

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE/BUSINESS MEETING
Regular Meeting- September 3, 2024**

The Council Business Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order at the gymnasium of St. Aloysius Church, 219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ at 7:00pm.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Jurgensen, Councilwoman Rodeffer

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

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Adequate notice of this Council Business/Conference Organizational Meeting was given on July 25, 2024. 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

Moment of Silence:

A Moment of Silence for the family in Verona whose home caught on fire this week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 6, 2024 – Special Council Meeting

August 13, 2024

A motion to approve the August 6, 2024 and August 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes was made by Councilman Daniolowicz and seconded by Councilman Alonso. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Minutes were adopted as of 9/3/2024

PRESENTATION

REPORT OF COUNTY LIAISON

Patricia Keenan

Ms. Keenan relayed information about upcoming events sponsored by the County of Essex:

- Reported an Update on the fire at the Turtle Back Zoo. Turtles are all fine and have been relocated
- Events:
 - 9/24 10-2pm at Codey Arena. Admission is Free
 - Family festival 9/29 11am-3pm at the Environmental center. Admission is free
 - Halloween events will be announced soon
 - 10/19 Electronic Recycling and 11/9 Household Hazardous Waste Collection
 - "Essex Remembers" 9/11 ceremony at 8am at Eagle Rock Reservation
 - Mobile clinic offers screening. 9/5 3:30-6:30 at O'Toole Center
 - Patricia will look to see if the mobile clinic is scheduled to be at the Street Fair in October.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Henderson Cole: 63 Crane St resolution on shared services for fuel is a good idea. What would the duration of this shared service?

Mr. Palumbo said it will be for a 1-year term, which can be extended if needed. No minimum of purchase is required. Every person who will be using the fueling station will be given a fob to track their usage
Mayor Jones said we will be saving significant money by switching from retail

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

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.

9-212	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR RAFFLE. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – St. Aloysius Church - On-Premise – Calendar Raffle
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9-213	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
9-214	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF LICENSE FOR BINGO. APPLICANT AND APPLICATION HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE – Montclair NJ, Chapter of SPEBSQSA - Off-Premise – 50/50 Cash Raffle
9-215	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE
9-216	RESOLUTION CANCELLING SEWER UTILITY CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES
9-217	RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT
9-218	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AUDIT REPORT
9-219	A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJS 40A:4-87
9-220	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, UTILIZING NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT #17-FLEET-00811 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,969.60 FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
9-221	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED RESTRICTION FOR THE MANOR AT CALDWELL, LLC
9-222	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO A SINK HOLE AT 26 GLADDING ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,238.00
9-223	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE FOR A HOT PATCH DUMP TRAILER FROM MCGRATH MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, LLC, PO BOX 422, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081-0422 FOR THE CALDWELL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER STATE CO-OP
9-224	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL
9-225	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD 8/10/2024 THROUGH 8/30/2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,753,610.29
9-226	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE ANNUAL STIPENDS FOR KIM CONLON TO BE INCORPORATED INTO HER ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
9-227	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO CAUSE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO FELS MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, LOCATED IN CALDWELL, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ACT
9-228	RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 1-45 AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO SEMERARO & FAHRNEY, LLC FOR LABOR ATTORNEY SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,583.50

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman Alonso, and seconded by Councilman Daniolowicz. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. All resolutions of the amended consent agenda were approved 9/3/2024.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Borough Council Members

1. Councilwoman Buechner: Senior Advisory Committee/ Board of Health
 - Senior Advisory:
 - Senior Bus will be going to the County Senior Wellness Day. Call, 973-226-5108, for a seat on the bus.
 - 9/19 - Bingo lunch 1-3pm.
 - 9/27 fall walking club will begin - Call Anakaren for info 9734034623
 - Human Services:

- Food Pantry is open 11-1pm on Wednesdays
 - Food Pantry will not be open a second day.
 - Every Thursday 4-6pm
- 10th and 26th Diabetes presentations
- Seniors are considered 60+
- Blood Pressure screenings 11-1pm tomorrow
- COVID tests available at the Human Services Building
- Affordable Housing link for 26-30 Lane Avenue on the homepage of the website
- File of life available at the Senior Center

Mayor asked that something be put on the website introducing Anakaren to the Public. Many people may still be reaching out to Maria, not knowing that she is no longer with the Borough.

