

## Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – May 23, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. The meeting began at 6:31p.m. 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. 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 Joshua H. Raymond, Council President Floria-Callori, Councilman Matthew Atlas, Councilman Arthur Rees, Councilman Kenneth Tilton and Councilman Stephen Weinstein.

Absent: Councilman Robert Kessler.

Also present were: Jarrid Kantor, Borough Attorney; Karl Strodthoff, Police Chief; and Tami Michelotti, Borough Clerk.

Mayor Raymond asked Councilman Atlas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Raymond reviewed his recent meeting with Four Seasons at North Caldwell regarding stormwater drainage, a visit from Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill regarding her support for a grant for license plate reader (LPR) cameras, a visit with Grandview School's third grade class, and the Asian American Pacific Islander event at which he presented a proclamation. He welcomed all to attend the North Caldwell Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and reminded the public of the Primary Election scheduled for June 6.

Mayor Raymond presented proclamations to members of Moms Demand Action in support of Gun Violence Awareness Day and to resident Robert Milder in honor of his military service and for being chosen as the Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day parade.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

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

No one from the public came forward.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Council President Floria-Callori made a motion to accept the following meeting minutes (without release of Executive Session minutes), seconded by Councilman Atlas:

- Conference Meeting and Executive Session Minutes – April 11, 2023
- Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes – April 25, 2023

Said motion was carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were read into the record:

- Tax Collector's Report – April 2023
- Police Department Public Safety and Detective Bureau Reports – April 2023
- Fire Department Public Safety Report – April 2023
- DPW Monthly Report – April 2023
- Construction Permit Activity Report – April 2023
- Building Sub-Code Inspection Report – April 2023
- Animal Control Monthly Report – April 2023
- Recreation Director's Report – May/June 2023

### **Ordinances for Final Hearing and Second Reading**

**Ordinance O-7-2023:** Councilman Weinstein made a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-7-2023 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, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

No one from the public came forward.

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Councilman Weinstein made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Councilman Weinstein made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-7-2023 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. Said motion was seconded by Council President Floria-Callori and carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Ordinance O-8-2023:** Councilman Weinstein made a motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-8-2023 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof, seconded by Council President Floria-Callori. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

No one from the public came forward.

Councilman Rees made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Councilman Rees made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-8-2023 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Water Capital Items as Enumerated Within for the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex and to Provide for the Funding Thereof. Said motion was seconded by Councilman Weinstein and carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Bond Ordinance BO-1-2023:** Councilman Atlas made a motion to open the public hearing for Bond Ordinance BO-1-2023 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing Improvements to the Water Tank and Surrounding Area at Skyline Drive in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$575,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$275,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried unanimously.

No one from the public came forward.

Councilman Weinstein noted that a \$300,000 grant was awarded to the Borough toward this project. Councilman Rees requested that the project be coordinated with the construction of a cell tower on the site.

Councilman Weinstein made a motion to close the public hearing for Bond Ordinance BO-1-2023 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing Improvements to the Water Tank and Surrounding Area at Skyline Drive in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$575,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$275,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Said motion was seconded by Councilman Atlas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Atlas made a motion to adopt Bond Ordinance BO-1-2023 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing Improvements to the Water Tank and Surrounding Area at Skyline Drive in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$575,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$275,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Bond Ordinance BO-2-2023:** Councilman Atlas made a motion to open the public hearing for Bond Ordinance BO-2-2023 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$2,762,482 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,209,811 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was carried unanimously.

No one from the public came forward.

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**Ordinances for Introduction**

**Ordinance O-9-2023:** Councilman Atlas made a motion to introduce Ordinance O-9-2023 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Various Sections of Chapter 96, Regarding Trees: Removal and Destruction. He announced the public hearing set for June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm. Councilman Weinstein seconded the motion which was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes. Mayor Raymond encouraged the public to provide feedback at the public hearing. Councilman Weinstein noted that the introduced ordinance would be available on the Borough website.

