

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Monday, December 29, 2014 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:39p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Also present were: David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Mark Deuer, Police Chief, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer and Nancy Pravata, 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 Council President, Cynthia Santomauro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution R-195-14 – This Resolution was tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-10-14 – An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof Council President Santomauro motioned to Open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Council President Santomauro moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-10-14 – An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-10-14-An Ordinance to Provide for Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-180-14 – Resolution of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex Declaring Its Intent to Fully Comply With Its Current and Future Mount Laurel Obligations and To Serve As the “Catalyst For Change” To Render Any Mount Laurel Lawsuits As “Unnecessary Litigation” was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-181-14 – Authorization to Execute A “Contract of Sale” Between the Borough of North Caldwell and Jersey One Auto Sales for Surplus Property was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-182-14 – Authorization to Execute A “Contract of Sale” Between the Borough of North Caldwell and Liberty Motors for Surplus Property was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-183-14 – Authorization to Execute A “Contract of Sale” Between the Borough of North Caldwell and RS Auto for Surplus Property was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-193-14 – Authorizing Lease of Borough Property – 137 Gould Avenue was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-194-14 – A Resolution to Execute A Developer’s Agreement with Allen Road Developers, LLC was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Rees stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector’s Report for the month of November 2014 of \$6,541,322.34 in the general account. The water account collected \$155,541.40 and \$4.62 was collected for the pool account. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector’s Report be accepted, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-184-14 – Payment of Bills - Approval to pay bills in the amount of \$1,147,295.59 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-185-14 – 2014 Appropriation Reserves Transfers Approval was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-186-14 – Tax Lien Redemption, Block 1302, Lot 28 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-187-14 – Tax Lien Redemption, Block 902, Lot 6 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-188-14 – Tax Lien Redemption, Block 1702, Lot 13 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously.

At this time, Richard Leonard, Councilman from Roseland arrived and the Mayor asked him if he would like to speak now. He stated that he came to thank the residents of North Caldwell for supporting his bid for Freeholder. He wished the Mayor and Council a happy and healthy 2015.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution R-189-14 Collective Bargaining Agreement with West Essex PBA Local 81 (North Caldwell Unit) was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the Construction Report announcing that construction permits for the month of November 2014 was 56, which is a reduction of 23 from 2013. The total cost of permits for the month is \$15,997.00, which is a 61%

decrease from last year. There were a 149 less permits issued in 2014 compared to 2013.

Councilman Kessler offered the Recycling Report for November 2014. Total recycling for the month was 280.76 tons with 198 tons of household waste. Total household waste was 54.72 tons and 27.53 tons of bulk waste. The total for 2014 was 538.92 tons while 2013 was 682.42 tons, which is a 21% decrease from the previous year. Year-to-date totals are 2,771.94 tons in 2014 while 2013 was 2,943.06 which is a 6% decrease.

Councilman Kessler offered the Animal Control Report for November 2014 with a total of one call and four dog licenses issued.

Resolution R-190-14 – Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamster Local 469 (DPW Employees) was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond read the December 2014/January 2015 Report. Councilman Raymond spoke about the Joy, Peace and Goodwill event which took place in December, which Rabbi Silverstein along with Fr. Anthony attended. Biddy Basketball, Session I is underway with Session II starting in January. The installation of the new pool slides is underway and will be ready to enjoy this coming summer.

Resolution R-191-14 Authorization to Hire Seasonal Employees for 2014-2015 Basketball Season Scorekeepers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Raymond, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one came forward.

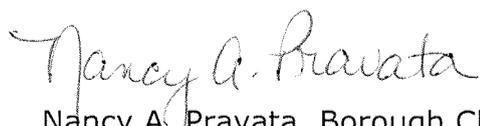
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-192-14 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations –Acquisition of Walker’s Pond Property; Personnel – Recreation Employees; Potential Litigation – Anthony & Lauren Rainone vs. Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-Opened to Public Meeting at 9:15pm

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 Chiaia that this meeting be adjourned at 9:16pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Pravata, Borough Clerk