TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2026

The Reorganization Meeting of the West Caldwell Mayor and Council, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held in the public meeting room 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell on Saturday, January 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Tempesta opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and recognized the Legislators who were in attendance, Senator Kristin Corrado and Assemblyman Al Barlas.

At this time, Mayor Tempesta administered the oath of office to Councilman Stephen Wolsky for his sixth term while Councilman Docteroff held the Bible.

Senator Corrado gave a short speech saying that it has been a pleasure working with West Caldwell and she looks forward to working with the Mayor and Council in the year ahead. She wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Mayor Tempesta noted that Councilman Cecere had already been sworn in.

Councilman Wolsky took his seat on the dais.

The Township Clerk announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT:	Mayor Tempesta, Councilmen Wolsky, Docteroff, Councilwoman Canale and Councilman Crudele, and Schott
ABSENT:	Councilman Cecere
OTHERS PRESENT:	Nikole H. Baltycki, Township Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk Paul G. Jemas, Esq., Township Attorney Chief Dennis Capriglione, West Caldwell Police Department

Mayor Tempesta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rabbi Ari Lucas, Congregation Agudath Isreal gave the following invocation.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, thank you to the members of the Council for this honor. Thank you, fellow citizens, for being here tonight. It's an honor to share a few words with you. I couldn't decide on one prayer so I'm going to share two. One is a little bit tongue in cheek and the other is sincere so I hope you'll join me but first there's some blessing for the new year.

In the year which lies ahead may our homes be safe from termites and tigers, from rats, racoons, and robbers, from flood and freezing fruit flies, and foreclosing. May our electricity be safe from blackouts, our garbage disposals be safe from breaking down just when you have company coming and plumbing refrained from overflowing, especially when you just laid down new carpeting. May you be able to listen to the news without getting high blood pressure. May you find an outlet for your anger, anxiety, agita, and an antidote for your apathy. May the interest rates be low, morale high. May your retirement funds grow and your mortgages shrink. May you avoid traffic and may your train arrive on time. May your sports teams win the championship without too many injuries and may you take up a new hobby this year. May all seven and a half billion people everywhere in the world learn to love each other and live in peace. May you turn your attention away from man made irritations and look up at the blue sky by day or a starry sky by night and marvel at the work of the Creator. May you turn your attention away from your phone, your tablet, your droid, your laptop. May you turn your attention toward the beloved faces of friends and parents, spouses and children, anybody's children who give you hugs and kisses, and realize that they are what really matters, what gives purpose to your life. As bad as life is sometimes you are alive, and that is a miracle. In moments of loneliness remember you are never alone. Many blessings for the new year and here is a prayer invocation for this austere group who are leading this community in good faith.

Rabona Shalom is how I refer to the creator of the universe, master of the universe. Bless these public servants as they embark upon a new year. Strengthen their hands and sharpen their minds.

Soften their hearts as they strive to fulfill their mission. Grant them wisdom and discernment. Give them the gift of listening so that they may come to appreciate the dignity of every person and understand their needs with compassion and generosity. In these times of uncertainty grant them clarity and purpose. In these times of stress give them rest, prayer and peace. In these times of division help them pursue untiy. As always we ask for your protection for all those who faithfully serve the public good. First responders, police, firefighters, teachers, EMTs, public health workers, soldiers, and other military personnel. We thank you God for all the blessings that we enjoy and they are bountiful God, family and friendship, community. For our democracy, for liberty and institutions like this Council, which are the pride and glory of our Country. May our work here tonight bring us all closer to you, oh God, and let us all say

Amen

Mayor Tempesta thanked Rabbi Lucas for giving the invocation. A motion was made by Councilman Wolsky, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that Rabbi Lucas' invocation be spread in full in the minutes of this meeting. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Councilman Wolsky to nominate Kathy Canale as Council President for the year 2026.

There being no other nominations made, there was a motion by Councilman Docteroff and seconded by Councilman Wolsky to close the nominations. Upon the vote being polled, Council Wolsky, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Tempesta congratulated Council President Canale on her appointment.

Mayor Tempesta read and recommended the appointments of the following Standing Committees and Special Committees of Council:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2026:

	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Member
PUBLIC WORKS	Cecere	Crudele	Wolsky
LEGAL AND PERSONNEL	Wolsky	Cecere	Crudele
PARKS AND RECREATION	Crudele	Wolsky	Cecere
FINANCE	Docteroff	Canale	Schott
PUBLIC SAFETY	Canale	Docteroff	Schott
TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES	Schott	Docteroff	Canale

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL – 2026

POOL UTILITY COMMITTEE : Docteroff, Canale, Cecere
REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE: Canale, Cecere, Docteroff

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OTHER COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – 2026

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD	Cecere
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	Canale
THE BRIDGE	Wolsky
SENIOR CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION BOARD	Schott
PLANNING BOARD	Docteroff
BOARD OF HEALTH	Schott
CAMP WYANOKIE	Crudele
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE	Crudele
LIBRARY BOARD	Cecere

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL – 2026:

Municipal Attorney	Paul G. Jemas, Esq.
Municipal Prosecutor	Michael F. Nestor, Esq.
Assistant Municipal Prosecutor	Daniel Antonelli, Esq.
Municipal Engineer	Jeffrey R. Betz, PE, MBA, Colliers Engineering

A motion was made by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff to accept the appointments as read for the year 2026.

Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Municipal Attorney, Paul Jemas and Municipal Prosecutor Michael Nestor were sworn by Mayor Tempesta.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the fifty Resolutions on the Agenda be approved. All were in favor, however, Councilman Docteroff voted no on Resolution 25-002.

Mayor Tempesta asked if any member of the public had any comments on any of the items on the Consent Agenda. There were no comments.

The following fifty Resolutions by Consent were made part of these Minutes:

No. 26-001
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL MEETING NIGHTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Mayor and Council that all meetings of the Mayor and Council are public meetings. Meetings begin at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted, during which time business is transacted and public comment is welcome. At the conclusion of the regular public meeting, a closed executive session may be continued.

January 6, 2026	Reorganization Meeting (6:00 pm start time)	
February 3, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
March 3, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
March 17, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
April 7, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
May 5, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
June 2, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
July 7, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
August 4, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
September 1, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
October 6, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
November 3, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)
December 15, 2026	Public Meeting	(6:30 PM)

No. 26-002
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate legal publications for the year 2026 for all required legal notices; and

WHEREAS, state law requires that said notices be advertised in local newspapers if one is published in the municipality or county.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2025, c.72 requires that starting March 1, 2026, municipalities publish their public notices on the municipal website;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, public notices will be available at www.westcaldwell.com starting March 1, 2026, in compliance with P.L. 2025, c. 72.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the official publications for the Township of West Caldwell for the year 2026 shall be *The Progress* and *The Star Ledger* for the advertising of legal notices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Tap into West Essex* be and hereby is designated as the electronic news source for which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

No. 26-003
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Act, (Revised Statutes 40A:4-19) provides that where any contracts, commitments or payments are made prior to the final adoption of the 2025 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose in the amounts required in the manner and within the time therein provides; and

WHEREAS, 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance in the said 2025 Budget are as follows:

CURRENT FUND: $7,418,725.00
WATER UTILITY: $1,121,750.00
POOL UTILITY: $255,589.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
CURRENT FUND
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CAPS

General Government	**2026 Temporary Budget**
Administrative and Executive:	
Salary and Wages	$ 45,920.00
Other Expense	$ 49,240.00
Elections/Municipal Clerk	
Salary and Wages	$ 30,310.00
Other Expense	$ 13,090.00
Financial Administration	
Salary and Wages	$ 62,720.00
Other Expense	$ 21,295.45
Audit Services	$ 17,500.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salary and Wages	$ 33,495.00
Other Expense	$ 9,240.00
Collection of Taxes	
Salary and Wages	$ 49,070.00
Other Expense	$ 11,294.75
Mayor and Council	
Salary and Wages	$ 15,050.00
Other Expense	$ 4,585.00
Legal Services and Costs	
Salary and Wages	$ 1,260.00
Other Expense	$ 122,500.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salary and Wages	$ 12,880.00

Engineering Services and Costs	
Other Expense	$ 70,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Salary and Wages	$ 41,720.00
Other Expense	$ 53,119.50
Planning Board	
Salary and Wages	$ 17,815.00
Other Expense	$ 5,932.50
Board of Adjustments	
Salary and Wages	$ 12,460.00
Other Expense	$ 35,120.75
Environmental Commission	
Other Expense	$ 525.00
Municipal Court	
Salary and Wages	$ 63,700.00
Other Expense	$ 5,617.50
Public Defender	
Salary and Wages	$ 630.00
Insurance	
General Liability - Other	$ 100,000.00
Workers' Compensation	$ 100,000.00
Employee Group Health	$ 1,940,645.25
Group Health Waivers	
Public Safety	
Fire	
Other Expenses	$ 36,680.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act-Fire Prevention	
Salaries and Wages	$ 53,795.00
Other Expenses	$ 5,092.50
Police	
Salaries and Wages	$ 1,603,808.00
Other Expenses	$ 79,779.00
West Essex First Aid Squad	$ 8,750.00
Emergency Management Services	
Salaries and Wages	$ 5,915.00
Other Expenses	$ 805.00
Streets and Roads	
Road Repair and Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	$ 109,900.00
Other Expenses	$ 35,455.00
Snow Removal	
Other Expenses	$ 29,890.00
Motor Vehicle Equipment Service and Repair	
Salaries and Wages	$ 16,800.00

Other Expenses	$ 28,805.00
Municipal Services	
Other Expenses	$ 2,395.55
Sanitation	
Sewer System	
Salaries and Wages	$ 2,450.00
Other Expenses	$ 10,395.00
Garbage Collection and Disposal	
Other Expenses (Cali Contract)	$ 245,000.00
Recycling	
Salaries and Wages	$ 29,680.00
Other Expenses	$ 700.00
Health and Welfare	
Board of Health	
Salaries and Wages	$ 35,000.00
Other Expenses	$ 7,432.25
Services of Visiting Nurse-Contract	$ 15,925.00
Animal Control Regulation	
Other Expenses	$ 9,800.00
Recreation and Education	
Parks and Playgrounds	
Salaries and Wages	$ 321,020.00
Other Expenses	$ 116,574.50
Construction Official	
Salaries and Wages	$ 111,965.00
Other Expenses	$ 21,752.50
Utilities	
Gasoline	$ 52,250.00
Electricity	$ 42,750.00
Telephone and Telegraph	$ 21,750.00
Natural Gas	$ 7,000.00
Street Lighting	$ 66,000.00
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs	$ 182,500.00
Terminal Leave	$ 15,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	
Social Security System	$ 115,500.00
DCRP	$ 5,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS	
Sewerage Treatment	
Borough of Caldwell - Contract	$ 630,000.00

Maintenance of Free Public Library	$ 388,675.00
SUBTOTAL CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 7,418,725.00**
Municipal Debt Service	
Payment of Bond Principal	$ 1,220,000.00
Interest on Bonds	$ 348,580.00
SUBTOTAL EXCLUSIONS	**$ 1,568,580.00**
TOTAL CURRENT FUND TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS	***$ 8,987,305.00***

TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
WATER UTILITY
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Water Operating	
Salary & Wages	$ 185,850.00
Other Expense	$ 901,250.00
Capital Improvement	$ 17,500.00
Social Security	$ 17,150.00
SUBTOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 1,121,750.00**
Bond Principal	$ 360,000.00
Bond Interest	$ 146,525.00
SUBTOTAL EXCLUSIONS	**$ 506,525.00**
TOTAL WATER UTILITY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS	***$ 1,628,275.00***

TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
POOL UTILITY
2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Pool Operating	
Salary & Wages	$ 149,520.00
Other Expense	$ 96,269.00
Social Security	$ 9,800.00
SUBTOTAL POOL UTILITY FUND APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 255,589.00**
Bond Interest	$ 4,845.00
SUBTOTAL EXCLUSIONS	**$ 4,845.00**

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TOTAL WATER UTILITY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS	***260,434.00***

No. 26-004
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPROVING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR 2026 - MUNICIPAL COURT ACCOUNTS**

The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell RESOLVE, as follows:

That the Valley Bank, West Caldwell Office or Caldwell Office, shall be the depository for the Township of West Caldwell Bail Account and the Township of West Caldwell Municipal Court Account, and the Custodian shall be Sylvia Becerra-Murray, Court Administrator. All disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Sylvia Becerra-Murray, Court Administrator and Steven Backfisch, Municipal Court Judge.

This Resolution is effective as of January 1, 2026.

No. 26-005
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATE OF INTEREST FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the rate of interest charged for the nonpayment of taxes on or before the respective dates on which they became delinquent, be and the same is hereby fixed and determined to be eight (8%) percent on amounts up to and including fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00), and eighteen (18%) percent on amounts in excess of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00); and

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter 75, P.L. 1991 the governing body may fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of $10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed 6% of the amount of the delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter 99, P.L. 1997, the Tax Collector has the authority to sell at a tax sale 2025 and all prior years delinquencies, such as tax, water, sewer and miscellaneous accrued charges.

No. 26-006
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the Governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 amended by Chapter 148, P.L. 1997 established new requirements for the investment of public funds and adoption of a cash management plan for counties, municipalities and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell wish to comply with the above statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell adopt the attached cash management plan, including the official depositories for the Township of West Caldwell for the year 2026.

CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Township of West Caldwell, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN.

A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and /or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of West Caldwell:

Current Treasurer Account
Collector's Account
General Credit Card Account
Construction Code Credit Card Account
Capital Account
Pool Utility
Pool Utility Capital Account
Pool Utility Credit Card Account
Water Operating Account
Water Capital Account
Trust Account

Animal Control Account
Public Assistance Trust Fund I
Public Assistance Trust Fund II
Payroll Net Account
Payroll Agency Account
Law Enforcement Trust
State Unemployment Trust Fund
Developer Escrow Account
COAH Trust Account

All disbursements for the accounts listed above, unless specified differently in Section B, shall be made by checks signed by Joseph Tempesta, Jr. Mayor and Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or Kathryn Caplan, Tax Collector: except for the Public Assistance Trust Fund II Account.

B. ***All disbursements for the Payroll Accounts shall be made by checks signed by*** Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Mayor, Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer or Kathryn Caplan, Tax Collector.

All disbursements for the Collectors Account shall be made by checks signed by Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Mayor or Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

For the Public Assistance Trust Account I of the Township of West Caldwell the Custodian shall be Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer All disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Kathryn Caplan, Tax Collector.

For the Public Assistance Trust Fund II of the Township of West Caldwell the Custodian shall be Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer. All disbursements shall be made by checks signed by Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and Kathryn Caplan, Tax Collector.

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN.

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Township of West Caldwell is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/ or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township of West Caldwell are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy or this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

Bank of America
Capital One Bank
Citizens Bank
Kearny Bank
PNC Bank
Provident Bank
Santander Bank, NA
Spencer Savings Bank
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
TD Bank NA
Valley Bank
Wells Fargo Bank

All such depositories shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Official (s) referred to in Section III above.

V. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Official(s) of the Township of West Caldwell referred Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the designated official (s) referred to in Section III above.

Salomon, Smith Barney, Inc.
Merrill Lynch
Commerce Capital Markets, Inc.

VI. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

(1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;

(2) Government money market mutual funds;

(3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation

bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any factor;

(4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within the school district is located;

(5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;

(6) Local government investment pools;

(7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c. 281 (C. 52:18a-90.4); or

(8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:

(a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;

(b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

(c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;

(d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c. 236 (C.17:19-41); and

(e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company of investment trust:

(a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the AInvestment Company Act of 1940,@ 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7.

(b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and

(c) which has:

(i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical organization; or

(ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the AInvestment Advisors Act of 1740,@ 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b -1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of $500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

(a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sed, 270. 2a - 7;

(b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

(c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sed, 270.2a - 7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Government securities;

(d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1986, c.410 (c.52:14B - 1et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;

(e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and

(f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or through the use of a national or State Bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9(C.49:3-56) and has at least $25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization of not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government Securities.

VII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN

To the extent that a Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township of West Caldwell, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank of financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township of West Caldwell to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments are either received by the Township of West Caldwell or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township of West Caldwell's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township of West Caldwell deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

On the first day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Township of West Caldwell a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following:

A. The name of any institution holding funds of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.

B. The class of type of securities purchased or Deposits made.

C. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

D. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.

E. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.

F. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately month.

G. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township of West Caldwell.

IX. BANKING BEST PRACTICES

The Township will follow the MEL'S JCMI Banking Best Practices Governing wire transfers, AACH payments and check issuance. The Chief Financial Officer will further confirm that its financial institution will adhere to these requirements.

X. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of West Caldwell approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendment to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

No. 26-007
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL G. JEMAS, ESQ. MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-139 and Section 2-14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell, the Township of West Caldwell shall appoint a Municipal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Municipal Attorney through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Paul G. Jemas, Esq., 38 Roseland Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068 to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the contract for Municipal Attorney to Paul G. Jemas, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, Paul G. Jemas, as Municipal Attorney; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

No. 26-008
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL F. NESTOR, ESQ., MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4 requires that each municipality court to have at least one municipal prosecutor appointed in accordance with local ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may appoint such additional municipal prosecutors to administer justice in a timely and effective manner in its municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, desires to appoint Michael F. Nestor, Esq., 14 Forest Avenue, Caldwell NJ 07006 to serve as Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Upon the nomination of the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, Michael F. Nestor, Esq., be and

hereby is appointed to serve as Municipal Prosecutor.

