

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey and began at 7:55pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Mayor Alessi

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

Absent: Councilman Astorino

Also present were: Mr. David M. Paris, Esq., Borough Attorney; Mel Levine, Borough Administrator; Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer; Mark Deuer, Police Chief; Francine Paserchia, Borough Clerk - Essex Fells; and Tami Michelotti, Deputy 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 Emily Goldberg to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Alessi shared details for the North Caldwell Police Foundation fundraising concert event at Montclair State University Memorial Auditorium on August 26, 2017 featuring Smokey Robinson. Chief Deuer added that tickets are still available for the intimate concert event and invited all to support the NCPF.

Mayor Alessi provided information on the Mayor's Ball to be held on September 22 at Green Brook Country Club. He stated that monies raised would support the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation's plans for the recreational facilities.

The Mayor noted the Town Picnic would be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the town pool.

Gun Violence Proclamation – Mayor Alessi thanked Emily Goldberg for bringing the issue of Gun Violence Awareness to the attention of the Mayor & Council. Mayor Alessi read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Goldberg. Photos were taken of the Mayor & Council with Ms. Goldberg and other members of Moms Demand Action. Ms. Goldberg stated that it is very meaningful to have the support of the entire Council. She noted the importance of joining our neighboring communities in receiving this acknowledgement and stated that she looks forward to working with the community, the Borough, law enforcement and the schools to raise awareness.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Alessi opened the floor to the public.

No one from the public came forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Conference and Regular Meeting of July 18, 2017, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was passed unanimously with five votes.

Council President Santomauro moved to accept the minutes from the Executive Session of July 18, 2017, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was passed unanimously with five votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL AND ORDINANCE

Councilman Raymond moved to Open the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-6-17 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Section 107-31 Signs to Prohibit Certain Commercial Signs in Residential Zones Within the Borough, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Seeing no one from the public coming forward, Councilman Raymond moved to Close the Public Hearing for Ordinance O-6-17 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Section 107-31 Signs to Prohibit Certain Commercial Signs in Residential Zones Within the Borough, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Councilman Raymond moved to Adopt Ordinance O-6-17- An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Section 107-31 Signs to Prohibit Certain Commercial Signs in Residential Zones Within the Borough, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

There was discussion of Ordinance O-7-17 – An Ordinance Supplementing the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell by Establishing the Requirement to Obtain Landscaping Licenses. The introduction of the ordinance was tabled pending further revisions to the language.

Councilman Raymond introduced the Raffle Application by the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at the North Caldwell Town Picnic on September 9, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Councilman Raymond introduced the Raffle Application by the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at Green Brook Country Club on September 22, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Councilman Raymond introduced the Raffle Application by the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for a Tricky Tray Raffle to be held at Green Brook Country Club on September 22, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Raymond to grant the raffle application to the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-166-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Developer's Agreement By and Between the Borough of North Caldwell and K. Hovnanian at North Caldwell IV, L.L.C. and Pulte Homes of NJ, Limited Partnership was tabled. Mr. Paris stated he is still working with the attorney from Pulte on a modification to the amendment to the existing developer's agreement.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Resolution R-159-17 Authorization to Hire Additional Seasonal Employees for 2017 – Summer Fun was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-160-17 Separation Pay for Robert Miscia was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-161-17 Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-162-17 Appointment of Samantha A. O'Neill as Municipal Alliance Coordinator for the Borough of North Caldwell was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-167-17 Authorizing Appointment of Francine Paserchia as Interim Borough Clerk for the Borough of North Caldwell Effective August 8, 2017 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

FINANCE

Councilman Rees offered the Collector's Report for the month of July 2017. Taxes collected for the month of July total \$2,746,035.74. Water Utility collected \$99,714.84. Pool Utility collected \$25,577.59. Councilman Rees moved that the Collector's Report be accepted, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-163-17 – Approval to Pay Bills – Councilman Rees made a motion for the approval to pay bills in the amount of \$3,128,463.15 was read, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-164-17 – Tax Lien Redemption, Block 2200, Lot 2 C0836 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with five votes.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department Public Safety Report for July 2017 was read by Councilman Chiaia. There were 769 calls received by dispatch and the Police Department issued 76 summonses. There were ten motor vehicle accidents, 12 requests for assistance from residents and 15 requests for assistance from outside agencies. There was a total of 116.5 total overtime hours. The ten vehicles in the fleet logged 11,658 miles in July and year-to-date maintenance cost on those vehicles is just over \$10,000.00.

Fire Department Public Safety Report for June and July 2017 were read by Councilman Chiaia. There were 20 calls in June, one of which was providing mutual aid to Cedar Grove, and the Fire Department provided a Splashdown for the third graders' end-of-year picnic. Councilman Chiaia noted that a donation from the Diliberto Family of 20 Oak Drive was received in June for new gear and tool racks which helped make the Fire House more functional. There were 19 calls in July, three of which were providing mutual aid to Fairfield and one was for mutual aid to West Caldwell. There was one monthly drill in July. Councilman Chiaia stated that the Fire Chief D'Ascensio mentioned that the Fire Department is plagued by contractors using gas powered equipment inside of residences causing severe carbon monoxide situations.

Resolution R-165-17 Appointment of Volunteer Fire Department Member – Thomas G. Salandra was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion passed unanimously with five votes.

Resolution R-168-17 A Resolution Approving a Contract By and Between the Borough of North Caldwell and Wilmac was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion passed unanimously with five votes.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Council President Santomauro offered the July 2017 Construction Report. There were 33 permits issued in the month of July with total fees collected in the amount of \$12,339. Council President Santomauro stated that the total fees collected for permits is higher than in 2016.

There was no recycling report available as the meeting date was too early in the month to have all of the month-end recycling data available.

Council President Santomauro offered the July 2017 Animal Control report. There were a total of four calls, one of which was a carcass removal and three were dogs running at large.

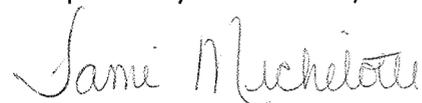
RECREATION

Councilman Kessler provided the July - August 2017 Recreation Report. Pool membership is up since last year to 1,455 people registered which reflects 425 memberships. The swim team, Summer Fun, men's softball and travel baseball programs have ended. Senior Swim days continue every Wednesday. Fall Recreation Soccer registration continues with Soccerfest scheduled for September 16 at 9:00am. Cowboys football and cheerleading begin in mid-August and the pep rally is scheduled for September 6 at 6:00pm. Some upcoming Fall programs include UK Elite Soccer, tennis, arts/crafts, science and multi-sports camps. The Seniors' monthly meetings will commence on September 6 in the fall at the Community Center. Registration for the Mayor's Ball is ongoing and can be done through Community Pass. September 4 is the last day the municipal pool is open.

Councilman Chiaia thanked Ms. Paserchia for attending the meeting and being available to help the Borough. Mayor Alessi echoed the sentiment and thanked Ms. Paserchia.

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 8:36pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti, Deputy Clerk