2. Councilman Daniolowicz

- Back to school starting tomorrow, so don't forget the Library is a great resource
- Spent. 10th at 9pm - 9/11 vigil
- This Saturday weather permitting is Porchfest. Rain date is September 14th. Grand finale will be at Grover Cleveland Park

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported:

- The vigil will be a good opportunity to prepare ourselves for the County Ceremony on the 11th
- Rent Board had an interesting meeting last month so we look forward to Councilman Jurgensen's report at the next meeting
- Reminder that tomorrow is the beginning of the school year, so we ask motorists to be aware, and be cautious
- Street fair is coming up on the first Sunday in October
- Looking forward to the Porchfest

REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Alex Palumbo

- Ordered the hot pot for DPW so we will be able to tackle the pot holes in town. Please report. Mayor mentioned 973-403-6728 is the Pot Hole Hot Line
- Hanlon road design is being finalized for construction

REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Craig Bossong

- Approved the signing of the Deed Restriction for 23 Lane. Working on getting the developers locked into maintaining the affordable housing units in town
- Mr. Palumbo said that they just completed the lottery for the Central Ave location. They are going through that now.
 - Mr. Bossong said that people have to apply for the affordable housing units. There were probably close to 1,000 applicants for the 30 units at 459 Bloomfield.
 - Councilwoman Buchner asked if the applicants who do not get chosen, go on a waiting list for other buildings?
 - Mr. Bossong said that he believes they would have to apply again for a different building. The process takes between 90-120 days, so we try to get the developers to get started early.
 - Councilwoman Buechner mention that the deadline for Lane affordable housing is Sept. 29th
- Short executive on Property Sales

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Henderson Cole, 63 Crane Street. Asked for a progress report on the status of 80 Bloomfield. Perhaps on a monthly basis

Mr. Palumbo said that we have the committee meeting minutes on the website, and we can certainly do that.

Mayor Jones said that his goal is to be in there by Summer of next year

Mr. Palumbo said that they hope to be out to bid with the site plan in mid late September and construction in October. Then we will have an idea of the impact on our budget and timeline of construction. We hope to be in there by May of next year.

Councilwoman Buechner asked if the minutes from those oversight meetings are on the website?

Mr. Palumbo said that they are.

John Pace, 18 Brookside Avenue: Asked why are we considering building a field house at this time with the borough being in trailers.

Mayor Jones clarified that they are 2 separate matters. The field house is something for the Board of Education. We have no vote or say in matters at the Board of Education. That is something that can be addressed at the school board meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session

Mayor Jones Read the Statement

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:12 and 13, the public shall be excluded from the Executive Session of the Governing Body which is being held for the discussion of the following subject matter; Contract Negotiations; This Executive Session shall continue for an indefinite period of time and upon termination of the Executive Session, the Governing Body may choose to resume the public portion of the meeting. The discussion, which shall be conducted in closed session, shall be disclosed upon termination of litigation or contractual matter, upon resolution of the personnel matter with consent of said person or persons and as provided by N.J.S.A. 4-12 but in no case later than two (2) years from this date. These minutes shall be available as soon as the matter is resolved or not later than two years hence.

9-229	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED For the Meeting of September 3, 2024
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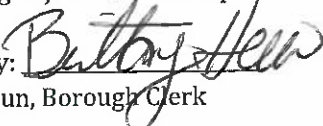
A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilman Daniolowicz, and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. The Council went into Executive Session at 7:36 pm.

A motion to close executive and return to the open session was made by Councilman Alonso, and seconded by Councilwoman Buechner. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted in the affirmative. Open session resumed at 7:58pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Prepared by: 
Brittany Heun, Borough Clerk


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