No. 26-009
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ANTONELLI, ESQ. AS ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:25-4 requires that each municipality court to have at least one municipal prosecutor appointed in accordance with local ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may appoint such additional municipal prosecutors to administer justice in a timely and effective manner in its municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, desires to appoint Daniel Antonelli, Esq. to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Upon the nomination of the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, Daniel Antonelli, Esq., be and hereby is appointed to serve as Assistant Municipal Prosecutor.

No. 26-010
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG ZIMMERMANN, COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Municipal Engineer through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract as Municipal Engineer to Craig Zimmermann, P.E., MBA, Colliers Engineering & Design, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Craig Zimmermann, P.E., MBA, Colliers Engineering & Design as Municipal Engineer for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Craig Zimmermann, P.E., MBA of Colliers Engineering & Design, is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor as Municipal Engineer for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Craig Zimmermann, P.E., MBA of Colliers Engineering & Design as Municipal Engineer for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-011
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell had the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State

contracts; and

WHEREAS, it has been or will be necessary to enter into contracts with the following Referenced State Contract Vendors through this resolution and properly executive contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts:

All Hands Fire Equipment	17-FLEET-00746; 17-FLEET-00812
Armor Express	17-FLEET-00763
Draeger Inc.	17-FLEET-00784; 17-FLEET-00827
East Coast Emergency Lighting	17-FLEET-00761
Firefighter One LLC	17-FLEET-00734; 17-FLET-00807
Gold Type Business Machines Inc.	17-FLEET-00716
Motorola Solutions	23-FLEET-33791
New Jersey Fire Equipment, Co.	24-FLEET-61850; 17-FLEET-00822; 17-FLEET-00811; 17-FLEET-00805; 17-FLEET-00764
New Jersey Business Systems	83899; 23-TELE-45460
Quadient, Inc.	41267
Turn Out Fire & Safety	17-FLEET-00752; 17-FLEET-00813
Wayne Auto Supply	A85998
WB Mason	0000003 - 24-COMG-78752
Witmer Associates, Inc.	17-FLEET-00767

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Caldwell authorized the Township to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors listed above, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts.

No. 26-012
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTONELLI KANTOR RIVERA PC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for special counsel services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Antonelli Kantor Rivera, P.C., 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 1000, Livingston, NJ 07039, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Antonelli Kantor Rivera PC as Special Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has determined and certified in writing that the value of this professional service contract may exceed $17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Antonelli Kantor Rivera PC is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for Special Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Antonelli Kantor River PC for Special Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be (1) year from the date of the award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-013
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GENOVA BURNS LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Special Counsel through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Genova Burns, LLC, 494 Broad St, Newark, NJ 07102, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Genova Burns LLC as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Genova Burns LLC is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Genova Burns LLC as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of the award.

4. The Determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-014
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF O'TOOLE SCRIVO LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Special Counsel through a fairand open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of O'Toole Scrivo LLC, 14 Village ParkRoad, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor,desires to appoint O'Toole Scrivo LLC as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and beawarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in theTownship budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right tocancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of WestCaldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. O'Toole Scrivo LLC is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with O'Toole Scrivo LLC as Special Counselfor the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of the award.

4. The Determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature,duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copiesof this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-015
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DURKIN & DURKIN LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Special Counsel through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Durkin & Durkin LLC, 1120 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Durkin & Durkin LLC, as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Durkin & Durkin LLC, is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Durkin & Durkin LLC, as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of the award.

4. The Determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-016
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SURENIAN, EDWARDS BUZAK & NOLAN, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Special Counsel through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC, 311 Broadway, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, LLC is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Surenian, Edwards Buzak & Nolan, LLC as Special Counsel for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of the award.

4. The Determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

6. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-017
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DMR ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for architectural services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:44A-19.5 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for architectural services to DMR Architects; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint DMR Architects; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township Budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. DMR Architects be and hereby is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for architectural services.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with DMR Architects for architectural services.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-018
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY, LLC FOR APPRAISER – TAX APPEAL SERVICES AND TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Appraiser - Tax Appeal Services and Tax Assessments for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the recommendation of the Mayor, desires to award the professional services contract to Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC, Seven Hutton Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052, for Appraiser - Tax Appeal Services and Tax Assessments; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of this professional services contract will exceed $17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funding is available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Hendricks Appraisal Company LLC is awarded the contract, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for Appraiser - Tax Appeal Services and Tax Assessments.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC for Appraiser - Tax Appeal Services and Tax Assessments.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-019
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Township Auditor through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Samuel Klein and Company, Certified Public Accountants, 550 Broad Street, 11th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102 to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for Township Auditor to Samuel Klein & Company, Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint, Samuel Klein and Company, Certified Public Accountants, 550 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07102 as Township Auditor; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of this professional services contract will exceed $17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funding is available; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township Budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Samuel Klein and Company, Certified Public Accountants, be and hereby is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, as Township Auditor.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Samuel Klein & Company, Certified Public Accounts, for Township Auditor.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-020
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NETTA ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for architectural services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:44A-19.5 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, NJ 07092, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for architectural services to Netta Architects; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Netta Architects; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body;

and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township Budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Netta Architects be and hereby is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for architectural services.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Netta Architects for architectural services.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-021
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for planning services for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design, 53 Frontage Road, Suite 110, Hampton, NJ, 08827, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for planning services to Colliers Engineering & Design. and

WHEREAS, the Township Council based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Colliers Engineering & Design. for planning services for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Colliers Engineering & Design. is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for planning services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design. for planning services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-022
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for financial advisor services for the Township of West Caldwell through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of NW Financial Group, LLC, 522 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for financial advisor services to NW Financial Group, LLC. and

