TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the West Caldwell Mayor and Council, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held in the public meeting room of the Municipal Building, 30 Clinton Road, West Caldwell, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Tempesta, Council Canale, Cecere, Docteroff, and Schott

ABSENT: Councilmen Wolsky and Crudele

OTHERS PRESENT: Nikole H. Baltycki, Township Administrator/CFO
Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk
Paul G. Jemas, Esq., Township Attorney
Chief Dennis Capriglione, Police Department
John Medina, Construction Official

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Canale

Council President Canale also gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PENDING ORDINANCES

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title:

Ordinance No. 1911

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CREATING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, ESTABLISHING THE GRADES OF SUCH OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS AND FIXING THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE PERSONS HOLDING SUCH OFFICES OR POSITIONS, REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established in the Township of West Caldwell certain offices and positions of employment, together with the salaries for such positions.

SECTION 2. There shall be paid a longevity increment to full-time employees hired prior to May 1, 1997 (excluding there from the following enumerated employees: Judge and Prosecutor of the Municipal Court and Welfare Director). No longevity will be paid to any employee covered by this ordinance hired on or after May 1, 1997.

Longevity increase shall be due and payable to the annual base salary to such eligible employees who have completed the full period of years of service hereinafter designated: to wit: 2 percent - 5 years; 4 percent - 10 years; 6 percent - 15 years; 8 percent - 20 years; 10 percent - 24 years or more. Such longevity payments shall be made on the pay period next ensuing the anniversary date of full completion of the required period of service.

SECTION 3. Holiday and Overtime Pay. Holiday and Overtime Pay shall be based on 2,080 hours per year. Overtime shall be at the rate of double time for Sundays and Official Holidays; time and one-half for Saturdays and hours worked in the excess of 40 hours per week. A minimum of 2 hours pay at the above prescribed rates will be paid for all emergency calls after regular working hours.

SECTION 4. In the event additional sessions of Court, over and above 48 per year are required, the Judge and Prosecutor shall be paid a stipend equivalent to 1.5% of their annual salary, and the Court Administrator shall be paid a stipend of $125 for each session over and above 36 per year.

SECTION 5. In the event attendance at Board of Health meetings, other than for the Township of West Caldwell, is required, the Health Officer shall be paid a stipend of $125.00 for each session attended. Any inspections or screenings attended by the Health Officer, Registrar or Registered Environmental Health Specialist, or reports prepared for same by the Health Officer, performed by 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays, will be at a reimbursement rate equal to the hourly rate of said employees. The Health Secretary shall be paid $85.00 per meeting for minutes preparation.

SECTION 6. Advancement to Steps 2 and 3 for Fire Chief shall be awarded by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 7. Any Smoke Detector Inspections performed before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. by the Fire Official, or their designate will be at a reimbursement rate of $45.00 per inspection.

SECTION 8. Any Added Assessment Inspections performed by the Tax Assessor before 9:00 A.M. and/or after 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or on Saturdays by the Tax Assessor will be included in their base salary for up to 230 hours of inspection work performed. Any inspections performed over the 230 hours will be reimbursed at a rate equal to either the hourly rate of pay for the Tax Assessor or a stipend established by Resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 9. The prescribed salaries and increments for officers and employees, set forth on said schedule shall be effective as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION 10. Ordinance No. 1908, adopted July 7, 2026, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

EMPLOYEE TITLE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Accounts Payable Clerk	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Acting Clerk	$ 70,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Acting Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Acting Water Foreman	$ 57,220.00	$ 93,000.00
Administrative Assistant	$ 25.00	$ 35.00
Assistant Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Coordinator	$ 45,000.00	$ 88,000.00
Assistant Mechanic	$ 46,945.00	$ 70,418.00
Assistant Prosecutor	$ 2,553.00	$ 15,000.00
Assistant Recreation Director	$ 37,684.00	$ 75,000.00
Athletic Program Supervisor	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Building Subcode Official	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Certified Public Works Manager License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Chief Financial Officer/Township Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent	$ 90,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Chief Mechanic	$ 61,045.00	$ 98,000.00
Clerk/Public Agency Compliance Officer	$ 60,000.00	$ 95,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	$ 24.00	$ 45.00
Construction Code Official/Fire Subcode Official/Fire Official	$ 80,000.00	$ 150,000.00
Council	$ 5,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Council President	$ 5,500.00	$ 6,600.00
Court Administrator	$ 42,840.00	$ 95,000.00
Court Attendant	$90.00 per session	$90.00 per session
Crossing Guard	$ 6,028.00	$ 30,000.00
Crossing Guard Per Diem	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Part Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Full Time Deputy Court Administrator	$ 36,400.00	$ 70,000.00
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 1,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Deputy Fire Official/Lead Inspector	$ 35,000.00	$ 85,000.00
Dispatcher	$ 45,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Electric Subcode Official	$ 35.00	$ 55.00
Emergency Management Coordinator	$ 3,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 1	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,999.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 2	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,600.00
Fire Chief Stipend - Step 3	$ 6,500.00	$ 7,000.00
Fire Inspector	$ 28,364.00	$ 60,000.00
Fire Official License for Individual not Appointed	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
Foreman - Roads, Buildings, Grounds and Facility Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Foreman of Roads and Building Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 108,000.00
Foreman of Fields and Grounds Maintenance	$ 64,300.00	$ 99,000.00
Full Time Outreach Coordinator	$ 50,000.00	$ 70,000.00
General Clerical	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Health Inspector	$ 28.00	$ 42.00
Health Officer/Assistant Administrator/Safety Coordinator	$ 83,232.00	$ 168,000.00
Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist	$ 40.00	$ 55.00
Intern	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Judge	$ 22,032.00	$ 45,000.00
Laborer (Pools, B&G, Recreation, DPW, Water)	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Laborer	$ 35,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Laborer/Custodian	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Land Use Administrator/Municipal Housing Liaison	$ 32,512.00	$ 80,000.00
Lifeguard	$ 15.49	$ 20.00
Local Health Outreach Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 52.00
Mayor	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Mechanic	$ 46,343.00	$ 75,000.00
Payroll Clerk	$ 27,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Payroll Clerk- Interlocal Agreement	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
Planning Board Engineer	$ 13,680.00	$ 17,520.00
Playground Program Coordinator	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Playground Assistant Director	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Playground Assistant Leader	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Playground Site Supervisor	$ 20.00	$ 40.00
Playground Assistant Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector	$ 32.64	$ 60.00
Police Captain	$ 150,000.00	$ 200,000.00
Police Chief	$ 160,000.00	$ 220,000.00
Pool Door Attendant	$ 15.49	$ 25.00
Pool Manager	$ 4,560.00	$ 10,085.00
Pool Manager	$ 25.00	$ 40.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 3,600.00	$ 8,575.00
Pool Assistant Manager	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Program Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 40.00
Program Supervisor	$ 35,000.00	$ 60,000.00
Prosecutor	$ 15,912.00	$ 30,000.00
Preparedness Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 55.00
Public Defender/Tax Attorney	$ 4,080.00	$ 6,120.00
Public Health Nurse	$ 20.00	$ 45.00
Public Works Specialist	$ 51,226.00	$ 90,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent not appointed	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00
Records Clerk	$ 24,309.00	$ 75,500.00
Recreation Assistant	$ 12.00	$ 20.00
Recreation Coach	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Recreation Director	$ 85,000.00	$ 130,000.00
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	$ 30,552.00	$ 66,300.00
Secretary	$ 20.00	$ 35.00
Secretary	$ 24,309.00	$ 80,000.00
Secretary/Registrar/Recycling Coordinator	$ 25,000.00	$ 70,000.00
Senior Cashier	$ 35,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Site Supervisor	$ 15.49	$ 30.00
Special Needs Program Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 35.00
Special Projects Coordinator	$ 21.78	$ 40.00
Sports Official	$26.00/game	$90.00/game
Sports Scorer	$ 7.25	$ 9.00
Superintendent of Public Works	$ 64,159.00	$ 150,000.00
Supervising Laborer/Specialist	$ 52,800.00	$ 100,000.00
Swim Team Coach	$1,000 per season	$4,000 per season
Swim Team Assistant Coach	$600 per season	$2,000 per season
Tax Assessor	$ 37,650.00	$ 69,400.00
Tax Cashier	$ 29,845.00	$ 55,000.00
Tax Collector	$ 11,920.00	$ 95,000.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	$ 44,000.00	$ 70,000.00
Tot Lot Site Director	$ 20.00	$ 40.00
Tot Lot Assistant Site Director	$ 20.00	$ 30.00
Part Time Violations Clerk	$ 20.00	$ 32.00
Full Time Violations Clerk	$ 37,345.00	$ 56,500.00
Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator	$ 20.00	$ 52.00
Water Cashier	$ 28,364.00	$ 65,000.00
Water Foreman	$ 57,220.00	$ 93,000.00
Water License Stipend - C-1/W-1 License - 2% of Salary	$ 800.00	$ 1,800.00
Water License Stipend - C-2/W-2 License - 4% of Salary	$ 1,500.00	$ 4,000.00
Water Operator- Standby W-2 License - 6% of Salary	$ 1,500.00	$ 4,000.00
Water Appointed Operator with C-2/W-2 License - 8% of Salary	$ 3,000.00	$ 13,000.00
Water Operator- Interlocal Agreement	$ 1,000.00	$ 6,000.00
Water Laborer	$ 40,000.00	$ 80,000.00
Zoning Officer	$ 24.00	$ 33.00

