

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- April 2, 2024**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order at the gymnasium of St. Aloysius Church, 219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ at 7.02pm.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk, Brittany Heun, Deputy Clerk Kim Conlon, Borough Administrator, Alex Palumbo, Borough Attorney, Craig Bossong.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Organizational Meeting was given on January 11, 2024. 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/Moment of Silence

- Moment of Silence for Former Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, William Schram, who passed away this Sunday, Easter Sunday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2024
March 25, 2024 – Oversight Committee Minutes

A motion to approve the above meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Buchner, and seconded by Council President Brown. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes were approved on 4/2/2024.

PRESENTATION

1. Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month Proclamation
 - a. Mayor Jones read the proclamation
 - b. Captain DeAngelo spoke to facts and stats about Autism.

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON

Patricia Keenan

No Report, Ms. Keenan was absent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No Public Comments

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 1459-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A270 –1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH, SO AS TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED FOR CERTAIN PERMITS

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1459-24 was made by Council President Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 4/2/2024.

ORDINANCE 1460 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1446-23 ESTABLISHING SALARIES OR WAGES OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1460-24 was made by Council President Brown, and seconded by Councilman Alonso. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced on 4/2/2024.

ORDINANCE 1461-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE, CHAPTER 41, POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 41-2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED, "MEMBERS".

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1461-24 was made by Councilwoman Buechner, and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 4/2/2024.

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.

4-112	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT PAYMENT TO Gold Medal Plumbing Heating & Cooling, 11 Cotters Lane, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816
4-113	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF REMAINING ESCROW FEES OF \$5, 035.00 TO LANDMARK REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, 8 Orchard Square, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006 for Planning Board Application P20-002, 459 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell
4-114	AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CATON TERRACE ROAD WAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO CIFELLI AND SONS, 81 FRANKLIN AVENUE, NUTLEY, NJ 07110 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,294.95
4-115	AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF ONE (1) TAXICAB LICENSE TO Esref Ozturk of Flash Limousine LLC, 26 Parkway East, Apt. 6, Caldwell, NJ 07006. APPLICATION AND APPLICANT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS.
4-116	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LOT LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICATION FILED. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PROPER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS– Amer Choudhry, 95 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell
4-117	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
4-118	AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HICKORY INSPECTION, LLC FOR THE INSPECTIONS OF 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
4-119	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK’S OFFICE –Caldwell West Essex Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.– On-Premise – Merchandise Raffle
4-120	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK’S OFFICE –Caldwell West Essex Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.– On-Premise –50/50 Cash Raffle
4-121	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT FOR THE PURCHASE 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, BLOCK 65, Lot 2
4-122	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR
4-123	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 03/16/2024 THROUGH 03/28/2024
4-124	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO RAYMOND SULLIVAN, FOR VARIOUS TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
4-125	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUCAS TURNER AS A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
4-126	APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – THE SAFER GRANT
4-127	APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FEMA ASSISTANCE GRANT – THE FIRE PREVENTION GRANT

A motion to approve the consent agenda, was made by Councilman Alonso and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. All resolutions on the consent agenda were approved 4/2/2024.

NEW BUSINESS**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS***Borough Council Members*

1. Councilwoman Buechner: Grover Cleveland Birth Place Memorial Association
 - a. April 13th GC birth day celebration at 1pm.
 - i. Special speakers including Becky Diamond.
 - ii. 4pm old fashioned games for kids.
 - iii. 7pm trivia night, register ahead or at door.
2. Councilman Daniolowicz: DPW and Library
 - a. DPW
 - i. Monday April 15th hydrant flushing will begin.
 1. 8pm- midnight. 2-week process
 - b. Library
 - i. April 6th 11-12 solar eclipse presentation
 - ii. Glasses available for card holder
 - c. Communication
 - i. Remyndr App presentation at the next meeting hopefully
 - ii. Live now with the basic garbage and recycling app
3. Councilwoman Rodeffer
 - a. Pleased to see the proclamation about autism as her grandson has autism and is happy to see all the work done for them
 - b. Dr. Sieneese Mass and reception. Mayor and 3 council members attended. It was a great event
 - c. Board of Education
 - i. March 25th at Lincoln School
 1. USA Day, Wednesday before Memorial Day. Veterans are invited to the school and the kids get to interact with the veterans.
 2. Unsung Hero's awards. Mrs. Kestner (sub at the school) and Mrs. Campion (Not officially with the school but helps the faculty and parents with emergency babysitting services)
 3. Special Education Advisory group is doing a presentation 4/30 6-7pm at James Caldwell high school. "Muscle Motors connection"
 - d. Caldwell Public Library Foundation has just started their fundraising which provides money for programs and other needs.
 - e. Echoed the death of Rev. Schram has affected the clergy of the area. Our hearts do go out to him and his family in PA
4. Council President Brown
 - a. Thanked OIC for spearheading autism awareness in town
 - b. Thanked PD for all of the enforcement that they have been doing and keeping out town safe
 - c. Public safety
 - i. Chief Pollara bringing in junior firefighters and other full volunteers
 - ii. Constantly doing trainings that have been posted on fb and Instagram
 - d. Environment is
 - i. Shredding event with JCHS Scholarship fund
 1. GCMS Saturday April 20th from 10-1pm
 2. Paper items for shredding, no cardboard or paper clips
 3. Will have some recycling bins there for residents if they are needed
 - ii. May 4th "keeping our waters healthy:
 - iii. 12-4 at Caldwell University. Presentation at 1pm
 - iv. Items will be raffled off to attendees
 - v. Sign up will enter you into the raffle
 - vi. Darren: Jake at DPW said that if you bring items in a cardboard box there will be a compactor on site to get rid of that box for you
5. Captain DeAngelo
 - a. April 19th DMV Inspection 9am-2pm at 423 Bloomfield Avenue

