

## Mayor and Council Conference Meeting – June 14, 2022

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. The meeting began at 6:30pm at Borough Hall and was held simultaneously via tele/video-conference.

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. He provided a statement regarding the conduct of the teleconference which would allow members of the public to participate and be heard during public comment.

Roll Call indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Joseph H. Alessi, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Arthur Rees, Councilman Kenneth Tilton.

Absent: Council President Francis Astorino, Councilman Robert Kessler.

Also present were: Kevin O'Sullivan, Borough Administrator; Mark Semeraro, Borough Counsel; Rich Mondelli, CFO; Mark Deuer, Police Chief; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Alessi asked Mr. Semeraro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

No one from the public came forward.

### **Items for Discussion**

LGBTQ+ Anti-Discrimination Pledge - Mayor Alessi announced his pledge to the Essex County LGBTQ+ Anti-Discrimination Coalition led by newly-appointed Director of LGBTQ Affairs, Reginald Bledsoe.

Revaluation – Councilman Rees requested an update on two outstanding reports from the revaluation process. Mr. Semeraro would research the availability of the once deliberative documents.

NJDOT Grant Applications – Mr. O'Sullivan reviewed the anticipated application to the NJDOT for paving of Fox Run, Jasmine Place and Sleepy Hollow Court. He noted that a resolution to authorize the submission of the grant application would follow later in the meeting. The Council discussed the preferred timing of the paving to prevent road closures at the beginning of the school year.

Estimated 3Q2022 Property Tax Billing – Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the annual resolution to authorize the mailing of estimated tax bills was prepared for consideration later in the meeting. He noted that the estimated rate was pending the certification of Essex County's budget and tax rate.

Budget Cap Relief – Mr. O'Sullivan presented the JIF's request to participate in a request for budget cap relief with respect to insurance premiums. He noted the significant increase to premiums that was anticipated.

Firemen's Field Improvements/ Sponsorship Banners, Monument – Mr. O'Sullivan noted the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation's intention to solicit donations for Firemen's Field through sponsorship banners and the creation of a donor monument. He noted that Council approval of both was required. Mayor Alessi requested a rendering of the monument. Councilman Floria-Callori suggested translucent banners similar to those at Cedar Grove's Panther Park. A resolution would follow at a subsequent meeting to authorize the Borough Administrator to approve the banners and monument.

Baseball/Softball Umpires – Councilman Rees presented the additional umpires to be hired for the baseball and softball season. He would speak with Councilman Kessler to identify how the umpires were being paid, i.e. by the teams or by the Borough.

Pool Staff Additions – Mr. O'Sullivan presented additions to the pool staff for the 2022 season.

Swim Team Coach Contracts – Councilman Rees presented contracts for the swim team head coach and assistant coach for the 2022 season for which resolutions would be considered later in the meeting.

Summer Fun Staff – Councilman Rees presented the Summer Fun camp staff and rates of pay. The increase in camp enrollment was attributed to the inclusion of Essex Fells residents.

### **Action to be Taken**

The following resolutions were read by and moved by Councilman Atlas as a Consent Agenda:

- Resolution R-113-2022 A Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills
- Resolution R-114-2022 A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Tax Collector of the Borough of North Caldwell to Prepare and Mail Third Quarter 2022 Estimated Tax Bills

- Resolution R-115-2022 A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application To and the Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Road Improvement Projects – Fox Run, Jasmine Place, Sleepy Hollow Court
- Resolution R-116-2022 A Resolution Appointing Allison Barth as Swim Team Head Coach of the Borough of North Caldwell for the 2022 Pool Season
- Resolution R-117-2022 A Resolution Appointing Emma Bossaert as Swim Team Assistant Coach of the Borough of North Caldwell for the 2022 Pool Season
- Resolution R-118-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Seasonal Employees for the 2022 Summer Fun Camp Season
- Resolution R-119-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Seasonal Employees for the 2022 Municipal Pool Season
- Resolution R-120-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Additional Seasonal Employees – Recreation Baseball/Softball Umpires

Councilman Rees voted no on Resolution R-114-2022. Said motion was carried unanimously with four (4) affirmative votes with the exception of Resolution R-114-2022 which was carried with three (3) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention.

Councilman Rees added a reminder that pool memberships were still available and welcomed all residents to participate in Camp Wyanokie Day the following weekend.

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Semeraro noted a correction to the proposed Executive Session resolution regarding Contract Negotiations related to Caldwell Sewer Utility. He suggested it be amended to “Scarce Resource Order” to more accurately reflect the topic.

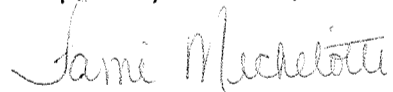
Resolution R-121-2022 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell to Hold a Closed Session Meeting for Certain Specified Purposes:

- A. Personnel: (1) DPW Senior Maintenance Worker;
- B. Contract Negotiations: (1) Scarce Resource Order

was read. Motion was made by Councilman Atlas to reflect the amendment suggested by Mr. Semeraro, seconded by Councilman Floria-Callori. Said motion was carried unanimously with four (4) affirmative votes.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Council President Astorino, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:19pm. Said motion was carried unanimously with four (4) affirmative votes.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti, RMC  
Borough Clerk