Mayor Tempesta declared the Hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Councilman Cecere and seconded by Councilman Docteroff to close the hearing. All were in favor.

Councilman Cecere moved that the pending Ordinance be passed and published in accordance with the law. It was seconded by Councilman Docteroff. Upon the vote being polled, Council Canale, Cecere, Docteroff, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A-1 A communication from Nikole H. Baltycki, Chief Finance Officer, certifying funds are available under the 2026 Budget of Appropriations – September 1, 2026 Schedule; further certifying that there will be no over-expenditures of any line item in the Budget as a result of this schedule.

A-2 A communication from Nikole Baltycki, Chief Financial Officer, certifying funds are available for Resolution number 26-212, 26-213, and 26-214

Received and placed on file.

BILLS ORDERED PAID:

It was regularly moved by Councilman Docteroff, seconded by Council President Canale that the Bill List as amended by the Chief Financial Officer be attached to the Minutes and be paid and that the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary warrants for their payment.

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

SCHEDULE OF BILLS ORDERED PAID AUGUST 2026

	Checks	Amount
CURRENT ACCOUNT – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	21092-21203	$8,280,241.41
GENERAL CAPITAL	3485-3490	$413,086.82
POOL	4129-4145	$124,659.89
POOL CAPITAL	0	0
WATER CAPITAL	8484-8485	$16,875.50
WATER	12170-12176	$229,449.18
WATER WIRE ACCT	0	0
GENERAL TRUST – VALLEY NATIONAL BANK	7426-7443	$59,176.48
DOG TRUST	1191	$9.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST 1	0	0
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST	0	0
COAH-AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST	7	$1,350.00
DEVELOPERS' TRUST	2009-2017	$5,675.00
SUB-TOTAL		**$9,130,523.28**
LIBRARY	14134-14159	$179,750.06
TOTAL		**$9,310,273.34**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the recommendation of Councilman Schott seconded by Councilman Cecere, it was regularly moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2026 be approved.

Upon the vote being polled, Canale, Cecere, Docteroff, and Schott voted in the affirmative.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Tempesta read the following statement: "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."

Administrator Baltycki reported that there was one item for closed session, *Interviews for Sergeant and Captain in the West Caldwell Police Department.*

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Schott that the sixteen Resolutions on the Consent Agenda this evening be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor. However, Councilman Cecere abstained from Resolutions 26-205, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION LIST FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR THE YEAR 2025. This Resolution did not pass since there were not enough votes in favor.

Mayor Tempesta asked if there were any comments on the consent agenda from Council or the public.

There were no comments from the public.

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

No. 26-204
By: Councilman Docteroff

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS OR CANCELLATIONS IN THE TAX OFFICE

WHEREAS, there appears on the tax records overpayments or otherwise as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the overpayments were created by the reasons indicated below, and the Collector of Taxes recommends the refund or transfers of such overpayments;

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 refunding such overpayments as hereafter shown below:

CODE OF REASONS

1. Incorrect Payment-Refund
2. Duplicate Payment-Refund
3. Vets, Senior Citizen, Exempt Prop Refund/Allow
4. Apply Overpayment to Next Year
5. Cancellation of Balance of Less than $5.00
6. Assessment Changes
7. Tax Appeal
8. Overpayment-Refund
9. Tax Title Lien Redemption
10. Homestead Rebate/NJ Saver
11. Apply Overpayment to Current Year
12. Cancellation of Credit of Less than $5.00
13. Cancellation of Taxes
14. Other - Cancellation of Credit Balance over $5.00

Block	Lot	Qual	Owner Name	Amount	Year	Reason
506	11.01		Chou, Liag & Thee, Wendy 15 Woodrow Place **Check payable to: A Absolute Escrow Settlement** **55 Essex Street** **Millburn, NJ 07041**	$ 4,009.28	2026/3	2
1002	**12**		Nutkis, Ian J & Carbalho, Vanessa A 43 Fairfield Avenue **Check payable to: Old School Title Services** **Escrow Account** **247 Franklin Avenue** **Nutley, NJ 07110**	$ 2,902.58	2026/3	2
			Total Overpayment Refund - $ 6,911.86			
1900	17		Souritzidis, Peter G & Gigi K	$ 10,163.97	2026	3

			3 Aldrin Drive		

Total Veteran Exempt Refund - $ 10,163.97

310	18		Yeutter, Bruce D 60 Coolidge Avenue	$ 36.88 2026/4	4
1200	3	C951A	Clarizio Partners LLC 195 Fairfield Avenue, 1A	$ 21.49 2026/4	4

Total Transfers to 2027 - $ 58.37

No. 26-205
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WEST CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION LIST FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell adopted Ordinance No. 1426 on August 15, 2000, providing Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for members of the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell authorized American General Financial Group (VALIC) to administer the LOSAP with the approval of Resolution No. 7160 on November 20, 2001: and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services reviewed and approved the LOSAP submitted by the Township of West Caldwell on December 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department presented the certified list of active volunteer firefighters, attached, who qualify for LOSAP contributions for the year 2025 to the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council have reviewed and have approved the attached list of volunteer firefighters who qualify for LOSAP contributions for the year 2025 and the Governing Body has included the 3.5% CPI increase authorized by the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with the determinations and recommendations of the West Caldwell Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached certified list and this Resolution shall be posted for thirty (30) days at the West Caldwell Fire Headquarters and in the office of the Municipal Clerk in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-192, et seq.

No. 26-206
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE CHIEF SALARY 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 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 effective July 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, effective July 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:

1. The salary, wage, and compensation to be paid to the West Caldwell Chief of Police shall be increased to $218,170.00, effective July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

No. 26-207
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS SANTORELLA AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell desires to hire a Probationary Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Santorella, 17 Saint Charles Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006, who is willing and able to serve as

a Probationary Patrol Officer for the West Caldwell Police Department and;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the Police Chief to make this appointment, effective September 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Nicholas Santorella as Probationary Officer is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate medical and psychological testing to the satisfaction of the Township; and

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

1. Nicholas Santorella is hereby approved as a probationary police officer in the West Caldwell Police Department, at a salary of $99,043 in accordance with the salary guide.
2. All Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriately to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

No. 26-208
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION, INC. FOR ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026 LICENSE NO. 512, ID NO. 474-4-37907

WHEREAS, Sharing Network Foundation, Inc. has submitted a Raffle License Application No. RA 512, ID No. 474-4-37907 for on premise merchandise raffle to be held October 13, 2026 at Mountain Ridge Country Club, 713 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, hereby approves Raffle License Application No. RA 512; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

No. 26-209
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NJ FOUNDATION FOR ON PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2026 LICENSE NO. 513, ID NO. 530-5-32341

WHEREAS, The William Paterson University of NJ Foundation has submitted a Raffle License Application No. RA 513, ID No. 530-5-32341 for on premise merchandise raffle to be held October 19, 2026 at Mountain Ridge Country Club, 713 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, hereby approves Raffle License Application No. RA 513; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said license shall be issued subject to all rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission of the State of New Jersey.

No. 26-210
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell has determined that the surplus personal property described below and made a part hereof this Resolution is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes thesale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service:

2012 *GMC Express 3500*
2016 Ford Explorer
2012 GMC Sierra 3500
2010 CTM Brine Truck Tanks
2010 CTM Brine Truck Tanks
2015 Billy Goat
Yellow Plow
Yellow Plow
2005 Ford F-350 Pick-up
1987 Olathe Aerator
2005 Gang Mower
2012 Stihl TS-800 Cut-off Saw
2021 Simplicity 2132 Snow Blower
2021 Simplicity 2132 Snow Blower
2017 Ariens Pro 28 Snow Blower
2016 Simplicity P1728 Snow Blower
Spare Parts Broken Engines

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 be and is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated using the

online auction services of GovDeals.com.

2. The sale shall be conducted pursuant to the DLGS Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

3. The sale shall be conducted through GovDeals.com pursuant to State Contract A-70967 and inaccordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals.com are available at the online at GovDeals.com and in the Township Clerk's office.

4. The sale shall be advertised in the Township's official newspaper in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-36.

5. The surplus personal property shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a hold harmless and indemnification agreement concerning use of said surplus personal property.

6. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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

No. 26-211
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL PROCESS IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING PROMOTIONS IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ordinance of the Police Department, Section 3-8 et seq., the Mayor and Council have the discretion to waive any requirement of the Police Department promotional process upon the written recommendation of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, for reasons of economy and the administrative efficiency of the Police Department, the Mayor and Council and the written recommendation of the Chief of Police, wish to waive the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police written examination requirements in connection with the promotion to be made to the position of Captain; and

WHEREAS, the eligible candidates have certified, in writing to the Chief of Police, that they wish to waive the written examination portion of the promotional process for the position of Captain; and

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

1. Upon written recommendation of Chief Dennis Capriglione, the Mayor and Council hereby waive the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police written examination requirement in connection with the appointment of Captain.
2. The written recommendation of Chief Dennis Capriglione dated August 20, 2026 is attached hereto and made part hereof.
3. This waiver shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any other requirement of the Police Department promotional process.
4. All Township Officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

No. 26-212
By: Councilman Schott

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CYBERSECURITY UPGRADES TO JCT SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System has awarded contracts to various vendors as successful bidders for various contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell is authorized by law to purchase goods or services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County bid BC-BID-24-38 was awarded to JCT Solutions for Computer Equipment and peripherals; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell desires to improve cybersecurity systems of the Township's IT infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said upgrades under the Bergen County Bid BC-BID-24-38 is $22,939.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified in writing hereon that funds are available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Caldwell authorizes the cybersecurity upgrade under the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System, bid BC-BID-24-38 in an amount not to exceed $22,939.00.

No. 26-213
By: Councilman Cecere

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 IN THE REDUCED AMOUNT OF $73,839.37 FOR THE 2025 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell previously awarded the contract for the 2025 water main replacement project to John Garcia Contraction Co., Inc. in the amount of $997,531.23; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain changes to this Contract are necessary; and

WHEREAS, change order #1 was approved on June 2, 2026 resulting in an increase in the amount of $18,767.47.00; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Contract, it was discovered that further minor modifications were required:

1. Various Extra Unanticipated Items, as attached — Increase of $68,824.80
2. Reduction of Various Items, as attached — Decrease of $142,664.19

WHEREAS, the aggregate cost for these modifications is a decrease of $73,839.37 and results in a 5.52% overall decrease to the original Contract amount when combined with the previously approved change order;

WHEREAS, this minor modification represents no substantial change to the quality or character of the items or work provided or the overall Contract amount;

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendations of the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer, the Governing Body wishes to approve this change order.

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

1. The above listed change order to the Contract for the project known as the 2025 various water main project to John Garcia Contraction Co., Inc. be and hereby is approved.
2. A written amendment to the contract shall be executed covering the changes made by said change orders.
3. The appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute said change orders.
4. The change to the contract price is as follows:

Original Contract Price	$ 997,531.23
Amount of Change Order #1	18,767.47
Amount of Change Order #2	<73,839.37>
New Contract Price with All Change Orders	$ 942,459.33
Percent Change of All Change Orders	- 5.52%

No. 26-214
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE BY MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL CONTRACT 15-A ITEM #7 FOR THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of West Caldwell wishes to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle from an authorized vendor with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen Chevrolet, 1 US-46, Dover, New Jersey 07801 has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract No. 15-A item #7 for the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the qualified purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the purchase is $58,961.52 for the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract for one year in the amount of $58,961.52.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of West Caldwell that Winner Ford be awarded a contract for the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle.

