BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- September 1, 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, Councilman Daniolowicz, and Councilwoman Rodeffer.

ABSENT: Council President Buchner, Councilman Brown, Councilwoman Hunkele

ALSO PRESENT: Municipal Clerk, Brittany Heun, Borough Administrator, Alex Palumbo and Craig Bossong, Borough Attorney

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 asked for a moment of personal reflection and/or prayer for the following:

- Councilman Jurgensen and his family after the passing of his mother
- Family and friends of John Hamilton Sr. who passed away. He was a member of Kiwanis, Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association, and a West Caldwell Native
- Monsignor Emery who has accepted a new position, and is no longer at St. Aloysius
- The flags have been at half mast in honor of the life and legacy of Dolly Parton. They will be returned to full mast this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes & Executive Session Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above, was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilwoman Rodeffer. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The minutes from the August 11, 2026 Council Meeting were approved September 1, 2026.

PRESENTATION

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON — *Patricia Keenan*

Patricia Keenan reported:

- Senior Wellness Day is on September 22nd from 10am-2pm at the Codey Arena. This is a free event.
- Essex Remembers 9/11 will be held at 8am on September 11th at Eagle Rock Reservation
- Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day is on October 3rd from 8:30am-4pm, at the Essex County DPW on Bradford Avenue
- Electronic Waste Recycling Day is on October 22nd from 9am-3pm, at the Essex County DPW on Bradford Avenue
- There will be a Essex County Mayor's meeting tomorrow at 9am on Zoom

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR — *Alex Palumbo*

- Paving of the Smull Avenue lot, is complete. Striping has been postponed due to the rain
- Chestnut Street Drainage Improvements Project is currently out to bid.
- Florence Place trees that needed to be removed, have been. Contractor will begin roadwork around September 9th
- Depending on the approval tonight, we are hoping to have the remainder of the Community Center lot demolished and carted away.
- Working with PSE&G to put outlets on the poles Eastbound on Bloomfield Avenue. They have confirmed 14 poles from Forte's towards Bloomfield Ave will have outlets added.
- There is $4.7 million remaining in the Redevelopment Bond.

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 1501-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER A270-1, ENTITLED "FEES" AND CHAPTER 242 ENTITLED "WATER" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL

After being read by number and title, a motion to introduce Ordinance 1501-26 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Jurgensen. Mr. Bossong explained the need for

this ordinance. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Ordinance 1501-26 was introduced on September 1, 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.

9-204	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF PAYMENT TO LODESTAR CLAIMS AND RISK SERVICES, INC FOR PAYMENT TOWARDS VEHICLE DAMAGE
9-205	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO ALBERT RAPOPORT FOR OVER PAYMENT OF RENTAL LICENSES
9-206	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT
9-207	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS A. THOMPSON AS A CROSSING GUARD IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
9-208	AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE CRISIS RECEIVING AND STABALIZATION CENTER
9-209	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 5-141 AUTHORIZING A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH ROBERT W. WOGISCH LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THREE RAIN GARDENS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $37,600
9-210	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 11-286 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO NORCON ENVIRONMENTAL FOR SLRP SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 5 KNOLLWOOD TERRACE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $8,000.00
9-211	RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2-70 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL LEASE EXTENSION WITH ARIES BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC FOR THE TEMPORARY OFFICE TRAILERS LOCATED AT 24 SMULL AVENUE
9-212	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SPAGNUOLO AS A PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AT A RATE OF $28.00 PER HOUR FOR 20 HOURS PER WEEK
9-213	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 8, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,638,490.42
9-214	AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL AND THE ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
9-215	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT WITH JOVIN DEMO NEW YORK, INC FOR THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF THE REMAINING PARKING DECK AT 1 PROVOST SQUARE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $52,000.00
9-216	AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO POST OR ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion to add resolution 9-216 to the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Rodeffer and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

A motion to approve the pull resolution 2-11 for separate discussion, and approve the amended consent agenda was made by Councilman Daniolwoicz, and seconded by Councilwoman Rodeffer. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The amended consent agenda was approved September 1, 2026.

After separate discussion, A motion to approve resolution 9-211 was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Jurgensen. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution 9-211 was approved, September 1, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS — *Borough Council Members*

1. Councilman Daniolowicz:
    a. September 12th is Porchfest. The event will kick off with a 250th anniversary celebration featuring a 10-piece band called "Stepping Out", hot dogs, ice cream, and balloon artist. When that celebration is over, the Porchfest schedule will go into effect.
    b. 5:30pm there will be a performance by the headliner in Grover Cleveland Park.
    c. Visit caldwellporchfest.com for more information

REPORT OF THE MAYOR — *Mayor Jones*

Mayor Jones Reported:

- The 9/11 Vigil will take place on the Town Green at 6:30pm on September 10th.
  - The American Legion will be participating
- September 17th at 4pm we will be holding a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for 80 Bloomfield Avenue
- First Sunday in October, which is 10/4, is Street Fair Sunday.
- Thanked Caldwell Porchfest and the Rotary Club for donating towards the first ever sound system on the Town Green. This will be used for events like the tree lighting, 9/11 Vigil and other future events on the Green. The power will be tied into the new Civic Center.

REPORT OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY — *Craig Bossong*

Craig Bossong Reported:

- We have been working with the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent to ensure that all buildings are in compliance and working to enforce all covenants in place.
- Sewer Plant meeting with consultant next week to do small improvements to increase capacity. The plant is running well under the new operators, and everyone seems to be pleased with how smoothly everything is going.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF — *Chief William Roberts*

- Schools are officially back in session starting tomorrow, so expect pedestrian and vehicle traffic
  - The police department has been in communication with the principals
  - Speed monitors are in place.
  - Please listen to all crossing guards and officers to ensure the safety of the children at crossings.
  - Please put the phone down while driving, especially in school zones

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Henderson Cole, 63 Crane Street; following up on his questions from the last meeting. It is important for Caldwell residents to know that Caldwell is not footing the whole bill for projects at the Sewer Plant, and that per the Sewer Agreement, all user towns are supposed to help pay the cost of capital improvements at the plant.
Mr. Palumbo said that he had a conversation with the Borough's CFO, Chris Battaglia, and he said that Sewer Connection Fees are earmarked for the specific projects they are tied too. When we bond, the annual amount is allocated by percentage, and included in the invoices that go to user towns to offset the costs.
Mr. Cole also asked the Chief if there have been any updated regarding safety improvements along Bloomfield Avenue.
Chief Roberts said there are no updates from the County at this time.
Councilman Cole also asked if when going through the hiring process for officers, are applicants who speak multiple languages considered. It is beneficial to the town to have officers that are bilingual.
Chief Roberts agreed it is a beneficial tool.

Robin Rockman, Director of the Caldwell Public Library; September is Library Card Signup Month. All Caldwell residents, Caldwell employees, and Caldwell West Caldwell students are able to get free library cards. September is also National Preparedness Month, and we have a new display on books relating to this topic, starting tomorrow.
September 23rd is the Wine & Spirits Fundraiser that the Library Board of Trustees is hosting. All proceeds will go towards the Library and its programming. There are sponsorship opportunities available as well.
October 15th is Local History Day at the Library. Richard Gibbs will be doing an Open House to share his historic post cards and pictures. At 5:30pm there will be an exchange of local history stories with Mr. Gibbs as well.
As a reminder, there is a meeting room available for hosting community groups, especially non-profits and education groups. Simply reach out to the Library for more information on how to utilize this room.

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 Councilman Jurgensen. Upon voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Prepared by: Brittany Heun
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk

9/16/2026
DATE