

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:33pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

Present: Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Rees

Also present were: Mrs. Kathryn Forman, Esq. from Piro Zinna Cifelli Paris & Genitempo, LLC, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mark Deuer, Police Chief and Nancy 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 Rees to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi asked for a moment of silence for Robert Lombardy who passed away on November 18, 2016. He stated that Mr. Lombardy was a resident of the Borough and a intrical part of the Borough's soccer program.

The Mayor invited all families to attend the Peace, Joy and Goodwill celebration for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and the Menorah on Sunday, December 4, 2016 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Mayor Alessi wished all the residents of the Borough a very Happy Thanksgiving.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Edith (Bunny) Jenkins, 73 Mountain Avenue – Mrs. Jenkins stated that she was here to thank the Mayor & Council for their hard work on obtaining the purchase of Walker's Pond.

John Rapkin, 35 Willowbrook Drive – Mr. Rapkin stated that he was here on behalf of the Recreation Foundation. He explained that they received the Field Study report from the consultant Petry Engineering that they hired. He stated that Mr. Petry will be attending the next Mayor and Council meeting with the members of the Recreation Foundation to present the report to the Council. He stated that Mr. Petry would be able to answer any questions that the Council has. He explained that the report pointed out that Liberty Field is the highest priority. He also stated that time is of the essence in order to have the field improvements completed in a timely basis for them to be used.

Lou Coverso – He stated that he is a member of Scout Troop 1 and that he was attending the meeting as part of the last badge that he needs to become an Eagle Scout.

Council President arrived at 7:49pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution R-191-16 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes - Contract Negotiations – (1) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (2) Caldwell Sewer Utility (3) Acquisition of Walker's Pond–B. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgement C. Personnel – Snow Plow Driver – Memorandum of

Understanding was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:53pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of October 25, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Councilman Astorino and Councilman Kessler abstained, with all other members voting yes, said motion was passed.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference Meeting and Executive Session of November 7, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Councilman Kessler abstained, with all other members voting yes, said motion was passed.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting and Executive Session of November 9, 2016, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Councilman Kessler abstained, with all other members voting yes, said motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Council President Santomauro moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-13-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 45 and Chapter 104 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Sewer and Water Fees, seconded by Councilman Raymond. 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-13-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 45 and Chapter 104 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Sewer and Water Fees, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro moved to Adopt Ordinance O-13-16-An Ordinance Amending Chapter 45 and Chapter 104 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding Sewer and Water Fees, seconded by Councilman Raymond with one change to Chapter 45 §1(c), should read "sewer bills shall be rendered and paid on a yearly basis" not quarterly. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-14-16 – An Ordinance Adopting a Code of Ordinances of the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Resolution R-192-16 – A Resolution in Support of Senate Bill S-2254 and Assembly Bill A-3821 which Affirms the Language and Legislative Intent of the Fair Housing Act was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Raffle Application by Parent's Association of Montclair Kimberley Academy for a Tricky Tray Raffle for 2017 to be held at Green Brook Country Club on April 8, 2017 – A motion was made by Council President Santomauro to grant the raffle application to the Parent's Association of Montclair Kimberley Academy for 2017, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-197-16 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Contract of Sale Between the Borough of North Caldwell and Walker BN Et. Als/ for the Purchase of Property Located at 400 Mountain Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Councilman Raymond voted NO with all others voting Yes. Said motion was passed.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-193-16 – Acceptance of Resignation of Part-Time Administrative Assistant was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Councilman Rees voted NO, with all others voting YES. Said motion was passed.

FINANCE

Councilman Astorino offered the Collector's Report for the month of October 2016. Taxes collected year-to-date total \$31,343,684.43. Water receipts year-to-date total \$1,304,240.41. The pool account collected \$171,186.39. Councilman Astorino moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-194-16 – Approval to Pay Bills – Councilman Astorino made a motion for the approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,907,379.32 was read, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-195-16 – Transfer of Funds – Councilman Astorino made a motion for the approval to transfer funds in the amount of \$40,653.00 from certain accounts to other accounts was read, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-196-16 – A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of the Newly Purchased Digital Sign for the Front of Borough Hall was read, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Chiaia offered the Police Department Public Safety Report. Dispatch 969 calls – 12 police officers wrote 56 summons and violations. There were two thefts and fifteen medical assists.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Councilman Kessler offered the October 2016 Construction Report. For the month of October, 43 permits were issued. Fees collected for permits issued for the month was \$17,789.00 bringing the yearly total to \$152,798.00.

Councilman Kessler offered the October Recycling Report. There were 474 tons of paper collected and 349 tons were commingled for a year-to-date total of 823 tons. Year to date total of solid waste collected was 3,034 tons. The recycling rate for the month of October was 23%.

RECREATION

Councilman Raymond reported on the November 2016 Recreation Report. He stated that 187 boys and girls participated in the soccer program this year. He Congratulated the 5th and 6th grade girls NC Sound soccer team for qualifying for the playoffs and advancing to the semi-finals. He stated that the West Essex Cowboy's Football teams had a strong regular season with the 3rd and 4th grade "C" team and 5th and 6th grade "B" team playing in the Superbowl this Sunday.

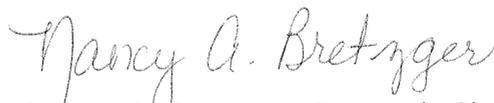
Councilman Raymond stated that the seniors met on November 2 and celebrated with a theme of a Thanksgiving Feast. "A Touch of Sinatra" performed songs and stories of Frank Sinatra. There was a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse it was an enjoyable day which included lunch, tremendous dessert buffet and an entertaining Christmas themed show. Their last monthly meeting, the annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7 with the The Gould School Chorus scheduled to perform holiday songs.

Councilman Raymond gave a reminder that the annual "Joy, Peace and Goodwill" event is scheduled for December 4 to celebrate the holidays. A festive evening for the Borough residents with support from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 3rd grade Girl Scouts Troop fundraising efforts for the User 1F Foundation and TOBA (To Offer Benevolence All Around the World).

Councilman Raymond also wanted to thank Ken Rosato, ABC news anchor for showing up for the Zombie Run and being there all day as the MC. He explained that the Zombie run was coordinated by Beth Tanelli in honor of her late husband and the Nick Tanelli Soccer Foundation. The proceeds from the run will be given as scholarships for area High Schools Seniors and well as improvements on the Borough's fields.

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 Rees that this meeting be adjourned at 9:22pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk