

Conference Meeting May 10, 2016

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Borough Hall, Gould Avenue and began at 7:31pm.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Council Members: Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Raymond, Councilman Arthur Rees

Absent: Mayor Alessi

Also, present were David M. Paris, Borough Attorney, Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer, Mel Levine, Borough Administrator, Mark Deuer, Police Chief, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk, and Richard Mondelli, CFO

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 Santomauro asked Councilman Chiaia to lead those present in the salute to the American flag.

Citizens to Be Heard

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

Items for Discussion

Update on Acquisition of Walker's Property – David M. Paris, Esq. stated that he had nothing to report from a legal standpoint at this time. Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that the Surveyor has been out there to strike the line for the 10.66 acres for the Green Acres Grant and, which he had mentioned before, does not correspond exactly with the line of the Omland report. He also mentioned that he received the preliminary results from the Environmental Consultants and he is waiting on their final report.

Signage for Front of Borough Hall – Michael Credico spoke about the digital sign for the front of the Borough Hall. He explained that he has spoken to the company that Councilman Kessler originally spoken to, Stewart Signs from Florida. He stated that there was a meeting last week with the Mayor, Councilman Raymond and several of the staff members to discuss the placement of the sign. It was decided to place the sign where the existing sign is now located and rotate it about 180 degree. He was looking for the approval of the sign from the Council since the price of the sign is based on a promotion that the company has going on now. The Council agreed to the purchase of the sign. There was discussion regarding the posts for the sign, it was decided to wait on further discussion on the posts for the next meeting since the sign will not be ready for 8 – 12 weeks.

Proposed Ordinance – Update to Chapter 71 Parks and Recreation Area - Curfews – Chief Deuer stated that there is a need some curfew hours, so that the officers have some power to use if they find there are people loitering (not games being played) on the fields. There was discussion as to what times the Officers would like. Councilman Chiaia stated that he will have a committee meeting with the staff and discuss and bring back their recommendations to the Council.

Tennis Membership Fees – Councilman Raymond explained that the tennis season has unofficially started. The tennis season is usually May-October. The residents that have called to register and use the tennis courts have been given access to use the courts at this time with no charge. The Recreation Director has recommend that the cost of the Tennis Memberships to be reduced for the 2016 Season due to the fact that the courts will be closed for a minimum of 2 weeks during July for repairs. The Council approved the new rates for 2016; Family Membership \$70.00 – Adult Membership (Age 18 as of June 1, 2016) \$35.00 – Junior Membership (Under age 18) \$20.00. 2017 Membership rates will return to the prices of 2015 in 2017. There will be resolution at the next meeting for the new pricing.

Pool Manager – Assistant Manager – Lifeguard Salaries for 2016 Pool Season – Councilman Raymond explained that he was presenting the Pool Manager Greg Carol who has been the Manager for the past 4 years with an increase of \$100.00 in his salary to \$8,300.00. The Assistant Pool Manager Kristyn Sheehy will be in her first year. She has worked as a lifeguard and swim team coach for the pool for the past 5 years and is qualified for the Assistant Manager position. Her starting salary will be \$5,500.00. There is spreadsheet that lists the Lifeguards for this year that are being rehired at a \$.25 increase per hour from last year or new lifeguards that start at \$7.25 per hour. The Council agreed to these salaries. There will be a resolution at the next meeting.

Councilman Raymond also stated that as of today, there are 112 families registered for the pool.

Councilman Raymond said that he would like to thank the Police Department, DPW and everyone else that helped the NCPE with the Food Truck Fundraiser on Saturday, it was greatly appreciated.

Lighting and crosswalk at Grandview Avenue Sofia's Restaurant – Councilman Chiaia asked about a possible resolution that can add a crosswalk and lighting from the corner of STS and Main Street from Sofia's. The patrons from Sofia's park in the parking lot of STS for the restaurant and have to walk across the street. It is very dark at night and the cars come down that street very fast. Frank Zichelli, Borough Engineer explained that we can request lighting on the North Caldwell side from Public Service and that he will look into that. There was discussion as to the crosswalk and what would need to be done.

Field Improvements -

Councilman Chiaia asked if there could be discussion on the field improvements since there have been residents that have made statements at the last meeting about the fields. Councilman Raymond stated that he is meeting with the gentlemen that showed up at the last meeting to determine what they feel needs to be done to the fields. He also stated that he knows that DPW has been working very diligently on the fields over the last months and the fields have improved immensely. He asked Frank Zichelli if he could make a list of all the improvements that have been

completed on the fields within the last year that he can present at this meeting to show that work is being done. Councilman Astorino said that he has set up a meeting with Rich Mondelli, CFO to discuss the financial end of what the Borough can afford to spend to do improvements on the fields. He asked Councilman Raymond to come up with some estimates of what he felt the improvements would cost (i.e. turf field vs drainage). It was decided that this was a start to this discussion and it would continue.

Action to Be Taken

Resolution R-99-16 – Resolution Approval to Pay Bills in the amount of \$1,887,898.24 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution R-100-16 – Approving the Borough of North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department Certified LOSAP List for the Year 2015 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Chiaia, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Kessler introduced Ordinance O-5-16 – An Ordinance Amending Chapters 77-7A(1) and 78-3B(1) of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Regarding the Placement of Receptacles and Materials at Curbside. Councilman Kessler moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-6-16 – An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-7-16 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements and Purposes for the Swimming in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, In the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$732,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$695,400 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Council President Santomauro introduced Ordinance O-8-16 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements and Purposes for the Swimming Pool Utility in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$45,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$45,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Council President Santomauro moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Santomauro stated that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Executive Session

Resolution R-101-16 - Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes: A. Litigation (1) COAH Declaratory Judgment B. Contract Negotiations – (1) Caldwell Sewer Utility (2) Traffic Signal Cost Sharing Agreement (3) 2016 Tennis Court Rehabilitation C. Personnel was read. Motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Re-opened to Public Meeting at 8:38pm

Resolution R-102-16 Tennis Courts Rehabilitations Agreement Authorization to Enter Into Agreement with DiMilia, Inc was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Raymond. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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 Astorino that this meeting be adjourned at 8:42pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk