

Mayor and Council Conference Meeting – July 21, 2020

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The meeting began at 5:12pm via teleconference.

Mayor Alessi called the meeting to order announcing that notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Roll Call indicated the following:

Present: Mayor Alessi, Council President Santomauro, Councilman Astorino, Councilman Chiaia, Councilman Kessler, Councilman Rees and Councilman Tilton.

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

Mayor Alessi asked Kevin O'Sullivan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alessi addressed the meeting time change from 6:30pm to 5:00pm to reduce the conflict with the North Caldwell Board of Education meeting scheduled for that evening at 7:30pm. Mayor Alessi notified the public of an open investigation into fraudulent activity realized in the Municipal Court of Essex Fells and North Caldwell. He provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and announced the public hearing regarding the Green Brook Country Club Inclusionary Residential Overlay Zone that evening.

Citizens to be Heard

Jason Baruch – 5 Acorn Place

Mr. Baruch expressed concern for the downed trees and trees in danger of falling from the property at 36 White Oak. Mayor Alessi stated that a notice of violation is being sent to the property owner for immediate action.

Lorraine Padalino – 4 Acorn Place

Mrs. Padalino agreed with Mr. Baruch's comments and asked that the matter be addressed immediately. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that Borough action typically encourages the property owner to address remediation but given the immediate danger, he would consider contacting contractors to perform the work. Mr. Semeraro stated that the Building Code Official could issue a summons within 10 days if no action is taken.

Vic Petriella - 9 Acorn Place

Mr. Petriella asked that immediate action be taken to have the trees at 36 White Oak be removed to ensure public safety. He added that he and his wife were nearly hit by a falling tree while walking in the neighborhood. He noted the progressive deterioration of the property.

Joe Padalino – 4 Acorn Place

Mr. Padalino asked for the DPW to take the dangerous, leaning trees down and leave the debris for the property owner to remove.

Andrew Bronsnick – 22 Cambridge Drive

Mr. Bronsnick asked if the Borough Ordinance allows for immediate action by the Borough. Mr. Semeraro stated that he would review the ordinance and determine an immediate course of action. Councilman Tilton committed that the Borough will act on a resolution to the issue immediately.

Jennifer Roulette – 29 Ferndale Road

Ms. Roulette asked when the Green Brook ordinance as there was also a North Caldwell Board of Education meeting scheduled for that night.

Councilman Chiaia added that the DPW could examine the property at 36 White Oak for immediate assessment to intercept any danger. Mr. O'Sullivan offered to call the property owner the next morning to address required action. Councilman Tilton noted downed trees and poison ivy on the property as well.

Items for Discussion

GBCC Liquor License Renewal

Ms. Michelotti reviewed the annual liquor license renewal request of Green Brook Country Club. She stated that all requirements had been met and that a resolution was prepared for consideration later in the meeting.

Rental of Borough Property

Mr. O’Sullivan stated that the lessee of 137 Gould Avenue provided notice to the Borough that he planned to move out at the end of July. He stated that an inspection would be performed and that the house would be ready for a new lease bid.

Essex County Open Space Local Aid Grant Agreement

Mr. O’Sullivan reviewed the application to Essex County and the award of an Open Space Grant in the amount of \$150,000 which is the maximum award amount. He stated that a resolution accepting the grant would be offered for consideration later in the meeting.

WEX Card Services

Mr. Semeraro reviewed the opportunity for the Borough to enter a cooperative purchasing agreement for fleet fuel services. He added that the Borough would benefit from financial savings over the current agreement with the Sunoco gas station. He added that the agreement is in accordance with State contract law.

