

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING  
Regular Meeting- May 5, 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:** Mayor Jones, Councilman Jurgensen, Councilwoman Hunkele, Council President Buechner, Councilman Daniolowicz, and Councilman Brown.

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Rodeffer

**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, 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**

**Prayer/Reflection**

- Mayor Jones reflected on the importance of music and the joy it brings. Councilman Brown asked for prayers for the firefighters battling the fire in Belville, which includes the Caldwell Volunteer Firefighters who responded to the mutual aid call.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Councilwoman Hunkele, who abstained from the vote. The minutes from the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting were approved May 5, 2026.

**PRESENTATION**

**REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON**

*Patricia Keenan*

Ms. Keenan was absent, and no report was given

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Comments

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1496-26**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEE RATES FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1496-26 was made by Council President Buechner and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1496-26 was hereby introduced on May 5, 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1497-26**

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2026

A motion to introduce Ordinance 1497-26 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1497-26 was hereby introduced on May 5, 2026.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1495-26**

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 1495-26 was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The public hearing on Ordinance 1495-26 was officially opened to the public. There being no public comments, a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 1495-26 was made by Council President Buechner and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The public hearing was hereby closed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1495-26 was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Council President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1495-26 was adopted on May 5, 2026.

**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.*

5-128	RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL'S LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) CONTRIBUTION OF \$28,390.00 FOR THE VOLUNTEER CALDWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2025
5-129	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH LAURA MONGELLO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR ALL COAH PROJECTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR
5-130	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A STORMTANK FROM PSI PROCESS, FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTNUT STREET, USING PVSC CO-OP, CONTRACT B454-8 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,477.00
5-131	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 4/18/2026 THROUGH 5/1/2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,311,271.05
5-132	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 4-122 WHICH AUTHORIZED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO FRENCH & PARRELLO ASSOCIATES FOR PHASE TWO OF THE INVESTIGATION AND SLRP SERVICES FOR THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 27,090.67
5-133	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY HEUN AS LOCAL REGISTRAR FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Council President Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative. The amended consent agenda was approved April 21, 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

*Members of the public are invited to comment at this time on the 2026 Municipal Budget*

**ADOPTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

5-134	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2026
5-135	AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE INTRODUCED 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion to switch the order of resolutions 5-134 and 5-136 and adopt as amended, was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Councilwoman Hunkele. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution 5-134 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE INTRODUCED 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET and resolution 5-135 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2026 were approved on May 5, 2026.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
  - a. Department of Public Works
    - i. Hydrant Flushing has begun and the schedule is posted on our website.
  - b. Caldwell Beautification Day will be the Sunday before Memorial Day
    - i. Sign up genius will be posted tomorrow
  - c. Eagle Scout Court of Honor
    - i. Councilman Daniolowicz and Councilman Jurgensen attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor over the weekend, and presented the Scouts with proclamations from the Mayor and Council
    - ii. Congratulations to James Enright, Evan Zieminski, Lusi DaCosta, and Robert Neal on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. Council President Buechner
  - a. Senior Center
    - i. Social Corner Thursdays from 12pm-1pm

- ii. Bingo & Pizza on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 1-2:30pm
  - iii. Blood Pressure Screening 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 12:30-1:30
  - iv. Zumba will end in June, and begin again in September.
  - v. For rides from the Senior Bus, call Betty
- b. Grover Cleveland Birth Place
    - i. 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, as well as the Annual Ice Cream Social.
      - 1. The event will include tables hosted by Historical Groups and speakers
      - 2. Display on the Electoral College
    - ii. May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm there will be a presentation from Louis Baccone, GCBP Board Member and writer of "Ulysses Odessey: Ulysses World Tour at the Dawn of the Empire". Books will be for sale, and Author will be signing books.
  - c. Commended the Environmental Commission on a very interesting and informative Webinar on the History of Native Plants.
3. Councilman Jurgensen
- a. Historic Preservation Commission
    - i. The next meeting will be at the Grover House with Bob and Brian Silver.
    - ii. Architect member, Evan Scott has started working on the guidelines for historic buildings.
    - iii. Will try to have an informational table at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social.
4. Councilman Brown
- a. Environmental Commission
    - i. 2.98 tons of paper shredded at this years event
    - ii. On behalf of the commission, Councilman Brown thanked Cali Carting for providing the shredding truck, Jake and the DPW for assisting with the collection, Councilman Daniolowicz for providing tents, Mayor Jones and Mr. Madison for providing Hot Chocolate.
    - iii. Special thanks to Ms. Mills and her students for helping to raise funds for the JCHS Senior Scholarship fund. The total collected was \$2590.05
5. Councilwoman Hunkele
- a. The education foundation's 5k is on 5/16 with registration starting at 7am, 1 mile fun run at 8am, mad dash for kids up to 8 years old starting at 8:15am, and at 8:45 the 5k will begin.
  - b. Recycling bins are available for residents to pickup at the DPW garage.
  - c. Reminded residents to download the Caldwell Connect App.

Mayor Jones asked Chief Roberts if he could speak on the new e-bike regulations

Chief Roberts:

- The PD is working with the schools to push out this new legislation and educate both kids and adults on the new legislation.
- New law goes into effect on July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- E-Biked will need to be registered through the DMV.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

*Mayor Jones*

Mayor Jones Reported:

- The state of New Jersey may be raising minimum wage to \$25 in the near future.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

*Alex Palumbo*

Mr. Palumbo reported:

- Last week we received and opened bids for the Civic Center Project
  - Lowest bidder was 2.1 million
  - Reviewing the bids submitted and vetting the lowest bidder, hopefully will make an award at the next meeting
  - Firehouse addition will be going out to bid in the next week or so.
  - 80 Bloomfield Update:
    - Temporary CO should be issued as soon as May 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Generator is installed and needs to be tested
  - Manny Vasilescu started on Monday as the new Director of Community Development.

**REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

*Craig Bossong*

Craig Bossong:

- No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- No Public Comments

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Closed Session*

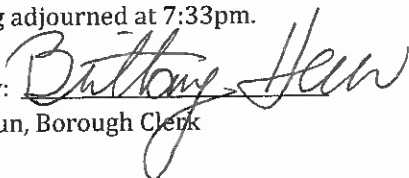
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Prepared by:

Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk



5/20/2026

DATE