mr. Mondelli explained the pool capital budget memo and asked if the Mayor and Council agreed with the items on the memo he would ask the Bond Attorney to prepare a Bond Ordinance to be introduced at the May 10, 2016 meeting. The Mayor & Council agreed.

2016 Operating Budget – Mr. Mondelli explained that Fairfield and Caldwell came in higher with their sewer charges after the budget was prepared so the budget is not coming in flat as originally thought. The budget will have to be amended by \$27,700. This will increase the tax rate two (2) tax points, which represents a .52% increase in the rate and \$13.60 increase on an average assessment of \$671,874. The Council discussed this and decided to try and find other areas of the budget to cut and bring the budget in flat. They asked Mr. Mondelli to review the budget and come back to them with some cuts at the next meeting.

Senior Service Students – West Essex Regional High School – Mr. Mel Levine explained that he wanted to let the Mayor & Council know that there would be Seniors from West Essex working a few hours a day in Borough Hall for a 5 week period for a Senior Service Project.

Bid Report – Lease of Real Property at NC Public Safety Building – Mr. Zichelli explained that there was a temporary cell tower behind the police station. There was a bid to lease space on this tower. There was one bidder and it was T-Mobile, their bid included one exception which was the penalty for cancellation. The Council decided to waive the exception. There will be a resolution at the next meeting to award the contract to T-Mobile.

2016 Safe Routes to School Program Grant Application – Mr. Zichelli explained that at one time there was discussion of putting a sidewalk in from the end of pool parking lot to Maywood court by decreasing the roadway by 6 feet. If the Mayor and Council would like to do this if there is an opportunity at this time to receive some funding from the state. After some discussion amongst the Council it was decided that it was not a good idea to decrease the roadway and put in a sidewalk, when the no parking and stripping in the street is working fine right now.

Raincheck for 'Seniors Free Day' –

The Mayor and Council decided that if the pool is closed ALL DAY on a Wednesday due to rain then the Seniors can come to the pool on Thursday the next day for their free day.

Action to Be Taken

Resolution R-86-16 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$2,104,073.03 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

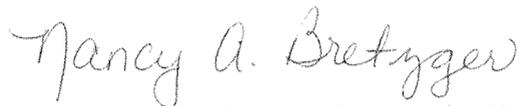
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Council President Santomauro made a motion to go back into Executive Session that was adjourned previously, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:24pm

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 9:25pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk