

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING  
Regular Meeting- January 20, 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:** Councilman Jurgensen, Councilwoman Hunkele, Council President Buechner, Councilman Daniolowicz, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Rodeffer and Mayor Jones.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Municipal Clerk, Brittany Heun, Borough Administrator, Alex Palubmo 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 for the resident who was killed in a motor vehicle accident this weekend.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 9, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes & Executive Session Minutes

A motion to approve the January 6, 2026 Reorganizational meeting minutes was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Council President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The January 6, 2026 Reorganizational meeting minutes were approved January 20, 2026.

**PRESENTATION**

**REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON**

*Patricia Keenan*

Patricia reported:

- Turtle Back Zoo and South Mountain Recreation are looking for seasonal employee
  - Attend the 1/31, 2/31, & 3/7 job fairs for more information
- 2026 Deer Management Program is still in effect at Hilltop Reservation and South Mountain Reservation
- Code Blue extended through the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - For information on shelters and warming centers visit NJ211.com

**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**

**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.*

<b>1-48</b>	AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF CANVASSER AND/OR SOLICITOR PERMIT(S). APPLICANT(S) AND APPLICATION(S) HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
<b>1-49</b>	RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD) ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
<b>1-50</b>	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/1/2026 THROUGH 1/16/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 4,589,499.92
<b>1-51</b>	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL SCARRILLO AS A CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

A motion to approve the consent agenda, was made by Councilman Jurgensen, and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The consent agenda was approved on January 20, 2026.

## NEW BUSINESS

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz
  - a. The DPW reported no issues with this weekend's storm. Thank you to the DPW for all of their hard work
  - b. Recycling bins are still available at the DPW garage
  - c. Mayor Jones reminded residents to cover/clear the fire hydrants in front of their property.
2. Council President Buechner: Health and Human Services/Senior Center
  - a. Glucose screenings 1/28 from 11am-1pm
  - b. Third Wednesday of the month is Pizza & Bingo from 1-2
  - c. Blood Pressure screenings are every third Wednesday of the month from 1:30-2:20
  - d. Zumba is on Tuesdays & Fridays
  - e. Social Corner every Thursday at 11am
  - f. [health@caldwell-nj.com](mailto:health@caldwell-nj.com) - to request newsletter mailed.
3. Councilman Brown
  - a. "Backyard Birds" Presented by the Raptor Trust will be held on 1/31<sup>st</sup> from 1-2:30 at the Caldwell University Alumni Theater

## REPORT OF THE MAYOR

*Mayor Jones*

### Mayor Jones reported:

- The West Essex First Aide Squad has so many amazing long-time volunteers, and we are grateful for all of their work.
- Thanked Caldwell West Essex Kiwanis Club for matching the Mayor's donation to the Local Assistance Board.

## REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

*Alex Palumbo*

### Mr. Palumbo reported:

- 80 Bloomfield Avenue Project
  - Hoping to have most of the work done by the end of the month
  - Working on setting a move-in date
    - Mike DeCarlo has been getting quotes from different moving companies
- Oversight Committee
  - Old Library building was the focus of our latest meeting
  - Hoping to go out for bid in mid-February and Award in April.

## REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY

*Craig Bossong*

### Craig Bossong:

- Conference call regarding affordable housing this week, focusing on ordinances that will have to go before the Council.
- Governor Murphy signed new e-bike legislation prior to leaving office. We will keep an eye on this to see how we will have to modify, if we even do have to modify, the Borough Ordinance
  - During a change in Governor, there is usually a frenzy of new legislation, so we will monitor anything out of Trenton.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Closed Session*

***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: Personnel Matters; 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.***

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of January 20, 2026

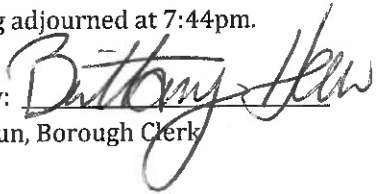
A motion to go into executive session was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon a voice vote, all members voted in the affirmative. At 7:16pm the public meeting was closed and the Council entered executive session.

A motion to close the executive session and reopen the public meeting, was made by Councilwoman Rodeffer and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. Upon a voice vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The public meeting was resumed at 7:43pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Prepared by:   
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk

  
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