

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING  
Regular Meeting- February 3, 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 7:01 pm.

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

**ABSENT:** Borough Administrator, Alex Palubmo

**ALSO PRESENT:** Municipal Clerk, Brittany Heun, 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**

**Moment of Silence:**

- The Mayor asked for a moment of silence and/or personal reflection for all those who are experiencing loss at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting & Executive Session Minutes  
January 12, 2026 – Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2026 – Special Meeting Minutes & Executive Session 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 voted in the affirmative. The minutes from the meeting dates listed above, were approved February 3, 2026.

**PRESENTATION**

**REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON**

*Patricia Keenan*

**Patricia reported:**

- The Environmental Center is hosting a Beekeeping course, and garden class, among other activities
- The Codey Arena is offering Skating Lessons
- The County is working with the Fire Department to get the Grover Cleveland Park Pond ready to skate on.
  - Mayor Jones thanked the Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, particularly their President Mark Brody, for their assistance with this effort
- Patricia thanked the Borough for having Mark Guiliano present at the emergency storm meeting.
  - Also commended the DPW on their efforts clearing the snow. As someone who had to go out in the storm, she was pleased to see the streets were cleared well throughout the storm.
- The Mayor's Meeting is tomorrow at 9:30apm. Gov. Sherrill will be on the call, so the County is asking that all Mayor's, or a representative, join the call.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**No Public Comments**

**RESOLUTIONS**

2-54	RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM R ROBERTS AS THE CHIEF OF THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 4, 2026
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A motion to approve resolution 2-54 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Jurgensen. At the request for Mayor Jones, the Clerk read the resolution in its entirety for the record. A statement was made by Councilman Brown, as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, and all members voted in the affirmative. Resolution 2-54 was adopted on February 3, 2026.

**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.*

2-55	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –First Presbyterian Church – On-Premise – 50/50 Cash Raffle
2-56	AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CLARIFIER RETROFIT PROJECT, TO SPECTRASERV, 75 JACOBUS AVENUE, KEARNY, NJ 07032 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$789,400.00
2-57	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S PLANNING BOARD TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE BOROUGH'S ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY (ERI)
2-58	AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT MODIFICATION OF EXISTING CONTRACT TO INCLUDE INSPECTIONS OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026
2-59	RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 5-194 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH SIGNATURE BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES FOR THE 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE PROJECT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000
2-60	AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DIRECTOR TO POST OR ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN IN THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
2-61	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/17/2026 THROUGH 1/30/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,392,905.02

**A motion to approve the consent agenda, was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Councilwoman Rodeffer. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The consent agenda was approved on February 3, 2026.**

## NEW BUSINESS

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz
  - a. Thank you to the DPW for all of their hard work clearing the snow during and after the storm. They worked tirelessly for about 30 hours, with only a few minor issues to report.
    - i. They also cleared all the school crossing.
    - ii. They continue to work on clearing the snow from the lots.
2. Council President Buechner
  - a. Women's Community Impact Award
    - i. Taking nominations, beginning tomorrow. Nomination forms will be available on the Borough website and on the Caldwell Connect App
    - ii. Qualifications are also available online.
  - b. Grover Cleveland Birthplace Association
    - i. Planning events for President Cleveland's birthday week, which will be the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Working on plans for activities for the 250 Anniversary
  - c. Senior Center
    - i. February 19<sup>th</sup> is Pizza & Bingo
    - ii. Social Corner is every Thursday 11am-1
    - iii. February 19<sup>th</sup> is Blood Pressure Screenings from 12:30-1:30pm.
3. Councilman Jurgensen
  - a. Historic Preservation Commission
    - i. Held their first meeting of 2026
      1. Elected positions and approved the calendar.
      2. Matthew Leeds, Chair of the North Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission came to speak to the group
      3. Reviewed plans for the Carnegie library building
      4. Councilman Jurgensen met with Bob Silver, and has asked him to come speak at a future meeting, regarding preservation of historic buildings.
  - b. Rent Review Board
    - i. Swore in 1 of the 2 new members

- ii. The board has agreed to look do their annual review of the Ordinance, as well as take a look at Late Fees and see what they can do for that.

4. Councilwoman Hunkele

a. Communications

- i. Reminded the public to download the Caldwell Connect App. She found it extremely helpful during the storm to receive notices regarding the garbage and recycling schedule.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

*Mayor Jones*

**Mayor Jones reported:**

- Mark Guiliano, our OEM Officer and Fire Official, did a fantastic job during the storm. He opened and maned the OEM office through out the storm. The Fire department was in and out of OEM all weekend lending a hand where they could.
- We have been having issues with gas leaks in town, due to this cold weather. If you experience a gas leak, be sure to call 9-1-1 and PSE&G for assistance.
- Finance committee met yesterday to discuss the budget for 2026. One of the major topics of discussion was the employee health benefits and the difference between health benefits in the Private Sector vs. the government.
- DPW did an excellent job handling the snow during this storm. I would like to see the snow along Bloomfield Avenue cleared from the parking stalls.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

*Alex Palumbo*

Mr. Palumbo was absent, no report given

**REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

*Craig Bossong*

**Craig Bossong:**

- COAH Ordinances will be on next meetings agenda. These will have to go before the Planning Board as well, and may require a Special Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Phil Natale, 98 Hatfield Street; Thanked the DPW for their amazing work clearing the snow. Noted that when he was here about a year and a half ago, this room was filled with people aggravated about the idea of a Police Director. Thanked Nichele for all of her work with the Police Department. Offered congratulations to Chief Roberts.

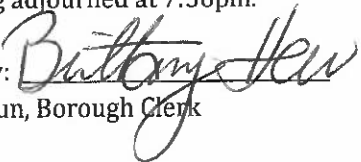
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Closed Session*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Prepared by:   
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk



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