

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES- February 9, 2021**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order on Zoom at 7:15 PM.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kelley, Council President Schmidt, Councilman Rodgers, Councilman Cole, Councilman Lace, Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi, and Councilman Gates.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Brittany Heun, Deputy Clerk Kim Conlon, Borough Administrator Tom Banker, and Borough Attorney Vincent Nuzzi

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Meeting was given on January 22, 2021. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the first floor of Borough Hall, One Provost Square, 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**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 26, 2021

Moved by Councilman Lace and seconded by Council President Schmidt. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Minutes approved 2/9/2021

**PRESENTATION**

1. Proclamation for Black History Month
  - a. Councilman Lace read the proclamation
2. DPW Presentation on Snow Clean Up
  - a. Mario Bifalco, Director of Public Works gave the presentation

**REPORT OF COUNTY LIASON**

Patricia Keenan

Patricia Keenan Reported

- Thanked the Mayor for his continual participation in the weekly mayor calls
- Continue to check out the Essex COVID.org website daily for vaccine appointments and testing appointments
- 235 Caldwell residents have received their 2nd Vaccine

Mayor Kelley commended the County for their work at the Vaccination Site.

Councilman Rodgers thanked the County for their hard work. They are doing such a great job getting those vaccines out and getting everyone tested.

Council President Schmidt asked about recommendations for Seniors to sign up for the vaccines. Patricia said to keep calling. Early morning is probably best. There are people at the call center all day long and they will answer.

Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked what the call center number was. Patricia said that the call center telephone number is 973-877-8456.

Mr. Banker commended the County for their work. Asked if there is any protocol for COVID survivors getting the vaccine even with antibody protection? Patricia - wait 90 days to get the shot. It is a personal preference as whether you want to get the vaccine or not.

Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi asked if antibiotics will make the vaccine ineffective? Patricia replied that Some medications are. Contact your doctor to know for sure because a lot of medications do counteract the vaccine

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RESOLUTIONS OR ANY TOPIC**

*Barbara Buechner, wanted to echo all that has been said about the Essex County COVID sites. She received her first dose of the vaccine and thought everything went very smoothly.*

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE #1403-21**

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
NEW JERSEY

**Councilman Lace read the Ordinance aloud, as it was a late submission and not available to the public.**

Moved by Councilwoman Schmidt, seconded by Councilman Lace. Discussions Ensued. On roll call, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance Introduced 02/09/2021.

**ORDINANCE #1404-21**

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LEVEL OF SOMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO UNIFORM POLICE PERSONNEL WHEN THEY ARE ENGAGED IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

*Mayor Kelley read the Ordinance aloud, as it was a late submission and not available to the public.*

Moved by Councilman Lace, seconded by Councilman Cole. Discussion ensued. On a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance introduced 02/09/2021.

**ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION****ORDINANCE #1397-21** Ordinance to Establish Salary Ranges for Municipal Employees for the Years 2020 and 2021

Moved by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Gates. Discussion ensued. On a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Ordinance passed on 02/09/2021

**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.*

2-57 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

2-58 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of February 9, 2021

2-59 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING 2020 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NONUNION EMPLOYEES

*Motion to vote on the consent agenda was made by Councilman Lace and seconded by Councilman Cole. Discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative. Resolutions in the consent agenda passed 02/09/2021.***COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS***Borough Council Members*

Councilman Cole

- CCC Advisory Board had their first meeting last week.
  - Will meet once a month while the center is closed
  - Intent for repairs to take place before an official opening date is set
  - This is not a board like the Task Force. There is no end date on this board.
  - Intent is to have a continuous board

Council President Schmidt noted that she is very happy with this board and with all of the members of the board. She looks forward to working with them and seeing what ideas this board has for the Community Center.

Mr. Banker said he plans to announce Capital Improvements projects at February 23rd meeting, and share his vision for the Caldwell Community Center.

**REPORT OF MAYOR***John Kelley*

Last week the Swim Teams started using the Caldwell Community Center Pool for Practice. The teams using the pool are James Caldwell High School, West Essex High School, Verona High School, Millburn High School, and Glen Ridge High School. Thanks, Mario, for all of his work on getting the pool in shape for the teams to use. Thanks to Theresa Camilleri and Kaitlyn Heun who are working at the center during practice to ensure all goes well. Thanks to Tom and Vince for all of the work they put in to make this possible.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR***Thomas Banker**Thomas Banker reported:*

- Echoed what Mayor Kelley has said about the swim teams. He will be assessing the situation tomorrow to see how everything is going
- Goal is to introduce the budget at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. If he fails to make that deadline for whatever reason it will be introduced at the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - COVID has created situations that don't stack up well with Budget Law.
  - Waiting on the State of NJ to clarify how they want Municipal Governments to handle their 2021 COVID era budgets

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY***Vincent Nuzzi*

Mr. Nuzzi gave an update on the Geary case.

Mr. Nuzzi said that the process of allowing the swim teams use the Community Center pool has been a long and tedious task. They had to ensure that the town was protected from things that would never have been an issue before the COVID pandemic. Mr. Nuzzi thanked Mr. Banker for being such a strong force in this process. He also thanked Mayor Kelley and Council President Schmidt for their work on this. Thanked Theresa Camilleri for all of her work. This would not have happened without her.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Lace, seconded by Councilwoman DePalma-Iozzi. Upon a voice vote it was unanimously affirmed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

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2/11/2021  
DATE