WHEREAS, the Township Council based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint NW Financial Group, LLC for financial advisor services for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. NW Financial Group, LLC is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for financial advisor services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with NW Financial Group, LLC for financial advisor services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-023
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for engineering services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Colliers Engineering & Design., 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for engineering services to Colliers Engineering & Design. and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Colliers Engineering & Design. is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for engineering services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Colliers Engineering & Design. for engineering services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-024
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BOSWELL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for engineering services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Boswell., 330 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, NJ 07606, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for engineering services to Boswell. and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Boswell is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for engineering services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Boswell for engineering services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-025
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF IMAC INSURANCE AGENCY AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for risk management services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of IMAC Insurance Agency, 540 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ 07109, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for risk management consulting services to IMAC Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint IMAC Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township Budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. IMAC Insurance Agency be and hereby is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for risk management services.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with IMAC Insurance Agency for risk management services.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-026
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH GILL AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIASION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is required to have a municipal housing liaison pursuant to Chapter 23-1.3; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Gill is willing to serve as the municipal housing liaison.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Deborah Gill is appointed as Municipal Housing Liaison, effective January 1, 2026 at a salary of $3,785.00.

2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-027
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NIKOLE H. BALTYCKI AS COMMISSIONER AND WILLIAM WALLACE AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell, in accordance with the by-laws of the Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereby appoints Nikole H. Baltycki, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, as Commissioner and William Wallace, Health Officer and Safety Coordinator, to serve as Alternate Commissioner to the Fund.

No. 26-028
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL TOWING COMPANIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has adopted provisions to establish a rotational list of official towing companies; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council shall appoint a person or companies, meeting the criteria established in subsection 11-3 of the Code of the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the following companies have been recommended for such appointment by the Chief Dennis Capriglione of the Township of West Caldwell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be appointed as Official Towing Companies for the Township of West Caldwell for the year 2026, subject to substantial compliance with the provisions of the Ordinances of the Township of West Caldwell.

J & M TOWING
116 DORSA AVE
WAYNE, NJ 07470

CRIGER'S SERVICE INC.
79 LANE ROAD
FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004

CAMP TOWING
9 WHITMORE AVENUE
WAYNE, NJ 07470

AJACO TOWING INC.
1029 EDWARDS ROAD
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

C&L TOWING
38 DEFOREST AVENUE
EAST HANOVER, NJ 07936

No. 26-029
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING FRANK PIAZZA AS THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL'S ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan promotes an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq.), applicable Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") regulations and Uniform Housing Affordability Controls ("UHAC") regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell ("the Township") is required to appoint an Administrative Agent to administer the Township's affordable housing program and to help enforce the requirements of applicable COAH and UHAC regulations, the Township's affordable housing ordinance and the Settlement Agreement between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"); and

WHEREAS, the Township previously appointed Frank Piazza of Piazza & Associates, 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, NJ 08540, as its Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, Frank Piazza's services as Administrative Agent will continue during and throughout the year 2026; and

WHEREAS a copy of Frank Piazza's proposal to serve as Administrative Agent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and

the State of New Jersey, that Frank Piazza is hereby reappointed to serve as the Township's Administrative Agent to administer the Township's affordable housing program.

No. 26-030
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. that Michael Tempesta, Superintendent of Department of Public Works (Mayor Representative) and Stephanie Sheehan, Secretary in the Department of Public Works (Council Representative) be appointed as members of the Essex County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the year 2026, effective January 1, 2026, representing the Township of West Caldwell.

No. 26-031
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN STATUTORY PAYMENTS OF CLAIMS AND OTHER CLAIMS REGULAR IN NATURE**

WHEREAS, all claims of payment by the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, are required to be first submitted to the Township Council for consideration before payment, and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of certain claims and timing of the particular meeting involved, certain claims should be paid when presented which are statutory and regular in nature, rather than held for the next council meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer has the following authority:

1. The Township of West Caldwell does hereby approve the payment between meetings of the following encumbered claims for payment, when the same are presented to the Township:

   a. Payroll obligations
   b. Required payments to the Board of Education
   c. Required County tax payments to the County Treasurer
   d. Banks for investment purposes, internal transfers, and debt service obligations
   e. Utility Payments
   f. Postage
   g. Insurance Costs
   h. State of New Jersey – Application Fees, Permit Fees, Marriage License Fees, State Surcharges, DEP Fees and License Fees
   i. Reissue of lost or mutilated checks after stop payment has been enforced
   j. Ten percent (10%) Bid Bond Returns
   k. Payments necessary to all vendors that require compliance with the 2006 Prompt Payment Law, Chapter 96, whereby the Township shall pay the bill not more than 30 calendar days after the billing date to avoid billable late charges.
   l. All other bills, not listed herein, that require payment outside of Council approval must contain the approval of at least one Finance Committee member.

2. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the proper vouchers for payment of the above recited accounts when same is properly presented to him/her for payment, and thereafter said claim shall be transcribed on the next scheduled Bill list to be approved by the Mayor and Council.

No. 26-032
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – BROKER OF RECORD, EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFITS TO IMAC INSURANCE AGENCY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq. has established a "fair and open" process for the selection of certain professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has posted a notice of the availability of said services along with a Request for Proposals in accordance with the provisions of said statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has received proposals for Broker of Record, Employee Health and Dental Benefits on December 5, 2025 in accordance with the fair and open process so established; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the proposal received from IMAC Insurance Agency, 540 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ 07109, it is found to be most advantageous to the Township, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell, that IMAC Insurance Agency is hereby appointed as Broker of Record, Employee Health and Dental Benefits in accordance with a fair and open process for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

1. The Mayor and Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with IMAC Insurance Agency of Belleville, NJ 07109.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, subject to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-11 which states that "No local unit shall be required to advertise for bids for any of the work performed pursuant to 40A:5-11."

