BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- July 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 located at 219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ at 7:01 pm.

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

ABSENT:

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, 80 Bloomfield 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

Mayor Jones announced that Remi, the Caldwell Police Department's therapy dog would be visiting Borough Hall tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Jurgensen. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes from the June 30, 2026 Council Meeting were approved July 21, 2026.

PRESENTATION

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON — *Patricia Keenan*

Patricia Keenan Reported:

- Wednesday & Thursday in July and August are Family says at the Turtle Back Zoo, with extended hours.
- Wellness on the Water at South Mountain Reservation. Various programs featured
- July 22nd at 7pm 90's Nite will have a concert at Grover Cleveland Park featuring all 90's Music
- Be sure to check county website (www.essexcountynj.org) for weather updates

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR — *Alex Palumbo*

- The two trailers at 24 Smull Avenue have been removed. Next step is to meet with contractors to repave the area of the lot where the trailers were.
- The Rain Garden at Mount St. Dominic Academy has been constructed.
- The grant for the Old Library Building money has been extended to 2027. H&S Construction will begin work in the coming weeks.
- Looking into putting two "Welcome to Caldwell" signs at the main entry points into the Borough
- Had 2 pre-construction meetings with Cifelli & Son regarding both DOT projects.
    - Hoping to start both projects in August
    - Florence Place tree removal may begin before the road project
- The Kaplan Lot will be paved in August
- $4.8 Million remaining of Redevelopment funds

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 NO. 1498-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 217 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, ENTITLED "TAXATION"

After being read by number and title, a motion to introduce Ordinance 1498-26 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Council President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1498-26 was introduced on July 21, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 1499-26 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT PLANT SAND FILTERS PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $1,309,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,244,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

After being read by number and title, a motion to introduce Ordinance 1499-26 was made by Councilman Brown, and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1499-26 was introduced on July 21, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 1500-26 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $1,290,300 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,228,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

After being read by number and title, a motion to introduce Ordinance 1500-26 was made by Councilwoman Hunkele, and seconded by Councilman President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1500-26 was introduced on July 21, 2026.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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.

7-179	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Rotary/Kiwanis Caldwell Street Fair, Inc– Off-Premise – 50/50 Cash Raffle
7-180	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –St. Aloysius Church– Off-Premise – Calendar Raffle
7-181	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Caldwell Public Library Foundation– Off-Premise – 50/50 Cash Raffle
7-182	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR BINGO. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – St. Aloysius Church- On-Premise – Bingo
7-183	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE COUNTY OF ESSEX
7-184	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF June 27, 2026 THROUGH July 17, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,886,193.20
7-185	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 REPRESENATIVE SERVICES FOR THE 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE PROJECT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $6,000
7-186	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 1-8 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
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A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Brown. No discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The consent agenda was approved July 21, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
    a. The designs for the welcome signs have been approved by the Council, so we are working on placement. Hoping to have them in the islands on Bloomfield Avenue
    b. The morning of Porchfest, the Borough will be having a kickoff event that will feature a 250-anniversary celebration

2. Council President Buechner
    a. Grove Cleveland Birthplace
        i. Ice Cream Social was a success! The event was held inside at St. Al's
            1. A lot of community groups/organizations were present
            2. All of the presentations were well attended
    b. Board of Health & Senior Services
        i. 7/29 Trivia from 1-2:30 at 14 Park Ave, hosted by Crane's Mill & Journey Hospice
        ii. Zumba through August
        iii. Strength Training Class for another 3 weeks
        iv. Looking to organize various interest groups for different
        v. Bingo will be on August 20th
        vi. 7/23 Summer Safety Seminar presented by Mountain Side Hospital: 12-1pm
        vii. health@caldwell-nj.com to sign up or get more information

3. Councilwoman Hunkele
    a. Library
        i. Summer reading is in full swing, for all ages! Residents are welcome to still sign up for the program
        ii. Sunday kicked off the community wide scavenger hunt! Stop by the library to get more information
        iii. Wine tasting event will be on 9/23 at 7pm, at the library
    b. Caldwell branded recycling bins are still available for residents to pick up at the DPW garage.
    c. Communication
        i. The latest newsletter is up on the website.

4. Councilman Brown
    a. August 1st will be the 125th anniversary celebration for the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department!
        i. Firefighter games
        ii. Food & drinks available
        iii. Live music
        iv. Contact Chief Pollara to sign up as a sponsor (caldwellfd125@gmail.com)

REPORT OF THE MAYOR — *Mayor Jones*

Mayor Jones Reported:

- The transition from the trailers to the new municipal offices went smoothly. The Mayor was happy to escort the trailers out of town
- We have opportunities for employment; we will be looking to hire a new Director of Health & Human Services and 2 new Police Officers
- During the latest storm, the Mayor went out with OEM to take a inventory of damage and flooding. Worked with Officer Bernard to check trouble spots.
    - The new municipal offices and Library did not experience any flooding at 80 Bloomfield Avenue
- Mayor Jones announced that he is excited to have a new Library Card

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY — *Craig Bossong*

Craig Bossong Reported:

- No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION — *Closed Session*

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Prepared by: Brittany Heun
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk

8/12/2026
DATE