

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL BUSINESS/CONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES – September 5, 2023**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in-person and on Zoom at 7:02pm PM.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Buechner, Council President Alonso, Councilman Brown, Councilman Daniolowicz, Councilman Cole, and Mayor Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Clerk Brittany Heun, Deputy Clerk Kim Conlon, Borough Administrator, Alex Palumbo, Borough Attorney, Craig Bossong, esq.

ABSENT: Councilman Lace

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Meeting was given on January 11, 2023. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the first floor of 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

PRAYER/ Moment of Silence

A Moment of Silence was had for personal reflection

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 15, 2023

A motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes was made by Council President Alonso, and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative, with Councilwoman Buchner Abstaining. Minutes approved 9/5/2023.

PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation for the Caldwell-West Essex 10U Little League Baseball Team
 - West Caldwell Councilman Crudele thanked all of the players, volunteers, and board members on behalf of the West Caldwell/Caldwell Recreation Shared Service
 - Mayor Jones thanked all the volunteers, coaches, players, and board members for their efforts.
 - Mayor Jones read the proclamation

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON

Patricia Keenan

- Events:
 - Autumn Fall Family festival 9/23 11am-3pm at environmental center
 - Hazardous waste 10/7
 - Computer 10/21 9am-3pm
 - Essex remembers 9/11 Monday 9/11 at 8am at eagle rock reservation
- COVID: Booster provided via mobile clinic & flue Clinic
 - Schedule appointments
 - Mobile health clinic will be at the caldwell street fair 10/1

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No Public Comments on the Agenda

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 1447-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A270-1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, BEING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH, SO AS TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH SERVICES

A motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 1447-23 was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Council President Alonso. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. There being no public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Council President Alonso and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a voice vote all members present voted in the affirmative. With the close of the Public Hearing section, a motion to adopt Ordinance 1447-23 was made by Councilwoman Buechner and seconded by Councilman President Alonso. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1447-23 was adopted on 9/5/2023.

ORDINANCE 1448-23 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 1448-23 was made by Council President Alonso and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. There being no public comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Council President Alonso and seconded by Councilman Brown. Upon a voice

vote all members present voted in the affirmative. With the close of the Public Hearing section, a motion to adopt Ordinance 1448-23 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1448-23 was adopted on 9/5/2023.

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.

9-238	RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 3-83 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO MARAZITI FALCON BY AN ADDITIONAL \$1,897.61 FOR A TOTAL NTE CONTRACT OF \$101,897.61
9-239	RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY THE AMBROSE GROUP, LLC REGARDING THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
9-240	APPROVAL OF THE SEWER CONNECTION FOR A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE AT 61 BEACHMONT TERRACE, NORTH CALDWELL (BLOCK 2002, LOT 27) FOR ONE EQUIVALENT CONNECTION UPON RECEIPT OF \$3,600.00
9-241	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE -Parent and Faculty Association of Mount Saint Dominic Academy-Off-Premise 50/50 Cash Raffle
9-242	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF 08/11/2023 THROUGH 09/01/2023
9-243	RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE SEWER BILLING FOR BLOCK 25, LOT 2.04 FOR 64 PARK AVENUE
9-244	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN UPGRADE TO THE ONSOLVE CODERED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM IN AN INCREASE AMOUNT OF \$700, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$21,930.00
9-245	A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Council President Alonso and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The consent agenda was approved 9/5/2023.

RESOLUTIONS

9-246	RESOLUTION REQUIRING THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, OR OTHER PROFESSIONALS BE IN WRITING TO BE SHARED WITH ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ARCHIVED BY THE BOROUGH CLERK, AND MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO ALL RESIDENTS
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Councilman Cole spoke to the resolution and why he believes it is needed moving forward. Discussion amongst the Council regarding the resolution, was had.

A motion to table resolution 9-246 until the September 15th meeting, was made by Councilman Cole and seconded by Council President Alonso. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution 9-246 has been tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
 - a. Downtown:
 - o Saturday 9/9 is 3rd annual Porchfest. 1pm start time headliner with the Milwaukee's from 5:30-7pm 12pm performances at Rockin Joe's
 - o 9/10 6:30 on the green we will hold a Vigil for Sept 11th

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones Reported:

- Reminder of the 9/11 Vigil at 6:30 on the green
- Computer & Electronics, and Hazardous Waste Recycling events in October. Will be posted on the Website.
- Senior Center is moving along. Parking lot is almost completed
 - o Mr. Palumbo stated that the work was started today, should be finished tomorrow. Striping will follow.
 - o We are Hoping for an October opening
 - o Mayor Jones said that we will be Dedicating the building to our former Mayor Irene Gibbons, who was the first Female Mayor of Caldwell
- Demoiing the Old Borough Hall, 10 days from now, on September 15th.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Palumbo

Alex Palumbo reported:

- Final termination agreement has been signed for vacating unit 39 of the Storage Unit.
- New Sewer Plant Operator will be starting on October 1st
- Mayor Jones thanked Mott MacDonald for all of their work over the years

Craig Bossong Reported:

- No report

Councilman Alonso commended the DPW for their work on the Senior Center Parking area.

Mayor Jones wanted to thank the Post Master of Essex Fells for assisting them in connection with Washington to get this project moving. Parking lot should be open next week.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEMS

Robert Sullivan, 6 Parkway West. We have had a lot of people having vehicles damaged by Baseballs at the field. Will they be doing anything to improve that netting, if you are going to open those parking spots.

Mayor Jones said that the netting was supposed to be improved and the costs shared between all parties. Caldwell did not provide the funds, so it did not happen. We are going to look into that, as we have the same concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION*Closed Session*

The Mayor and Council did not go into an executive session at the September 5th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Councilwoman Buchner and seconded by Councilman President Alonso, and unanimously affirmed by all members. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Prepared by: *Brittany Heun*
Brittany Heun, Deputy Borough Clerk

9/20/2023
DATE