No. 26-215
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CLARA MAASS MEDICAL CENTER AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 30:4-27.1, et seq. (“Screening Law”) and NJAC 10:31-1.1, et seq. (“Screening Regulations”), it is the policy of this State to provide for a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person’s clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the public mental health system’s entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and, when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment to treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the importance of ensuring the safety of every person involved in civilian-law enforcement interactions, and that many of the negative outcomes that have resulted from such interactions may stem from law enforcement officers responding to situations involving individuals experiencing behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, the MHSP has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (“DHS”) to provide screening and other medical/health services in accordance with state law and regulations, within the county being served by this MOU; and

WHEREAS, DHS contracts annually with the MHSP for the provision of screening services and other services, pursuant to NJAC 10:31:10.1(c), or the Community Mental Health Services Act of 1957, as amended and DHS Contracting Policy; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the DHS have executed a separate agreement which will provide for funding for this Pilot Program upon presentation of invoices in conformance with this Agreement by the MHSP to DHS; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with the legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers may request the assistance of mental health specialists when responding to

emergency service calls that relate to behavioral health crises and mental health personnel may request assistance from officers when responding to requests for emergency screening; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve the outcomes in law enforcement's response to emergency behavioral health crisis calls, to divert individuals in crisis from unnecessary entry into the criminal justice system, and to more efficiently employ the resources of both the PPD and the MHSP as they respond to calls for service, the Parties seek to establish a Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, this MOU is intended to memorialize the relationship and delineate the responsibilities of the Parties in this cooperative joint effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing body of the Township of West Caldwell, that the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Caldwell Police Department and Clara Maass Medical Center for the joint participation of the Township of West Caldwell Police Department in the ARRIVE Together Program.

No. 26-216
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center ("CRSC") and the West Caldwell Police Department seek to collaborate on components of the community's behavioral health crisis response system to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing acute psychiatric crises; and

WHEREAS, the CRSC is a DMHAS-licensed Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Center providing 24-hour crisis receiving, assessment, observation, stabilization, and referral services; and

WHEREAS, the West Caldwell Police Department frequently encounters individuals experiencing behavioral health crises in the community and seeks clinically appropriate, safe alternatives to emergency department transport and arrest when feasible; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to formalize an affiliation to promote de-escalation, diversion to treatment, and access to the least restrictive, clinically appropriate level of care, consistent with public safety and legal requirements;

WHEREAS, the objectives are to establish a collaborative framework between the CRSC and the Law Enforcement Agency for responding to behavioral health crises, to promote safe diversion of individuals experiencing psychiatric crises to crisis stabilization services when clinically and legally appropriate and to enhance communication, coordination, and continuity of care while maintaining public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Caldwell, in the County of Essex, the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to execute a memorandum of agreement between Rutgers University and the West Caldwell Police Department.

No. 26-217
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
Brandon Gelo 11 Pleasant Avenue West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$80.00	Refund- Flag Football
Annetta Falzon 4 Essex Place West Caldwell, NJ 07006	$175.00	Refund- Math Camp

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS REFUNDS: $255.00

POOL UTILITY

Name	Amount	Reason
Richard Rios 18 Lane Avenue Apt 325 Caldwell, NJ 07006	$730.00	Refund- Pool Membership

TOTAL POOL UTILITY REFUNDS: $730.00

No. 26-218
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to issue refunds for Construction Fees collected in the Construction Department as shown below; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official 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:

Name	Amount	Reason
Mach Paving 6104 Bergenline Avenue West New York, NJ 07093	$100.00	Refund- Zoning Permit

