BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- June 30, 2026

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order at the Caldwell Municipal Building, 80 Bloomfield, Caldwell, NJ at 7:00 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 Kate Fina, filling in for Borough Attorney, Craig Bossong

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:
Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Organizational Meeting was given on June 23, 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 welcomed everyone to the new Municipal Offices and Public Library at 80 Bloomfield Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 9, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, was made by Council President Buechner and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes from the June 9, 2026 Council Meeting were approved June 30, 2026.

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by President Grover Cleveland
    a. President Grover Cleveland invited everyone to the July 4th Ice Cream Social at the Grover Cleveland Birthplace.

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON *Patricia Keenan*

Ms. Keenan was absent, and no report was given

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR *Alex Palumbo*

- The transition from the trailers to the new municipal building went well
- Old Library Building/Civic Center
    - Building Permits to be issued tomorrow
- Pre-Construction Meeting for Florence Place, Seymore Street, Ella Road, and Park Lane. Residents will be notified before work begins
- The Chestnut Street detention system needed to be redesigned, so residents will be notified when new plans are ready.
- PSE&G has been in town working on the gas lines.
    - For any roads paved in the last 5 years that they have disturbed, they will repave curb to curb
    - Streets repaved over 5 years ago will be repaved from midline to curb on the side of the street that was disturbed.
    - They have offered a credit for DOT project streets
- Will be scheduling the paving of the Kaplan lot this summer
- Smull Ave Trailers
    - The Library and Municipal trailers will begin to be removed next week.
    - Parking plan is in place to reopen the spots taken up by the trailers

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

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.

6-162	RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION CHAPTER 159 – "2026 Comprehensive Traffic Safety" Grant
6-163	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2029 (OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029)
6-164	AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AND THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028
6-165	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RAPID PUMP & METER SWERIVCE CO., TO EXCAVATE AND INSTALL TWO 12" INSERTION VALVES AT THEW SEWER PLANT, THROUGH THE NORTH JERSEY WASTEWATER COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM CONTRACT No. B454-24 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $115,970.00
6-166	RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC BIDDING TO SCHIFANO CONSTRUCTION CORP. 1 SMALLEY AVE, MIDDLESEX, NJ 08846 FOR THE MILLING AND PAVING OF THE KAPLAN PARKING LOT THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $95,751.90
6-167	RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT IN LIEU OF PUBLIC BIDDING TO DENVILLE LINE PAINTING 2 GREEN POND ROAD, ROCKAWAY, NJ 07866 FOR THE STRIPING OF THE KAPLAN PARKING LOT THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $4,495.00
6-168	RESOLUTION 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 CALDWELL CIVIC CENTER PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $42,000.00
6-169	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE TWO NEW BOROUGH SIGNS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $11,433.55
6-170	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR
6-171	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE –Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association – On-Premise – 50/50 Cash Raffle
6-172	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD July 1, 2026 THROUGH June 30, 2027. APPLICATIONS AND APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS
6-173	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ONE WATER CONSULTING, LLC FOR INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE AND LOCAL LIMITS STUDY AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $59,000
6-174	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF June 6, 2026 THROUGH June 26, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 1,599,778.04
6-175	AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO POST OR ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
6-176	APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2027 CALDWELL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT "RECONSTRUCTION OF MYRTLE AVENUE"
6-177	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 6-217 FOR THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH SMS SECURITY SYSTEMS, LLC FOR SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR 80 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $62,469.65
6-178	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 6-226 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF GRIT CLASSIFIERS FROM G.A. FLEET ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $39,120

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. No discussion ensued. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The amended consent agenda was approved June 30, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
    a. 4th of July fireworks will be held on the Varsity Baseball field. Gates open at 5pm

2. Council President Buechner
    a. Board of Health
        i. Caldwell Residents are able to utilize Bloomfield Health programs like their dental clinic on 6/17.
        ii. Glucose screening and Blood Pressure Screenings in July
    b. Senior Services:
        i. Trivia (sponsored by Crane's Mill) 1-2:30 pm on July 29th
        ii. 7/23 Summer Safety Seminar: 12-1pm
        iii. Zumba weekly on Fridays
        iv. Strength and Cardio Classes on Wednesday
        v. health@caldwell-nj.com to sign up or get more information

3. Councilwoman Rodeffer
    a. Local Assistance Board
        i. Met on 6/22
        ii. 4 applicants given assistance
        iii. Discussed revising the purpose statement
    b. Board of Education
        i. 6/8 was the last meeting
        ii. Student representatives spoke
        iii. Teachers with 25 years were recognized

4. Councilman Brown
    a. 7/15 Pollinator Garden Open House from 5:30-7:30pm

5. Councilwoman Hunkele
    a. Expressed her excitement over the Library's new space
    b. Commended the Library Staff and Board of Trustees for all of their hard work getting this space up and running

REPORT OF THE MAYOR — *Mayor Jones*

Mayor Jones Reported:

- Wished everyone and happy and safe 4th of July holiday
- Thanked Ray Sullivan for all of his work getting this building up and running
- Thanked DPW for all of their work, especially with the dismantling of the trailers
- Firehouse 120th Anniversary
    - Councilman Daniolowicz said it is scheduled for August 1st at the Fire House
    - Will include a BBQ and surrounding down fire departments
- Grand Opening for 80 Bloomfield in September
- Welcomed Remington "Remi" , the new Police Department Therapy Dog, to the Borough. Remi came to visit the Council before the meeting, and we are so excited to have her on board.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY — *Craig Bossong*

Craig Bossong Reported:

- The New Administrative Agent is on board and getting up to speed
- The Borough is working with One Water Consulting for proposed upgrades to the Sewer Plant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Sullivan, 6 Parkway West. When will work on a new Police Headquarters begin?
Mayor Jones said that they will be working on the Old Library Building first then the Public Safety Building. Mr. Palumbo said it should be about a year and a ½ - 2 years before a new Police Headquarters is complete.

Robin Rockman, Caldwell Public Library Director. Reopened yesterday in the new space with a lot of new library card signups, and people anxious to use the new spaces. Summer Reading also kicked off yesterday, for all ages. Visit caldwellpl.org for more information on programs and services.

Susan Gartland, 21 Pleasant Way, West Caldwell. As a member of the Library Board of Trustees, Ms. Gartland thanked the Mayor and Council for this beautiful space. Thanked Councilwoman Hunkele for her help designing the space. 9/23 the Board will be hosting a wine tasting in this space

Doug Piazza, 24 Erwin Place. Brought to the Mayor and Council's attention the issues he has been having with his backyard neighbors at 20 Hatfield Street. There have been many issues with their construction throughout this process, but his main concern was over the invasive species Japanese Knot Weed, which has permeated through to his property. This is a highly invasive species that is near impossible to get rid of. Asked that the Mayor and Council look into an Ordinance to put regulations in place regarding invasive species, as there currently is nothing on the books.
Mayor Jones asked the Borough Attorney to look into an Ordinance for invasive species.

Joe Valente: owner of 260 Bloomfield Ave/4 Provost Square; Mr. Valente expressed his concerns regarding the stormwater management project that is planned for the Provost Square area. He is greatly concerned about how this will affect his property and have specific concerns regarding elevation, and pipe sizing.
Mr. Palumbo stated they are just in the stage of submitting the application to DEP. They will likely have comments and directives which will adjust the plans, so what Mr. Valente saw will most likely not be the final plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ***Closed Session***

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Prepared by: Brittany Heun
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk

7/22/2026
DATE