3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the *Progress* as required by law within 10 days of its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

No. 26-033
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BENECARD SERVICES, L.L.C. FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S EMPLOYEE PRESCRIPTION PLAN THROUGH THE NJRx GROUP PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell prescription plan is currently by Benecard Services L.L.C. located at 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 5, Suite 105, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; and

WHEREAS, the Township's current prescription plan expired on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, IMAC Insurance has solicited insurance companies for quotes for the Township's prescription plan for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, IMAC Insurance has recommended the continuation of the current prescription plan from Benecard Services, L.L.C. through the NJRx Group Purchasing Program, as having the lowest rate for the Township, which will result in a 14.5% increase from the current plan's existing premium rates; and

WHEREAS, said contract for a Township health insurance prescription plan may be retained without competitive bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m) as an extraordinary unspecified service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes a contract with Benecard Services, L.L.C., 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 5, Suite 105, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, through the NJRx Group Purchasing Program, for the Township's prescription plan from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at a total premium cost of $1,150,661.40, which represents 14.5% increase from the previous contract.

2. The contract is for insurance and is exempt from the bidding requirements under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m).

3. The Mayor and Township Administrator together with all appropriate officers, employees, professionals, and staff of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

4. It is hereby directed that Notice of Award of this Contract shall be published once in the official designated newspaper of the Township within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

No. 26-034
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES V. POMACO AS PART-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that James V. Pomaco, Esq. of the Law Firm of James V. Pomaco, Esq., 247 Franklin Ave, Nutley, NJ 07110, is appointed to part-time Public Defender for the Township of West Caldwell, effective January 1, 2026 for a one-year term in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 at a salary established by Ordinance No. 1714, adopted October 18, 2012.

No. 26-035
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL M. SANTARSIERO, ESQ. AS PART-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Daniel M. Santarsiero, Esq, 14 Fairview Drive, North Caldwell, NJ 07006 is appointed to part-time Public Defender for the Township of West Caldwell, effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 at a salary established by Ordinance No. 1714, adopted October 18, 2012.

No. 26-036
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION – APPOINTING HERBERT G. SNIDER AS CROSSING GUARD IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, Herbert G. Snider, 48 Elmwood Terrace, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 is willing and able to serve as Crossing Guard in the Police Department for the Township of West Caldwell; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

6. Herbert G. Snider is appointed as Crossing Guard, effective January 7, 2026, at an hourly of $20.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
7. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-037
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPOINTING RITA V. ROVAZZI AS CROSSING GUARD IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint a Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, Rita V. Rovazzi, 22 Leaycraft Lane, Caldwell, NJ 07006 is willing and able to serve as Crossing Guard in the Police Department for the Township of West Caldwell; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Rita V. Rovazzi is appointed as Crossing Guard, effective January 7, 2026, at an hourly of $20.00 in accordance with the salary ordinance.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-038
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET PIERCE AS RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to employ a Recycling Coordinator for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Pierce has indicated that she is willing to act as the Recycling Coordinator for the Township of West Caldwell for the one-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

No. 26-039
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANN DEBLASIS AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts requires the designation of a Public Agency Compliance Officer; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that Joann DeBlasis is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer of the Township of West Caldwell with a salary of $5,450.00 effective January 1, 2026.

No. 26-040
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JCT SOLUTIONS FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS, SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE/IT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for computer systems, software applications and general maintenance/IT services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of JCT Solutions of 36 Commerce Street, Springfield, NJ 07081, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for computer systems, software applications and general maintenance/IT services to JCT Solutions. and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. JCT Solutions is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor for Computer Systems, Software Applications and General Maintenance/IT services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with JCT Solutions for Computer Systems, Software Applications and General Maintenance/IT services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

4. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-041
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE CHIEF AND CAPTAIN SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the salary, wage and compensation to be paid to persons holding certain offices and positions of employment in the Township of West Caldwell are established by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, such Ordinance established a range of salary, wage and compensation for the positions of various offices and positions of employment, together with a provision for payments of a longevity increment as part of such salary, wage or compensation; and

WHEREAS, the office of Chief of Police and Captain of the Township of West Caldwell are expressly subject to such Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the salary, wage and compensation to be paid to persons holding certain offices and positions of employment in the West Caldwell Police Department are established Arbitration Award; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-179 provides that the starting base salary of the Chief of Police of any political subdivision of the State shall be set at a rate that is higher than the highest base salary of the ranking officer next in command below the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, in light of the disparity in salaries, wages and compensation among the Chief and Captain and other senior police officers, the Council of the Township of West Caldwell finds it necessary to increase the salary, wage and compensation to be paid to the Chief of Police and Captain effective January 1, 2026, to an amount within the range established by the ordinance and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-179; and

WHEREAS, in light of the increase of salaries, wage and compensation for subordinate officers effective January 1, 2026, the Council of the Township of West Caldwell finds it necessary to increase the salary, wage and compensation to be paid to the Chief of Police and Captain, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

8. The salary, wage, and compensation to be paid to the West Caldwell Chief of Police shall be increased to $208,889.00, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
9. The salary, wage, and compensation to be paid to the West Caldwell Captain shall be increased to $197,285.00, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

No. 26-042
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY CHANGE FUNDS FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has advised that temporary Change Funds are necessary for the purpose of making change for cash payments made at certain Township events; and

WHEREAS, said Change Funds will be established on a temporary basis for the day(s) certain Township events are being held; and

WHEREAS, the said temporary Change Funds will be used for the sole purpose of making change and shall not be used for the purpose of paying bills and are to have a constant balance in the amount in which they are established; and

WHEREAS, the custodian of these temporary Change Funds shall be the Recreation Director who is covered by the Township's blanket bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex hereby established temporary change funds as follows:

Recreation Department – Fireworks Donations - $300.00
Recreation Department – Carnival - $300.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to establish the temporary Change Funds in the above amounts when necessary for the duration of the Township event.