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FEE REFUNDS: $100.00

No. 26-219
By: Councilman Wolsky

SUBJECT: R**ESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED.**

WHEREAS, The Township of West Caldwell (the "Township" or the "public body" has been duly created and is validly existing as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey pursuant to applicable laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township constitutes a "public body" as such term is defined in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, constituting Chapter 231 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1975 of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Open Public Meetings Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act permits a public body, as such term is defined therein, to exclude members of the public from portions of any "meeting", as such term is defined therein including N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., under certain limited circumstances which include, but are not limited to, (a) a discussion of pending or anticipated litigation in which the public body is or may become a party, or (b) a discussion of any matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, or (c) a discussion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or (d) a discussion regarding the purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or (e) a discussion of involving the employment, appointment or termination of employment of an existing or prospective public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township has determined that and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist that permit the governing body of the Township to discuss the matters set forth in this Resolution in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the matters set forth in this Resolution are within the exceptions and the limited circumstances set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) et seq., the governing body of the Township desires to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL, in accordance with the provisions of The Open Public Meetings Act, that the governing body of the Township hereby determines to conduct a portion of the meeting in an executive session from which members of the public will be excluded in accordance with the provisions of Open Public Meetings Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned executive session will be limited to matters relating to the following items and which matters involve, as applicable, pending, and anticipated litigation involving or expected to involve the Township, matters which fall within the attorney-client privilege, matters regarding the discussion of a collective bargaining agreement, matters relating to purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds or matters relating to personnel:

INTERVIEWS FOR SERGEANT AND CAPTAIN IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of each executive session will be prepared and maintained by the Township and with regard to each of the matters discussed in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes relating to a particular matter discussed will be made available to members of the public – (a) at such time as the matter no longer requires confidentiality as permitted by applicable laws, (b) upon the completion of a pending or anticipated litigation, or (c) upon such matter no longer falling within the attorney-client privilege, (d) upon the completion of a collective bargaining agreement including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof, or (e) upon the completion of a purchase, acquisition or lease of real property with public funds, or (f) as such disclosure may otherwise may be required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Councilman Docteroff reported that after the announcement was made that the pools would be closed, they found lifeguards for Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM. Only Cedar Street will be open. There will be a Planning Board meeting on September 14.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Councilman Cecere thanked Kevin Mackin for doing a wonderful job on the Gladstein Pavillion.

Mayor Tempesta announced that on there will be a 9/11 Ceremony on September 10 at 6 PM to remember the three West Caldwell residents that we lost on September 11, 2001, Edward Keane, Jennifer Tino, and Scott Cahill.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

On the recommendation of Council President Canale, the reports submitted by the Police Chief and Detective Bureau, Construction Official, and Court Administrator for July as received, be placed on file.

Council President Canale reported that there will be an Environmental Commission meeting on September 3.

TECHNOLOGY AND SHARED SERVICES:

Councilman Schott reported that the Board of Health will resume their meetings after the summer pause. The meeting is September 2. The Senior Citizen Transportation meeting will also resume after their summer pause on Monday, October 5.

Councilman Docteroff pointed out The Township is upgrading the cybersecurity.

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL:

Councilman Cecere asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the following Ordinance by title.

Ordinance 1912

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-38 ENTITLED MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST CALDWELL

WHEREAS, The Township of West Caldwell recognizes that the solemnization of marriages and civil unions is an important public service that enhances access to municipal government and serves the needs of residents and the public; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature enacted P.L. 2025, c. 222, amending N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 to authorize municipal clerks to solemnize marriages and civil unions; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to make this service available through the Office of the Township Clerk in accordance with New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that authorizing the Township Clerk to perform marriage and civil union ceremonies will provide an additional municipal service, increase accessibility for residents, and promote the efficient delivery of government services; and

WHEREAS, the Township has established fees for marriage licenses and related marriage services; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedule has remained unchanged since 2007, and a review of administrative and operational costs has determined that adjustments are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee revisions are intended to ensure that the fees charged reasonably reflect the costs associated with processing, issuing, and administering marriage licenses and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Township finds that updating the fee schedule is in the best interest of efficient administration and fiscal responsibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council as follows:

§ 2-38. MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES.

§ 2-38.1. General Provisions.

a. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage or civil union ceremonies by the Mayor **or Township Clerk** of the Township of West Caldwell.

§ 2-38.2. General Regulations.

a. Collection of Fees. Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor **or Township Clerk** of the Township of West Caldwell shall remit the applicable fee delineated below to be paid to the Township of West Caldwell:

1. Residents of West Caldwell ~~$125~~. **$250**
2. Nonresidents of West Caldwell ~~$200~~. **$350**
3. Transportation Allowance Varies (see below).
4. Administrative fee ~~$15~~. **$25**

b. In addition to the fees shown in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, there shall also be a Transportation Allowance for all ceremonies conducted outside of the Township of West Caldwell. Said Allowance shall be based on the actual round trip mileage from

the West Caldwell Municipal Building to the place of the ceremony, and shall be based on the then current mileage reimbursement rate established by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

c. Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred Through the Performance of Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies.

1. Receipt of fees. The fees as above calculated shall be paid by check, payable to the Registrar of Township of West Caldwell. Fees collected, other than the administrative fee, shall be deposited into the current account for disbursement to the Mayor **or Township Clerk**. The Township of West Caldwell shall retain the administrative fee.

2. Disbursement of fees and Transportation Allowance. Fees collected for each service and for the Transportation Allowance as above calculated shall be disbursed to the Mayor **or Township Clerk**, upon presentation of suitable documentation, through the appropriate budget line item and with appropriate authorization.

Councilman Cecere asked that the Ordinance be moved, published and posted as a pending Ordinance and the public hearing be set for October 6, 2026. This was seconded by Councilman Docteroff. By a roll call vote all were in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Mayor Tempesta reported that there would be a 9/11 ceremony on September 10 at 6 PM in Crane Park. There will be a concert on Labor Day. The band will be Suit and Mai Tai.

ADVISORS' REPORT:

Ms. Baltycki reported on the annual bond anticipation note sale. Our rating stayed at S&Ps highest short-term rating. There were 4 bidders on the note sale and the lowest bidder was TD Financial with a net interest cost of 2.798.

Ms. Baltycki clarified something that was on social media about the Township's audit. She pointed out that the Township is audited every year which is required by law. Everything is on our website from 2009 to 2026.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Tempesta asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Jack Gavin, a West Caldwell resident, spoke about the property reevaluation. He had concerns about renewable energy systems. Mayor Tempesta asked Ms. Baltycki to find out what the methodology is for this. He noted that the most important thing with reevaluations is that they are consistent and fair. He has no reason to believe that it won't be.

Mr Richard Wilcox, a West Caldwell resident, had concerns about the automated license plate readers. He asked Chief Capriglione some questions, which Chief Capriglione answered. Mr. Wilcox urged the Council to get rid of the license plate readers and the records or have the data storage cut back severely and stop data sharing. Council President Canale explained that the primary use of these readers is to keep the town safe. She pointed out that they have proven effective in tracking down criminals. Chief Capriglione added that the AG office sets guidelines for the retention period. He pointed out that West Caldwell does not use the Flock system. Personal information is not stored. It only stores license plates. The Police need to have proper reasons for why they need to access the information. Every LPR search that is done through the system is audited both internally as well as audited by the State of New Jersey. Chief Capriglione also said that if anyone is misusing the information they will go to jail. Mayor Tempesta said that Mr. Wilcox may want to direct his concerns to the New Jersey AG.

Mr. Gavin spoke again and asked a question about the retention period. Chief Capriglione answered his question.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:

There being no further business before the Council a motion from Councilman Cecere and a second from Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:40 pm. All were in favor. Mayor Tempesta said that the Council reserves the right to come out of closed session and vote on any matter. On a motion of Councilman Cecere, seconded by Council President Canale, the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:56 pm. Upon a voice vote, all were in favor. There was no

one from the public in attendance.

Mayor Tempesta asked Clerk DeBlasis to read the title of the following Resolution:

No. 26-220
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF LEONARD SANTIAGO TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Council that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. of Leonard Santiago to the rank of Captain of the West Caldwell Police Department be confirmed, effective September 2, 2026 at a salary of $197,285.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the Resolution be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor.

No. 26-221
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF PATRICK COOPER TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Council that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. of Patrick Cooper to the rank of Lieutenant of the West Caldwell Police Department be confirmed, effective September 2, 2026 at a salary of $181,133.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the Resolution be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor.

No. 26-222
By: Councilwoman Canale

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ANTHONY J. BERARDINO TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN THE WEST CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and the West Caldwell Council that the nomination by Mayor Joseph Tempesta, Jr. of Anthony J. Berardino to the rank of Sergeant of the West Caldwell Police Department be confirmed, effective September 2, 2026 at a salary of $159,910.

It was regularly moved by Council President Canale, seconded by Councilman Docteroff that the Resolution be approved. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council on a motion from Councilman Cecere and a second by Councilman Docteroff, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. All were in favor.

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Joann DeBlasis, Township Clerk