Walker’s Pond Sediment Removal Project

Mr. O’Sullivan stated that bids were received for the Walker’s Pond Sediment Removal Project on July 1, 2020. He noted that bids were received from 14 bidders. Mr. Semeraro stated that submissions were reviewed with some irregularities noted in some of the bids. He added that two (2) addendums revised the initial bid which changed the scope of the project. Mr. Semeraro recommended that the specs be reissued and that the Borough rebid the project in a timely way to prevent a delay in the project. Mr. O’Sullivan added that stipulations on timing of the project would be added to the specs, i.e. mobilization and construction start dates.

Consent Agenda Implementation

Mr. Semeraro reviewed the implementation of a Consent Agenda and explained that it would enable the Council to group pro forma resolutions in one vote. He noted that resolutions and ordinances that require public hearings or more detailed discussion would not be included in Consent Agendas.

Approval of Minutes

The following resolutions were considered in a Consent Agenda vote. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Councilman Kessler abstained from voting on the June 3, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes and voted in the affirmative on the June 9, 2020 Conference Meeting/Executive Session Minutes and the June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting/Executive Session Minutes. The motion was carried with five (5) affirmative votes and one abstention for the June 3, 2020 Special Meeting and Executive Session; six (6) affirmative votes for the June 9, 2020 Conference Meeting and Executive Session Minutes; and six (6) affirmative votes for the June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes.

Committee Reports

Legal and Ordinance

Ordinance O-8-2020 An Ordinance of the Borough of North Caldwell Amending and Supplementing Chapter 107 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Establish a New IRO Inclusionary Residential Overlay Zone and to Set Forth the Standards and Criteria Applicable Thereto

Council President Santomauro asked Erik Nolen, Borough Affordable Housing Council; Tom Behrens, Borough Planner; and Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer to provide an overview of the Green Brook Country Club ordinance.

Mr. Nolen provided a history of the Borough’s Affordable Housing plans, Declaratory Judgement actions, current immunity from builder’s remedy lawsuits, and Judgement of Compliance and Repose orders. He described the settlement reached with Green Brook Realty when the country club property was sold and if the owners chose to develop the property if the country club was no longer viable. He noted the need to adopt the proposed ordinance to reach compliance with the current JOR order and maintain immunity. Mr. Nolen added that the Planning Board found the ordinance to be consistent with the Master Plan. He recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance to satisfy the JOR order, comply with the Fair Share Housing Center agreement and comply with the Borough’s Housing Element plan. Mr. Nolen explained the potential for a re-assessment of the Borough’s Realistic Development Potential which could lead to higher density. He reviewed the importance of the ordinance and the potential detriments of delaying the adoption.

Mr. Behrens described the Borough's Master Plan and the associated Housing Element and Affordable Housing obligation. He stated that the proposed ordinance implements these plans, creates regulations and secures the Borough's immunity until 2025. He noted that the ordinance provides clarity and guidance for the Planning Board when development plans are submitted for approval such as principal permitted uses and master plan consistency. He confirmed that the site plan approval process will be open to the public during Planning Board hearings.

Mr. Ferriero provided examples of municipalities that suffered high density when compliance was not reached. He noted that a mix of housing is mandated in each municipality. He stated that the Supreme Court established the process, the local Superior Court Masters establish each municipality's volume of affordable housing units, the settlement agreements finalize the number of units on each site, the master plans provide for the general parameters of each site and, finally, the local ordinances establish the zoning for the sites. He noted that cost generative elements must be excluded from zoning ordinances.

Councilman Chiaia thanked the professionals for the guidance and noted that adopting the ordinance is key to preventing a builder's remedy lawsuit. He provided some context regarding previous Mt. Laurel decisions in New Jersey. He noted that Fairfield already approved an agreement and ordinance for the parcel of the country club in their town. He reviewed the conditions on the retaining walls planned for the North Caldwell portion of the site.

Mayor Alessi noted the diligence of the negotiation team to reach a favorable settlement with Green Brook. He added that the Borough reached a favorable deal with low impact on the schools which also provides varied housing opportunities for older residents. He stated that the ordinance was essential to preserving the settlement agreement.

Councilman Rees expressed concern with approving the ordinance without having plans from the developer to view first. He noted that "what" would be built was clear, but not "how" it would be built. He agreed that the settlement agreement was favorable but asked that the ordinance be revised. Mr. Nolen stated that concept plans are not required at this stage and confirmed that the Planning Board will have control over the design of the site and over critical components such as egress and ingress.

Councilman Astorino stated concern regarding the "unknown" elements of the development that may be undesirable for which the Planning Board may not have recourse to prevent. Mr. Ferriero noted that the developer's application to the Planning Board must be designed around the ordinance. Council President Santomauro noted that the retaining walls and ingress and egress would be considered by the Planning Board. Mr. Semeraro stated that site plan details are not incorporated in zoning ordinances but rather fall under the purview of the Planning Board. He added that the Borough's experts are trustworthy and have provided the Borough will reliable guidance.

Councilman Tilton asked that the Council consider purchasing the country club property.

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-8-2020 An Ordinance of the Borough of North Caldwell Amending and Supplementing Chapter 107 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Establish a New IRO Inclusionary Residential Overlay Zone and to Set Forth the Standards and Criteria Applicable Thereto, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Mr. O'Sullivan reviewed the process for allowing the public to make comments.

Anthony Rainone – 15 Aspen Drive

Mr. Rainone noted the current time as 7:30 which was in conflict with the North Caldwell Board of Education meeting. He asked that the ordinance hearing be tabled to a future meeting. Mr. Semeraro noted that the Borough's zoning ordinance was already six (6) months past due to the COVID-19 effect on public meetings. Mr. Nolen added that the Special Master wanted a resolution to the open matter.

Councilman Rees made a motion to delay the hearing. The motion was not seconded.

Steve Santola – Green Brook Realty

Mr. Santola noted that the Green Brook owners have been waiting for adoption of the ordinance which was initially introduced in February 2020. He added that he met with members of the North Caldwell Board of Education on the country club site who raised no objection to the development plans or regarding the conflicting meeting dates and times. He asked that the hearing proceed that night.

Councilman Tilton asked about said meeting between the North Caldwell Board of Education and Green Brook Realty. Mr. Santola stated that a tour of the site was provided to the Board of Education and that phone conversations were held between the Board of Education members and Mr. Erik Whitmont. Mr. Alex Opper stated that Mr. Whitmont spoke with his wife, Mindy Opper, member of the Board of Education.

Multiple vacation schedules among the Council and Borough professionals were noted that would prevent a Special Meeting the following week.

Paul Scagnelli – 7 Stony Brook Drive

Mr. Scagnelli asked if there was a final due date for the ordinance adoption and if it could be extended. Mr. Nolen stated that the deadline was January 2020 and the July 1, 2020 Mid-Point deadline had also passed.

Council President Santomauro and Councilman Kessler noted that very few people had departed the meeting since the 7:30pm start of the Board of Education meeting. They recommended that the public hearing on the ordinance continue. Councilman Rees agreed and withdrew his motion to delay the public hearing and vote on the ordinance.

Anthony Rainone – 5 Aspen Drive

Mr. Rainone stated that the threat of litigation was secondary to negotiating a better deal. He encouraged the Council to tap into the knowledge of the town's citizens to prepare a different overlay ordinance and make it subject to a non-binding referendum.

Obie Ugboaja – 119 West Greenbrook Road

Mr. Ugboaja asked that the Borough consider acquiring the country club. He suggested that the Borough ask for more time to contemplate public comment. He asked about the Borough's immunity status after 2025. Mr. Nolen confirmed that settlement agreements would be valid until July 2025 at which time new RDP numbers would be issued based on vacant land adjustments for each municipality in the State.

Mr. O'Sullivan recognized a meeting participant that "raised their hand" virtually but was unable to connect with audio.

Paul Holland – 43 Ferndale Road

Mr. Holland stated that he believed the developer already has site concept plans which should be shared with the Borough prior to the ordinance adoption. He referenced issues with the recent Pulte Homes development.

Paul Scagnelli – 7 Stony Brook Drive

Mr. Scagnelli stated that he felt the public and the Planning Board were not well-informed of the Green Brook development plans and that the negotiations between the Borough Council and the developer favored the developer's wishes. He asked that the vote be delayed to allow for public input on the wording of the ordinance.

Council President Santomauro stated that the Council's negotiations with the country club owners resulted in a low density project and that the best possible deal for the Borough was reached. Mr. Semeraro noted the expertise and knowledge of the COAH Counsel and Borough Planner and that the low density exemplifies the skilled negotiations. He added that the Planning Board does not participate in Affordable Housing negotiations and becomes involved in the process once the zoning ordinance is introduced. Mr. Semeraro confirmed that the Borough has followed the appropriate procedures and normal public processes consistent with affordable housing settlement agreements and overlay ordinance adoption.

Alex Opper – 8 Brentwood Drive

Mr. Opper asked for information on the acreage reserved for the municipality on the Green Brook property. He stated that the location should be better defined to ensure that the Borough's tract of land be buildable and usable.

Mary Farlie – 149 Grandview Avenue

Ms. Farlie stated her concern that the ordinance will allow for development that is different from the rest of the town. She expressed concern for the potential traffic on West Greenbrook Road and

Grandview Avenue from the development. She agreed with previous speakers that the ordinance be subject to referendum.

Mr. O'Sullivan referred to Mr. Opper's statement and read the definition of "buildable land" as per the proposed ordinance.

Nancy Fulga – 377 Central Avenue

Ms. Fulga thanked the Council for their consideration of the neighborhood when developing the ordinance and for the low impact plan. She asked about the retaining walls and drainage of stormwater on Central Avenue. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the ordinance includes restrictions on the retaining wall heights. Mr. Semeraro added that drainage issues would be addressed by the Planning Board during site plan approval hearings.

Dan Gallagher – 36 Ferndale Road

Mr. Gallagher expressed agreement with the ordinance's provisions for older citizens to stay in town which would also reduce strain on the schools. He asked that the multiple uses on the property be subject to differentiated impervious coverage allotments.

John Zurlo – 19 Glenview Road

Mr. Zurlo asked that specifications be defined for the 12-acre parcel being set aside for the municipality on the Green Brook property. Mayor Alessi stated that the parcel would be mutually agreed upon by both the Borough and the developer. Mr. Zurlo encouraged the Council to consider feedback from the public regarding the parcel.

Andrew Bronsnick – 22 Cambridge Drive

Mr. Bronsnick asked if North Caldwell was involved in the settlement agreement for the portion of the country club that is in Fairfield. He expressed concern regarding the ingress and egress for the 30% portion of the country club which is in Fairfield since it is landlocked. Council President Santomauro confirmed that the ingress and egress would be considered by the Planning Board and was not part of the zoning ordinance.

John Gakos – 12 Grandview Avenue

Mr. Gakos stated that traffic has increased during his 28 year residency in North Caldwell. He asked if the Central Avenue/Grandview Avenue/West Greenbrook Road triangle would be converted. Mr. O'Sullivan suggested he raise the concerns to the Planning Board when the developer submits an application.

Anthony Floria-Callori – 4 Chestnut Hill Road

Mr. Floria-Callori stated that the objections to the ordinance do not relate to the affordable housing element but rather to traffic, impervious coverage, grading and the need for third party oversight. He stated that the Planning Board referred public comments to the Council. He suggested that the public be consulted regarding the 12-acre parcel location and use.

Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-8-2020 An Ordinance of the Borough of North Caldwell Amending and Supplementing Chapter 107 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell to Establish a New IRO Inclusionary Residential Overlay Zone and to Set Forth the Standards and Criteria Applicable Thereto, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Councilman Kessler stated that developing the country club would be a loss to the town but that not adopting the ordinance would be a disservice to the community. Councilman Astorino reviewed the merits of affordable housing with controlling the spread of development. Councilman Rees stated that the ordinance should not be considered for adoption without plans from the developer; he voted no to the ordinance adoption. Councilman Tilton stated that he felt it was best for the town to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Chiaia stated his hope for the country club to remain as such. He added that the Borough learned much regarding stormwater management from the Pulte Homes project. Said motion was carried with five (5) affirmative votes and one (1) no vote from Councilman Rees.

Mr. Nolan, Mr. Behrens and Mr. Ferriero were thanked by the Mayor and excused from the meeting at 9:11pm.

Ordinance O-9-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items

Council President Santomauro stated that the ordinance was done annually to fund capital projects such as technology installation of security cameras.

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-9-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

The teleconference was opened to the public. Hearing no comment from the public, Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-9-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Ordinance O-10-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Water Capital Items

Council President Santomauro stated that the ordinance would allow for upgrades to hydrants, valves and other water capital improvements.

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-10-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Water Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

The teleconference was opened to the public. Hearing no comment from the public, Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-10-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Water Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Ordinance O-11-2020 An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell

Council President Santomauro stated that the ordinance was done annually to revise the ranges of compensation for Borough employees.

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-11-2020 An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Astorino. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

The teleconference was opened to the public. Hearing no comment from the public, Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-11-2020 An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Compensation of Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of North Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Ordinance O-12-2020 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Chapters 71 and Chapter 45 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Concerning Field Use Fees and Scheduling

Council Kessler reviewed the purpose of the ordinance and explained the fee structure and field usage priority.

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-12-2020 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Chapters 71 and Chapter 45 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Concerning Field Use Fees and Scheduling, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

The teleconference was opened to the public. Hearing no comment from the public, Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-12-2020 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Chapters 71 and Chapter 45 of the Code of the Borough of North Caldwell Concerning Field Use Fees and Scheduling, seconded by Councilman Kessler. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Bond Ordinance BO-3-2020

Bond Ordinance BO-3-2020 An Ordinance Authorizing Various Improvements in and for the Borough of North Caldwell, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$141,800 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$134,710 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Council President Santomauro moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance O-9-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Rees. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

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The teleconference was opened to the public. Hearing no comment from the public, Council President Santomauro moved to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance O-9-2020 An Ordinance to Provide for Various Capital Items, seconded by Councilman Tilton. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

Legal and Ordinance Consent Agenda Resolutions

The following resolutions were considered in a Consent Agenda vote. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

- Resolution R-106-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License #0715-33-001-002 to Green Brook Liquor License, LLC
- Resolution R-107-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Public Bid for Lease of Borough Real Property, to Wit: 137 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14
- Resolution R-108-2020 A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And Council To Enter As A Participant Into A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement For Wex Card Services
- Resolution R-109-2020 A Resolution Accepting the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund 2020 Local Aid Program

Personnel and Administration

Councilman Chiaia made a motion to add Resolution R-126-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Termination of Anna Crowell, Deputy Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Boroughs of Essex Fells and North Caldwell. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kessler. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Personnel and Administration Consent Agenda Resolutions

The following resolutions were considered in a Consent Agenda vote. A motion was made by Councilman Tilton, seconded by Council President Santomauro. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

- Resolution R-110-2020 A Resolution Establishing 2020 Employee Salaries
- Resolution R-87-2020 A Resolution Appointing a Part-Time Building Inspector
- Resolution R-111-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Increase in Hours and Salary for Sub-Code Officials
- Resolution R-112-2020 A Resolution Appointing Administrative Agent Pursuant to the Fair Housing Act
- Resolution R-125-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Temporary Employment of Temporary Court Administrator

Resolution R-113-2020 A Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Municipal Court Administrator was tabled.

Resolution R-114-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Municipal Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Borough of North Caldwell and Essex Fells was tabled.

Resolution R-126-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Termination of Anna Crowell, Deputy Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Boroughs of North Caldwell and Essex Fells was tabled until after Executive Session discussion.

Finance

Councilman Astorino made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for June 2020, seconded by Council President Santomauro. Said motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Finance Consent Agenda Resolutions

The following resolutions were considered in a Consent Agenda vote. A motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

- Resolution R-115-2020 A Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills
- Resolution R-116-2020 A Resolution Authorizing for Redemption and Cancellation of Record of Tax Lien – Block 606, Lot 7

Councilman Astorino opened the Public Hearing regarding Resolution R-117-2020 A Resolution Amending the 2020 Municipal Budget Amendment. Ms. Michelotti read the resolution and details of

the amendment. There were no comments from the public or from the Governing Body. A motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-118-2020 A Resolution Adopting the 2020 Municipal Budget was read. Ms. Michelotti delivered the 2020 Municipal Budget overview. A motion was made by Councilman Astorino, seconded by Council President Santomauro. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Public Safety

Councilman Chiaia offered the Police Department Public Safety and Detective Bureau Reports for June 2020. Chief Deuer noted the decrease in traffic violations which was partially attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic as the Motor Vehicles Commission was not yet open and fully operational to update licenses and registrations. He stated the department's focus on public safety.

Councilman Chiaia offered the Fire Department Public Safety Report for June 2020. Chief Peterson described normalization in the call volume.

Public Works

Councilman Rees offered the Construction Permit Activity Report for June 2020. He stated that 47 permits were issued in June.

The Solid Waste Collection Report for the 2nd Quarter 2020 was tabled.

Councilman Rees offered the Animal Control Report for June 2020 which included two (2) calls.

Resolution R-119-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bids and the Re-Advertisement for the Walker's Pond Sediment Removal Request for Proposals was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Astorino. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Resolution R-120-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Lease Financing for the Acquisition of Department of Public Works Excavator and Trailer was read. Motion was made by Councilman Rees, seconded by Councilman Tilton. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Recreation

Councilman Kessler offered the Recreation Director's Report for July and August 2020. He thanked the Recreation Department and the Cal Ripken League for assembling sessions for the Spring season. He noted the 88% increase in tennis membership over the year prior. Councilman Kessler stated that 132 participants were enjoying Summer Fun camp and 646 people had joined the municipal pool. He reviewed the pool's hours of operation and the current and proposed extended hours for Seniors. Councilman Kessler announced that Recreation Director Bill Maranz became a Certified Contact Tracer. Councilman Kessler announced the Recreation Field Hockey program starting in the fall.

Recreation Consent Agenda Resolutions

The following resolutions were considered in a Consent Agenda vote. A motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

- Resolution R-121-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Part-Time Seasonal Employees for the 2020 Municipal Pool Season – Lifeguards, Interim Pool Director, Social Distancing Ambassadors
- Resolution R-122-2020 A Resolution Appointing Seasonal Part-Time Lead Instructor for the 2020 Summer Fun Program – Upper Camp

Resolution R-123-2020 A Resolution Authorizing Refunds of Recreation Program Fees was read. Motion was made by Councilman Kessler, seconded by Councilman Chiaia. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

Executive Session

Resolution R-124-2020 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) Municipal

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Court was read. A motion was made by Council President Santomauro, seconded by Councilman Kessler. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

The meeting reopened to the public at 10:37p.m.

Resolution R-126-2020 A Resolution Authorizing the Termination of Anna Crowell, Deputy Court Administrator for the Municipal Court of the Boroughs of North Caldwell and Essex Fells was read. A motion was made by Councilman Tilton, seconded by Councilman Rees. The motion was carried unanimously with six votes.

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 the Council that this meeting be adjourned at 10:42 pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tami Michelotti".

Tami Michelotti
Borough Clerk