Mr. Palumbo said the DMV came to firehouse to see if that venue could be used and now. They approved the location, so we are not working on confirming a date.

REPORT OF MAYOR*Mayor Jones*

- Last night at the American Legion meeting, the Garamella family was there and shared that they are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community and donations made in honor of Jospeh Garamella.
 - Thanked the American legion and US Army for their honoring Mr. Garamella at his funeral
 - Our veterans are going down to Seton Hall Prep and engaging with the students
 - Friday or Sunday afternoon our veterans are at American Legion if the public wants to interact with them
 - Elks Club is looking to pass through congress, making November Veterans Month
- Thanked Council President Brown and Councilman Daniolowicz for joining the Mayor at the Make a Difference Day at the Middle School.
 - Chief Pollara, Mark Giuliano, and Police Department were there as well.

- 80 Bloomfield contract is fully signed. Have some Planning board reviews that will be done this month as well.
- Sewer Litigation: Met with Mayor Tempesta and Mayor Spango over this since the beginning of my mayorship. They are both gentleman and have been very open and honest throughout this process. Glad that this is behind us and that we can move forward.

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Palumbo

- Demolition of Borough Hall is moving along. The Weather has delayed it a bit with all the rain.
 - Contractor found additional areas that may require asbestos remediation
- 80 Bloomfield: we will start our inspections and due diligence. Full speed ahead with architect
- Kris: fencing on the green. Is the green fenced off because the deck was removed.
 - Alex: it is really there for a safety concern at this point.
 - Mayor: there is a benefactor who will be putting in a retaining wall and extending the green to its former size

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Craig Bossong

- Sewer Litigation: working with the new operator to get everyone on the same page as to what everyone's responsibilities are. Want everything to be done in a timely manner moving forward. Quarterly sewer meeting again.
 - Mayor Jones asked if we can host those at the Plant? There is a meeting space there. 2 additional meetings that are needed with North Caldwell and Fairfield.
 - Mayor: maybe we can have a program to sponsor junior firefighters?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Marchioni, 85 Brookside. Environmental commission co-chair. Encourage everyone to come utilize the shredding event. Emphasize that it is a donation to the Scholarship, and any amount is helpful for our high school seniors. Checks can be made ahead of time as well: JCHS Scholarship fund"
Darren Fusaro, 75 Annin Road, West Caldwell. Thanked Cali for donating the shredding truck every year. It is a very expensive piece of this event so we are thrilled that he is able to do this. May 4th event will be wonderful. I got the trees last week. We will also be giving away 50 saplings which is great. This is Earth month so we need to focus on trees and planting for our pollinators. This is something that everyone can do, it is not difficult

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session

Mayor Jones, read the following statement: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matter; Contract Negotiations; This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence.

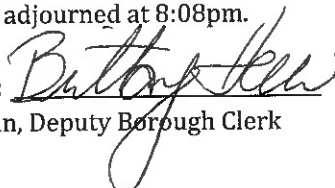
4-128	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of April 2, 2024
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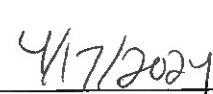
A motion to go into executive session was made by Councilwoman Buechner, and seconded Councilman Alonso. Upon a voice vote, all members presented voted in the affirmative. The Council went into executive session at 7:53pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Prepared by: 
 Brittany Heun, Deputy Borough Clerk



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