

Conference Meeting January 12, 2016

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 5:05pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

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

Councilman John Chiaia arrived at 7:00pm

Absent: Mayor Alessi

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

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

Council President asked Councilman Kessler to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Executive Session

Resolution R-23-16 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Litigation – (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment Status Issues was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:40pm.

Chief Deuer left the meeting at 8:45pm.

Citizens to Be Heard

Council President Santomauro opened the floor to the public. No one came forward.

Items for Discussion

RFPs for Recycling Market – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that a RFP has been solicited for the February meeting. It was asked if it will be dual stream and Frank stated that yes it is.

Request for Left Turn Signal at Bloomfield Avenue and White Rock Road – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that he was approached by a member of the homeowners association from Four Seasons for a left turn signal on the light at Bloomfield Ave and White Rock Rd. He explained that when you are heading eastbound on Bloomfield Ave. you cannot make the left turn signal into White Rock Road when there is a lot of traffic coming westbound. Frank stated that he contacted Essex County and they stated they will look in to it. He also explained that the corner is located in Verona and that the County did say that the Borough would need to prove that a turn signal is needed.

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David M. Paris, Esq. recused himself at 9:38pm for the next discussion.

Passaic Valley Water Commission Contract – Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that the Borough's current contract is up with Passaic Valley in May, the Borough has had a good contract with them for the past 30 years. He feels that Borough needs to negotiate a new contract with them now.

Mr. Paris returned to the room after the Passaic Valley Water Commission discussion.

Action to Be Taken

Resolution R-24-16 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$730,943.98 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-25-16 Tax Lien Redemption – Block 500, Lot 41 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-26-16 Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for the Borough of North Caldwell – Burgis Associates, Inc. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-27-16 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2015 Soccer Season Referees and Officials was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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Resolution R-28-16 - 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 Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 9:48pm

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 9:49pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk