

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Thursday, January 4, 2024. The meeting began at 5:00pm at Borough Hall and was held simultaneously via tele/video-conference.

Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Colton and Decker Floria-Callori lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Raymond welcomed members of the public and recognized Jill Hirsch, Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Sherrill; State Senator Kristin Corrado; Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips, Assemblyman-Elect Al Barlas; Essex County Chief of Staff to County Executive, Phil Alagia; Retired Judge, The Honorable Sallyanne Floria; Municipal Court Judge, Joseph Angelo; Essex County Liaison and Health Director, Maya Lordo; and Essex County Commissioners Patricia Siebold and Len Luciano who were in attendance.

Jill Hirsch presented congratulatory letters to Councilman Atlas, Councilman Floria-Callori, and Councilman Tilton on behalf of Congresswoman Sherrill.

Certification of Results of November 7, 2023 General Election

Borough Clerk Tami Michelotti presented the Certification of Results of the November 7, 2023 General Election wherein it is stated that:

- Anthony Floria-Callori was duly elected to the North Caldwell Borough Council for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026;
- Matthew Atlas was duly elected to the North Caldwell Borough Council for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2026;
- Kenneth Tilton was duly elected to the North Caldwell Borough Council Member for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2024.

Oaths of Office

The Honorable Sallyanne Floria, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Floria-Callori. She expressed her appreciation to swear in her son who is a devoted public servant.

Mayor Raymond Administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Atlas. Mayor Raymond extended his appreciation to Councilman Atlas for his dedication, thoughtful decision-making, and mindfulness of residents' needs.

Assemblyman-Elect Al Barlas ceremoniously administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Tilton and expressed his appreciation to participate.

Councilman Floria-Callori expressed his appreciation to continue serving the Borough and looked forward to continued improvements over the next three years. He stated his commitment to work diligently and be responsive, honest and forthright with the public.

Councilman Atlas thanked Mayor Raymond and noted the Mayor's energy, thoughtfulness, passion, and consideration for the governing body's charges. He thanked Borough staff and his fellow Councilmembers with whom he is honored to serve. He thanked his family for their support and encouragement and the public for their support and trust.

Councilman Tilton thanked Mayor Raymond and his fellow Councilmembers and noted that North Caldwell is a microcosm for how government should work. He stated his commitment to providing excellent services, quality schools and open space.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Joshua H. Raymond, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Anthony Floria-Callori, Councilman Robert Kessler, Councilman Arthur Rees, Councilman Stephen Weinstein.

Also present were: Glenn Domenick, Borough Administrator; Mr. Jarrid Kantor, Esq., Borough Attorney; Rich Mondelli, Chief Financial Officer; Karl Strothoff, Police Captain; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

Mayor's Annual Address

Mayor Raymond thanked the residents of North Caldwell for their trust in him and expressed appreciation for the Borough staff. He looked forward to the implementation of a traffic light at Gould and Mountain Avenues, improvements to the tennis and pickleball courts, opportunities to expand Police Dispatch, renovating the Police and Public Works headquarters and improvements at Walker's Park. Mayor Raymond reviewed highlights of 2023 and confirmed the governing body's commitment to financial responsibility. He thanked the Council members for their commitment, the Borough professionals for their guidance and his wife and family for their encouragement and support.

Election of Council President

Councilman Atlas nominated Councilman Floria-Callori for Council President noting his devotion to public service. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Weinstein who added that Councilman Floria-Callori is even-handed and prepared. Said motion was carried with five (5) affirmative votes and one abstention by Councilman Floria-Callori.

Council Committee Designations by Council President

Council President Floria-Callori announced the following 2024 committee appointments:

Legal and Ordinance: Councilman Atlas (Chair), Council President Floria-Callori, TBD

Personnel and Technology: Council President Floria-Callori (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

Finance: Councilman Weinstein (Chair), Councilman Atlas, TBD

Public Safety: TBD (Chair), Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees

Public Works: Councilman Rees (Chair), Councilman Atlas, Councilman Weinstein

Recreation: Councilman Kessler (Chair), Council President Floria-Callori, Councilman Weinstein

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the public came forward.

Council President Floria-Callori made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayoral Appointments of Professional Services Contracts with Council Advice and Consent

Council President Floria-Callori made a motion, seconded by Councilman Atlas, to approve all items listed below. Said motion was carried unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes.

