

Conference Meeting February 9, 2016

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 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 Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Joshua Raymond

Absent: Councilman Arthur Rees

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Mark Deuer, Police Chief 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 Police Chief Deuer 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

Priorities, Needs, Improvements and Repairs of Recreational Facilities – Councilman Joshua Raymond made a presentation to the Council regarding the Recreation Department Goals for the Borough. He stated that there will be significant growth in North Caldwell with new developments being planned (i.e. Khov 62 single family homes, Affordable Housing). He stated that he has spoken with the Board of Education about the increase in enrollment in the schools that the new developments will bring. He presented a slide show to the Council, showing the conditions of the fields in the Borough along with some recommendations and suggestions that the Recreation Department has come up with.

He stated that he would like to see some type of community center built that would have a gym with additional meeting rooms for the use of the community from preschool to the senior programs.

He stated that he would also like to see enhancements to the Pool. The kiddie pool needs repairs and he would like to look into replacing it with a spray park.

Councilman Raymond explained that the recreation facilities in town need to be updated. Councilman Astorino explained that he met with the CFO and that some of the enhancements that are needed and what they want to be done, can be done, but taxes will go up.

There was discussion of a committee of Council members along with David M. Paris, Esq. meeting with the North Caldwell Board of Education to discuss the growth of the Borough and the Schools and what can be done to avoid duplicating efforts and minimizing the tax increase to the residents.

Review of Credit Card Company – Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk explained to the Council that Richard Mondelli, CFO, Mel Levine, Business Administrator, Bill Maranz, Recreation Director, Jamie Cannon and Michael Credico, Detective had seen a presentation from 2 credit card companies regarding their services. The credit card company that everyone felt that would work best with the vendors that the Borough has and was the most user friendly for the residents would be Municipay. She explained that there would be a 2.45% convenience fee to the resident if they used a credit card or a \$1.50 convenience fee if they were to pay with a check through the service. She explained that recreation would be the first department that would use the system to see how it would work.

She also stated that there is no cost to the Borough for this and we can terminate our contract with Municipay at any time. She asked if a resolution could be done at the next meeting authorizing the Borough to sign an agreement with Municipay. There was discussion amongst the Council and it was decided that this was the way to go and to have the resolution at the next meeting.

Recreation – Senior Programs – Bill Maranz, Recreation Director explained that the Senior group had asked to meet with him. When he met with them they explained that their group was dwindling and they had no one interested in running the group anymore so they were asking recreation to help them. Bill stated that he and Jamie would help restructure the Senior Programs. He said they would still have the monthly luncheon meetings as well as add in some trips and since the age group of the seniors can run from 55 – 90 he would add age appropriate activities for all age groups.

Councilman John Chiaia recused himself from the following discussion due to a conflict of interest.

Recyclable Materials Market RFPs – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that the contract with Galaxy expires this month. He placed a Request for Proposals and 4 were submitted but 1 was rejected as it was submitted late. He found that Gaeta was the one that gave came in with the best pricing. He stated that Gaeta is the company that picks up the recycling now and is doing a good job. Frank suggested a one year agreement with Gaeta and go back for proposal's next year and see if the economy changes. The Council agreed with this. A resolution will be on the agenda at the next meeting to award a contract to Gaeta.

Councilman John Chiaia returned after this discussion was over.

Parking on Hill Street – Police Chief Deuer stated there was a problem with parking on the street during the snow storm since the DPW was not able to plow the parking lot at the Mountain Ave. field, so while people were going sledding at the field, they were parking on Hill Street. The situation has been handled.

Action to Be Taken

Raffle Application by Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a Tricky Tray at Notre Dame Church on April 2, 2016 – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the raffle application to the Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a Tricky Tray at Notre Dame Church on April 2, 2016, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle Notre Dame Church on April 2, 2016 – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the raffle application to the Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle at Notre Dame Church on April 2, 2016, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-34-16 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,293,687.82 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-35-16 Authorization to Hire 2016 K-2nd Grade Basketball Clinic Instructors was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-36-16 Acceptance of Resignation of Construction Official/Zoning Officer/Property Maintenance was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-37-16 Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Milani as the Interim Construction Code Official, Building Sub-Code Official, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-38-16 Resolution Authorizing Withdrawal of Bid from American Tennis Courts, Inc. for 2016 Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Authorizing Re-Advertisement for Bids was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-39-16 Authorizing Receipt of Bids for the Lease of Real Property for the Construction and Maintenance of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at the Borough of North Caldwell Public Safety Building, North Caldwell, New Jersey, Located at Block 1103, Lot 9 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-40-16 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-41-16 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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Resolution R-42-16 Resolution Rejecting Bid for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of a 90 Foot Wooden Communications Pole and Related Ground Support Facilities at 150 Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey, 07006 and Authorizing Re-Advertisement for Bids was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-43-16 Authorizing Receipt of Bids for North Caldwell Municipal Pool Concession Stand for a 3 Year Lease was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-44-16 Liquor License-Social Affair Permit-Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-45-16 Resolution Confirming Appointment of Richard P. Alloway as Part-time Plumbing Sub-Code Official of the Borough of North Caldwell was TABLED.

Resolution R-47-16 Authorizing the Termination of Bruce Celenza as the Plumbing Sub-Code Official was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Resolution R-46-16 - 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 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:25pm

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 9:26pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk