

Mayor and Council Conference Meeting – March 9, 2021

The Conference Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting began at 7:35pm via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 Astorino, Councilman Atlas, Councilman Floria-Callori, 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 Council President Astorino to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to be Heard

No one from the public came forward.

Items for Discussion

Allen Road Performance and Maintenance Bond Release, Deed of Dedication

Mr. Semeraro stated that final inspections has been completed by the Borough Engineer allowing for the return of the performance and maintenance bonds. Resolutions returning the bonds and an ordinance dedicating the roadway would be prepared for an upcoming meeting.

Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License

Ms. Michelotti presented the requirements and a proposed timeline for the bid of a plenary retail distribution liquor license. The Council confirmed a minimum bid of \$150,000.

Budget Review

Mr. Mondelli reviewed the summary of the proposed Operating Budget based on discussions at the Special Budget Meeting held on March 6, 2021. He stated that the proposal reflects a 7.29% increase over last year.

The Council discussed each department’s Capital Budget requests. Mr. Mondelli confirmed that he would prepare a summary for the next meeting.

Department Challenges and Solutions

Council President Astorino expressed appreciation to Mr. Mondelli and the department heads for their hard work on the budget. He reviewed the challenges and opportunities identified by each Council subcommittee.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Mondelli noted that funds remaining from the 2020 Budget would be moved into the 2021 Budget by resolution proposed later in the meeting.

Municipal Pool Concession Stand Bids

Mr. O’Sullivan announced that one bid was received which was under review by Mr. Semeraro. Mr. Semeraro stated that further discussion would be held in Executive Session under Contract Negotiations.

Action to be Taken

The following resolutions were read by and moved by Council President Astorino as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Kessler. The motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

- Resolution R-58-2021 A Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills
- Resolution R-59-2021 A Resolution Approving 2020 Budget Transfers

Executive Session

Resolution R-60-2021 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Caldwell to Hold a Closed Session Meeting for Certain Specified Purposes:

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- A. Contract Negotiations: (1) Pulte Homes – Hydrogeological Study, (2) Lindsley Heights Easement Agreement, (3) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations, (4) Developer’s Agreement – 70 Grandview Avenue;
- B. Attorney Client Privilege – (1) Pool Sponsorship, (2) Municipal Pool Concession Stand Bids *(added by Borough Attorney during the meeting)*

was read. Motion was made by Council President Astorino, seconded by Councilman Atlas. Said motion was carried unanimously with six affirmative votes.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Council President Astorino, seconded by the Council, that this meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami Michelotti
Borough Clerk