No. 26-043
By: Councilman Crudele

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE RECREATION OFFICE**

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Recreation Program Fees collected in the Recreation Office as shown below;

and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director recommends the refunds of these fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell that the proper officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds or issue checks to clear the refunds as shown below:

CURRENT FUND

Name	Amount	Reason
Nancy Kirby 29 Martin Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$24.00	Refund- Senior Fitness
Mary Friedman 59 Annin Road West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$24.00	Refund- Senior Fitness
Ellen Ventola 7 Oakland Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$40.00	Refund- Senior Fitness

TOTAL CURRENT FUND REFUNDS: $88.00

NO. 26-044
BY: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION APPPOINTING FUND COMMISIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE METROPOLITAN HEALTH INSURANCE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of West Caldwell that Nikole Baltycki be and is hereby appointed as Fund Commissioner to the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund to represent the Township of West Caldwell

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kayla Capriglione be and is hereby appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Metropolitan Health Insurance Fund effective January 1, 2026.

NO. 26-045
BY: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER CRAIG ZIMMERMANN, OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN TO SIGN TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL (TWA) APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell awarded a professional services contract to Craig Zimmermann, P.E., of Colliers Engineering & Design as Municipal Engineer for the calendar 2026; and

WHEREAS, under certain parameters promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), it is necessary that an application be submitted with Township endorsement to the aforesaid agency for treatment works approvals (TWA) and/or extensions to the Township sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell desires to appoint Craig Zimmermann, P.E. as the authority to sign such applications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED,** by the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell that the Municipal Engineer, Craig Zimmermann, P.E, be and is hereby authorized to sign the required applications for TWA for extensions to the sanitary sewer system;

NO. 26-046
BY: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COLLIERS ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for architectural services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:44A-19.5 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of Colliers Engineering and Design, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856, to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for architectural services to Colliers Engineering and Design; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint Colliers Engineering and Design; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the work on projects will be assigned by resolution by the Governing Body, and be awarded by resolution by Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township Budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. Colliers Engineering and Design be and hereby is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for architectural services.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with Colliers Engineering and Design for architectural services.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be one (1) year from the date of award.

4. The Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-047
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FROM BARETTI GROUP INC. TO JAN 17 BURGER PRIME LLC IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 0721-33-002-006, issued to Baretti Group Inc. A New Jersey Corporation, 291 Bloomfield Avenue, #3, Caldwell, NJ 07006 to Jan 17 Burger Prime LLC for premises with a mailing address of 71 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ 07003; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the pending transfer was advertised in the *Progress* on November 13 and November 20, 2025, and no complaints have been filed with the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business; and

WHEREAS, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell does hereby approve, effective January 6, 2026, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Jan 17 Burger Prime LLC and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Jan 17 Burger Prime LLC, effective January 6, 2026."

No. 26-048
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell solicited proposals for Bond Counsel Services through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened on December 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds the proposal of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLP, 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, NJ 07068 to be the most advantageous to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to award the professional services contract for Bond Counsel Services to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLP and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, desires to appoint McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLP as Bond Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional services contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(1) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for certain specified professional services to be performed or rendered by person(s) licensed or specializing in a profession regulated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has determined and certified in writing that the value of this professional service contract may exceed $17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is contingent upon availability of funds in the Township budget, and in the event of unavailability of such funds, the Township reserves the right to cancel this professional services contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLP is appointed, based on the nomination or recommendation of the Mayor, for Bond Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of West Caldwell are hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services contract with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLP for Bond Counsel Services for the Township of West Caldwell.

3. The term of this professional services contract shall be for the calendar year 2025.

4. The determination of values shall be placed on file with this Resolution.

5. The Township Clerk shall publish a notice in the newspaper of official record stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this professional services contract, and further stating that copies of this resolution and the contract itself are on file and available for inspection with the Township Clerk.

No. 26-049
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACCORDIA AT WEST CALDWELL LLC AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, by Resolution of Memorialization dated March 13, 2025 the Township of West Caldwell Zoning Board of Adjustment granted Accordia at West Caldwell LLC (the "Developer") major preliminary, and final site plan approval with variances to construct a property designated as Lot 3 in Block 1201 and as shown on the Tax Map, and having a street address of 780 Passaic Avenue in the Township (the "Approval"); and

WHEREAS, the Approval was subject to the Developer entering into a Developer's Agreement with the Township of West Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it in the best interest of the Township to enter into a Developer's Agreement setting forth the rights, duties and obligations of the Township and the Developer in connection with the Approval, which agreement shall be substantially the same form as the agreement attached hereto and made part of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, as follows:

1. The Township of West Caldwell hereby authorizes the entry into a Developer's Agreement with Accordia at West Caldwell, LLC, subject to the Mayor, Township Administrator and Township Attorney confirming the escrow amount and bond estimate required to be posted.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Developer's Agreement between the Township and Accordia at West Caldwell, LLC. The Developer's Agreement shall be in substantially the same form as the Agreement attached hereto and made a part thereof.

3. All Township employees and officials are hereby authorized and directed to take action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution and the Developer's Agreement attached hereto.

No. 26-050
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR FULLY INSURED DENTAL SERVICES TO DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell has a need to acquire a fully insured dental program to be rendered to the Township of West Caldwell as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of insurance services, including health benefit insurance, is an exception pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(m); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of these services will exceed $17,500; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Health Insurance Broker recommends that a one year contract be awarded to Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., 1639 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054, to provide a fully insured dental program for the Township of West Caldwell at a rate increase of 4.22%; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification at least ten (10) days prior to the execution of the contract, which certifies that Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Caldwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, County of Essex,

State of New Jersey authorizes Township Officials to execute a contract between the Township of West Caldwell and Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., 1639 Route 10, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the providing of administrative and claims processing services in connection with the Township's employee dental plan in accordance with the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and Non-Collusion Affidavit be placed on file with this resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Tempesta read the following three Resolutions:

No. 26-051
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Mayor of the Township of Township of West Caldwell and the Public Safety Committee that the following members are appointed officers of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2026:

