

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- April 21, 2026**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order at the Saint Aloysius Church Gymnasium, 219 Bloomfield, Caldwell, NJ at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Jones, Councilman Jurgensen, Council President Buechner, Councilman Daniolowicz, Councilman Brown, and Councilwoman Rodeffer.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Hunkele

ALSO PRESENT: Municipal Clerk, Brittany Heun, Borough Administrator, Alex Palumbo and Borough Attorney, Craig Bossong

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Organizational Meeting was given on January 15, 2026. Notice was posted in Borough Hall, 24 Smull Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent the same.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Prayer/Reflection**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 7, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes & Executive Session Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council President Buechner, who abstained from the vote. The minutes from the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting & Executive Session were approved April 21, 2026.

PRESENTATION

1. Certificate of Appreciation to Construction Railroad
 - a. Certificate presented to Dan Sipoletti of Construction Railroad
2. Arbor Day Proclamation
 - a. Mayor Jones read the Proclamation and presented it to the Environmental Commission co-chair Ann Marchioni.

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON

Patricia Keenan

Ms. Keenan was absent, and no report was given

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on items listed on the agenda.

Ann Marchioni, 85 Brookside Ave. Ann announced the Earth Day/Earth Week events like the paper shredding day next Saturday from 9am-1pm. She thanked Cali Carting for their continued support, and the DPW and Police Department for their help at the event. Ann reminded the public that they will be accepting donations for the JCHS Scholarship Fund, to which you can donate to at any time. April 29th there will be a Zoom presentation called "Native Plants that Have Shaped our History".

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.

4-110	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR PEDDLER LICENSE OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE – The Towne Scoop
4-111	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Music and More Booster Club - On-Premise –50/50 Cash Raffle
4-112	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Music and More Booster Club - On-Premise –Merchandise Raffle

4-113	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Sisters of Saint Dominic - Off-Premise –Calendar Raffle
4-114	AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ONE (1) TAXICAB LICENSE TO Sezai Gurses of Metropolitan Limousine, LLC, 806 Murray Street, Avenel, NJ 07001. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS.
4-115	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell - On-Premise –Merchandise Raffle
4-116	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell - On-Premise –50/50 Cash Raffle
4-117	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL WITH GOGOV FOR THEIR CITIZEN NOTIFICATIONS AND ALERT SYSTEM IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
4-118	PULLED
4-119	A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL CYBER SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN
4-120	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF ARIYANNA CALDERONE THROUGH THE CALDWELL UNIVERSITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
4-121	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MAGNOLIA LANE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
4-122	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OAK GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
4-123	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARK GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
4-124	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES
4-125	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 4/02/2026 THROUGH 4/17/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4,908,367.17
4-126	Pulled for Separate Consideration
4-127	RESOLUTION TO HIRE EMANUEL VASILESQ AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A motion to approve the amended consent agenda was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Council President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The amended consent agenda was approved April 21, 2026.

4-126 AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND OTTEAU GROUP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500

Mr. Palumbo explained the reason for the Resolution, which was followed by discussion amongst the Council. A motion approve resolution 4-126 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution 4-126 was approved on April 21, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council Members

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
 - a. Department of Public Works
 - i. Hydrant Flushing has been postponed as to not coincide with our neighboring towns schedule.
 - ii. Recycling bins will be on site at the Shredding event, and will be available for Caldwell Residnets
 - b. Caldwell Beautification Day will be the Sunday before Memorial Day
 - i. Sign ups will be done through signup genius.
2. Council President Buechner
 - a. Senior Center
 - i. Social Corner Thursdays from 12pm-1pm
 - ii. Bingo & Pizza on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 1-2:30pm
 - iii. Blood Pressure Screening 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:30-1:30

- iv. Zumba on Tuesdays & Fridays
 - v. Glucose Screening on 4/29 from 12-1
 - vi. For rides from the Senior Bus, call Betty
- b. Grover Cleveland Birth Place
- i. 250th anniversary celebration on the 4th of July, as well as the Annual Ice Cream Social.
 - 1. The event will include tables hosted by Historical Groups and speakers
 - 2. Display on the Electoral College
 - ii. May 6th from 6:30-8pm there will be a presentation from Louis Baccone, GCBP Board Member and writer of "Ulysses Odessey: Ulysses World Tour at the Dawn of the Empire". Books will be fore sale, and Author will be signing books.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones Reported:

- The Shared Services with Essex Fells will be for Street Sweeping about 4 times a year. We are looking into other shared services we can provide.
- Charging station at 80 Bloomfield Avenue is up and running. Ordinance to set fees will be on the next agenda
- Parking meter revenue is up from 2022. In 2022 the revenue was \$33,000, and it is now up to \$76,000 in 2025.
- Shared Service with West Caldwell for fuel has saved the Borough about \$6,500 per month.
- New Borough Hall is progressing nicely.
- Police Foundation meeting was today
- Looking forward to Memorial Day and July 4th. Mayor Tempesta says the fire works on July 4th will be bigger than ever and back on Bonnel Field!
- This year is the 125th Anniversary of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department. A Community Picnic is being planned for the end of July. More details will follow.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Palumbo

Mr. Palumbo reported:

- We are excited to have a new hire on board
- Chestnut Street has been slightly delayed due to the PSE&G work planned for the street. We will commence our work when PSE&G has finished.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Craig Bossong

Craig Bossong:

- The 80 Roseland LLC litigation, which was a result of the scarce resource order for the Sewer Plant, has been resolved.
- COAH 4th found deadline was April 18th. Fairshare Housing has requested an extension as a courtesy.
 - May 15th should be the final day of the extension

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aziza Kibibi, Founder of Precious Little Ladies, a nonprofit dedicated to sexual abuse prevention and education, as well as supporting victims of sexual abuse. Ms. Kibbi invited Mayor Jones to join her as a special guest at their event at Calandra's on April 25th. The organization is based in East Orange, but they are active throughout Essex County.

Mayor Jones accepted the invitation and thanked Ms. Kibbi for her courage and dedication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to be conducted, a motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Councilman Jurgensen and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Prepared by:

Brittany Heun
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk

5/6/2026
DATE