**Ordinance O-10-2023:** Councilman Atlas made a motion to introduce Ordinance O-10-2023 An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Section 107.30.A Flood Damage Protection of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell and to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps, to Designate a Floodplain Administrator, and to Provide for Severability and an Effective Date. . He announced the public hearing set for June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm. Councilman Weinstein seconded the motion which was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

**Bond Ordinance BO-3-2023:** Councilman Weinstein made a motion to introduce Bond Ordinance BO-3-2023 A Bond Ordinance Amending Bond Ordinance BO-3-2022 Finally Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Caldwell, New Jersey on March 22, 2022. . He announced the public hearing set for June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm. Councilman Atlas seconded the motion which was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes. Councilman Atlas noted that additional funding was needed for the pool improvements based on the bids received.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Tilton requested that Resolution R-113-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract Between the Borough of North Caldwell and MeterTek Utility Services, Inc. for Water Meter Replacement and Installation of Radio Frequency Meter Interface Units – Commercial and Residential Locations Borough-Wide be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted upon individually. On a motion from Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Atlas, Resolution R-113-2023 was carried with four (4) affirmative votes and one nay vote from Councilman Tilton.

Councilman Atlas made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weinstein, to approve all items listed for inclusion in the consent agenda. Said motion was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

- Resolution R-112-2023 A Resolution Rescinding Resolution R-93-2023 Authorizing An Award of a Contract to National Metering Services, Inc. for Water Meter Replacement and Installation of Radio Frequency Meter Interface Units – Commercial and Residential Locations Borough-Wide
- Resolution R-114-2023 A Resolution Amending the 2023 Municipal Budget (*Public Hearing Scheduled for June 13, 2023 at 6:30p*)
- Resolution R-115-2023 A Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills
- Resolution R-116 A Resolution Authorizing for Redemption and Cancellation of Record of Tax Lien – Block 705, Lot 1
- Resolution R-117-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Holiday Pay to Borough of North Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey Dispatchers
- Resolution R-118-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Electric Sub-Code Official
- Resolution R-119-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Fire Prevention Official
- Resolution R-120-2023 A Resolution Authorizing Employment of SLEO Class III Officers for 2023-2023 WERSD School Year
- Resolution R-121-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Four Seasons of North Caldwell HOA for the Installation and Maintenance of ALPR Cameras and Equipment on Their Property and Right of Way
- Resolution R-122-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Through Online Auction Services
- Resolution R-123-2023 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 Various Roads Within the Borough of North Caldwell – East Greenbrook Road
- Resolution R-124-2023 A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to and the Execution of a Local Transportation Projects Fund Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Various Roads Within the Borough of North Caldwell – Hamilton Drive East and Allen Road
- Resolution R-125-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Seasonal Employees for the 2023 Municipal Pool Season – Lifeguards/Gate Monitors/Snack Bar Attendants/Pool Managers
- Resolution R-126-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Seasonal Aquacise Instructor for the 2023 Municipal Pool Season
- Resolution R-127-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Seasonal Swim Team Head Coach for the 2023 Municipal Pool Season
- Resolution R-128-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of a Part-Time Seasonal Swim Team Assistant Coach for the 2023 Municipal Pool Season.

**Citizens to be Heard**

Councilman Weinstein made a motion to open public comment, seconded by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was unanimously approved.

No one from the public came forward.

Councilman Atlas made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Weinstein. Said motion was unanimously approved.

**Council Commentary**

Councilman Weinstein commended Mayor Raymond for his attention to social awareness and supporting activities in town. Councilman Tilton expressed appreciation to the North Caldwell Fire Department for providing mutual aid to neighboring towns.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Atlas moved Resolution R-129-2023 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell to Hold a Closed Session Meeting for Certain Specified Purpose:

- A. Attorney/Client Privilege: (1) Green Brook Country Club, (2) Walker's Park;
- B. Contract Negotiations: (1) Shared Court;
- C. Personnel: (1) DPW.

Said motion was seconded by Councilman Weinstein and was carried unanimously with five (5) affirmative votes.

Mayor Raymond announced that no further action would be taken after Executive Session and the meeting would not re-open to the public. There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, this meeting be adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti, RMC  
Borough Clerk