Deputy Chief	Mark W. Watkins
Assistant Chief	John N. Medina
Captain	William Aiello
Captain	Thomas Weber
Lieutenant	Dylon Mooney
Lieutenant	Nicholas Sasso
Safety Officer	Richard Otterbein

No. 26-052
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DRIVERS/OPERATORS OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department that the following be and they are hereby approved as Driver/Operators of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2026:

William Aiello, 24 Kramer Ave., West Caldwell
Richard Larry Bunn, 135 Fairfield Ave, West Caldwell
Benjamin Hershkowitz, 13 Evergreen Road, West Caldwell
David Jedele, 33 Dickerson Road, Denville
Michael Luker, 52 Stonybrook Road, West Caldwell
John N. Medina, 8 Woodrow Pl, West Caldwell
Joseph McCarthy, 22 Thrumont Road, West Caldwell
Nicholas Sasso, 19 Fairfield Avenue, West Caldwell
John D. Wallace, 10 Leonard Terrace, Roseland
William Wallace, 240 Reservoir Drive, Boonton
Mark W. Watkins, 86 Westover Ave, West Caldwell
Thomas Weber, 53 Lane Ave, West Caldwell
Jean Wypler Jr., 40 Taylor Drive, West Caldwell

No. 26-053
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NONRESIDENT FIREFIGHTERS AS CALLMEN OF THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026**

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the Chief of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department that the following be and they are hereby approved as Call men for the year 2026:

Lawrence D'Agostino 43 Clinton Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004
James Harven 406 Reservoir Drive, Boonton, NJ 07005
David Jedele 33 Dickerson Road, Denville, NJ 07834
Michael Kraus 198 Roseland Avenue, Essex Fells, NJ 07021
Raymond Ryerson III 210 Marc Boulevard, Boonton, NJ 07005
William Wallace 240 Reservoir Drive, Boonton, NJ 07005

It was regularly moved by Councilwoman Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the three Resolutions be adopted.

Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Wolsky, Docteroff, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Tempesta recognized former Councilman and retired Judge Ned Rosenberg, former Councilman Richard Otterbein, and former Councilman Bob Masella.

Mayor Tempesta then read the following names.

CITIZEN APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS BY MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT

OF COUNCIL - 2026

PLANNING BOARD:	**STATUTORY TERM**	
CHRISTOPHER LaROCCA	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years
MICHAEL FAILLA	1/1/2026-12/31/2028	3 years
LOUIS MASSES	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	1 year (Alternate #1)
DANIEL SNIDER	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	1 year (Alternate #2)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:	**STATUTORY TERM**	
BRADLEY DEGNAN	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years
ROSEMARIE SUTHERLIN	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years
MICHAEL MAGUIRE	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	1 year (Alternate #1)
CHRISTOPHER RAVAIOLI	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	1 year (Alternate #2)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	**STATUTORY TERM**	
CAROL OTTERBEIN	1/1/2026-12/31/2030	5 years

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:	**STATUTORY TERM**	
CATHERINE REYNOLDS	1/1/2026-12/31/2028	3 years
MARTHA MISTRETTA	1/1/2026-12/31/2028	3 years

BOARD OF HEALTH:	**STATUTORY TERM**	
KELLY GOLDBACH	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years
BIANCA SCAGLIONE	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD	**STATUTORY TERM**	
LAURA KEENAN	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years
CARMEL ANDRON	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	4 years

On motion made by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff, it was regularly moved that the appointments be confirmed.

Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Wolsky, Docteroff, Canale, Crudele, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Tempesta administered the oath to the volunteers present.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

Councilman Docteroff moved that the checklist presented be approved. This was seconded by Council President Canale. Upon the vote being polled all were in favor.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Mayor Tempesta congratulated Councilman Wolsky on his reelection and being sworn in. He also thanked him for doing a great job as Council President last year. He also congratulated Councilman Cecere on his reelection. He congratulated Council President Canale for being elected Council President and looks forward to working with her to set the Agendas for 2026.

Mayor Tempesta said this will be another busy year. There will be more infrastructure work, more streets and water main work. He said we are on the next round of the fair share housing that we are required to do.

He reported that there will be a number of units where the old ShopRite site is. There will also be units at the old Welsh Farms site on Passaic Avenue. There will also be 140 units where the Durkin building is on Bloomfield Avenue.

He spoke about the rising costs of health care, food, labor and materials.

He thanked all of the volunteers, the employees, and all of the professionals.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS:

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard.

Former Councilman Bob Masella said that Mayor Tempesta is the Head Coach of this team, he

congratulated Councilman Wolsky, thanked the Council, and said it is a pleasure to live in West Caldwell.

Former Councilman Richard Otterbein congratulated Councilman Wolsky. He congratulated Council President Canale on her election as Council President. He thanked the Council for being fiscally responsible and for the infrastructure work that is being done. He stated that he has been on the Fire Department for 56 years and said that it's a great organization and he reminded the residents that the Fire Department is always looking for new members. He also commended the Police Department and West Essex First Aid Squad. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and a great success for 2026.

Former Councilman Ned Rosenberg congratulated Councilman Wolsky and Council President Canale. He thanked the Council for being fiscally responsible. He wished everyone a safe, peaceful, and most importantly a healthy year.

Mike Maguire thanked the Mayor and Council for the Gazebo concerts in the summer. He thanked Bob Masella for his hard work and hopes he continues that in the years to come.

Steven Maginnis spoke about how he would like to see the old ShopRite property converted into a walkable downtown.

Mayor Tempesta agreed with what he said. He wants to keep the town a family community.

Councilman Wolsky invited everyone to Mandara's for dinner immediately following the meeting. He thanked the residents for electing him for another term. He said it is a privilege and an honor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, on a motion from Council President Canale and a second by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. Upon a voice vote, all voted in the affirmative.

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Joann DeBlasis
Township Clerk