- Resolution R-1-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Attorney to Jarrid Kantor, Esq. of Antonelli Kantor Rivera
- Resolution R-2-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Special Counsel for Affordable Housing to Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC
- Resolution R-3-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Tax Appeal Counsel William Rupp, Esq. of Trenk Isabel Siddiqui & Shahdanian P.C.
- Resolution R-4-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel to John Draikiwicz, Esq. of Gibbons P.C.
- Resolution R-5-2024 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Planner to Burgis Associates, Inc.
- Resolution R-6-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Borough Auditor/Registered Municipal Accountant to Joseph Faccone, RMA, PA of Samuel Klein and Company
- Resolution R-7-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Water Superintendent and Water Operator to Michael Grasso of MJG Services, LLC
- Resolution R-8-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Grant Writing Consulting Services to Millennium Strategies LLC

Mayoral Appointments of Municipal Officials with Council Advice and Consent

Councilman Tilton made a motion, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori, to approve all items listed below. Said motion was carried unanimously with six (6) affirmative votes.

- Resolution R-9-2024 A Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Year 2024 – Glenn Domenick
- Resolution R-10-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Fund Commissioner for 2024 - Glenn Domenick and Tami Michelotti
- Resolution R-11-2024 A Resolution Reappointing Municipal Court Administrator of the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell and the Township of Verona – Ashley McMillion
- Resolution R-12-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Discretionary and Open Contract for Municipal Prosecutor of the Shared Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell and the Township of Verona – Friend and Wenzel, LLC
- Resolution R-13-2024 A Resolution Appointing Public Defender – James Pomaco
- Resolution R-14-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Crossing Guards – Stephen Lerner and Maryann Alamo
- Resolution R-15-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Officers and Officials for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Association for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-16-2024 A Resolution Appointing a Representative to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) - Glenn Domenick
- Resolution R-17-2024 A Resolution Appointing a Stormwater Coordinator for the Year 2024 - Glenn Domenick
- Resolution R-18-2024 A Resolution Appointing a Community Development Representative and Alternate for 2024 - Glenn Domenick and Tami Michelotti

Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board

Mayor Raymond announced the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- Class II Member – One-year term to expire December 31, 2024 – Glenn Domenick

- Class IV Alternate Member – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Sandra Nathans

Mayoral Appointments with Council Advice and Consent

On a motion by Council President Floria-Callori, seconded by Councilman Weinstein, the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment were unanimously approved with six (6) affirmative votes:

- Regular Member – Four-year term to expire December 31, 2027 – Alfredo Paulo
- Alternate Member II – Two-year term to expire December 31, 2025 – Robert Augustitus

Council Appointments to Public Bodies

On a motion by Council President Floria-Callori, seconded by Councilman Weinstein, the following appointments to the Planning Board were unanimously approved with six (6) affirmative votes:

- Class III Regular Member – One-year term to expire December 31, 2024 – Arthur Rees

On a motion by Councilman Weinstein, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori, the following appointments to the Camp Wyanokie Commission were approved with five (5) affirmative votes and one (1) abstention from Councilman Kessler:

- One-year term to expire December 31, 2024 – Robert Kessler
- One-year term to expire December 31, 2024 – Neil Boyle

Consent Agenda

The following resolutions were moved by Council President Floria-Callori as a Consent Agenda and seconded by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was unanimously approved with six (6) affirmative votes.

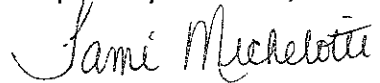
- Resolution R-19-2024 A Resolution Establishing the Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-20-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Banking Depositories for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-21-2024 A Resolution Designating Official Newspapers and Electronic News Sources for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-22-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-23-2024 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for the Year 2024
- Resolution R-24-2024 A Resolution Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes, Assessments or Municipal Liens or Other Charges
- Resolution R-25-2024 A Resolution Authorizing Specific Payments That Can Be Made Outside of a Meeting
- Resolution R-26-2024 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for Recreation Programs Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a)

Citizens To Be Heard

No one from the public came forward.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Weinstein, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori, that this meeting be adjourned at 5:46p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti, RMC
Borough Clerk