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**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton was held in the Municipal Conference Room of Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Grabowski called the meeting to order and presided, and announced that the location of exits should be noted for use in case of fire or other emergencies and that smoking regulations apply to the building and cell phones should be deactivated and turned off and read the following Statement of Compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 2024, which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on December 10, 2023, and was additionally advertised in the Record on December 10, 2023. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting to The Herald News and by posting of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the Clifton Website which notice stated that formal action may or may not be taken on matters to come before the Municipal Council.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D’Amato	(CD)
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were City Manager, Dominick Villano; City Attorney, Matthew Priore; Assistant City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Pastor Eric Farrar – Hope Reformed Church

PUBLIC HEARING

2024 Municipal Budget

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public hearing.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Gibson was absent.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to amend the 2024 Municipal Budget.

R352-24 Resolution to Amend 2024 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local Municipal Budget for the year 2024 was approved on the 18th day of June 2024; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, that the following amendments to the approved Budget of 2024 be made:

	From	To
Current Fund		
Appropriations		
(A) Operations – within “CAPS”		
Public Safety		
Fire		
Salaries & Wages	\$14,458,684	\$13,458,685
Salaries & Wages – American Rescue Plan	\$ 1,457,711	\$ 2,467,711
Total Fire Salaries & Wages	\$15,916,396	\$15,916,396
Police		
Salaries & Wages	\$21,751,774	\$20,751,774
Salaries & Wages – American Rescue Plan	\$ 1,457,711	\$ 2,457,711
Total Police Salaries & Wages	\$23,209,485	\$23,209,485

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2024 Local Municipal Budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, approved by the City Council on the 16th day of July 2024.

(5-2-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Latona and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to adopt the 2024 Municipal Budget.

R353-24 Resolution to Adopt 2024 Municipal Budget

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2024 City of Clifton Municipal Budget was introduced at the June 18, 2024, Meeting of the Mayor and City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the 2024 Municipal Budget was advertised for a Public Hearing and Adoption at the July 18, 2024, Meeting of the Mayor and City Council in the June 27, 2024 edition of The Herald News; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the adoption of the Municipal Budget was held on July 16, 2024, as advertised, for the 2024 Municipal Budget, which includes the Sewer Utility Budget,

WHEREAS, the User-Friendly Budget Document, as required by the State of New Jersey (NJSA 40A:4-10), was submitted to the State of New Jersey with the Introduced Budget and will be submitted for the Adopted Budget,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton that the statements of Revenue and Appropriations constitutes the local Budget of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2024, as adopted by the Mayor and City Council, by no less than a majority of the full membership of the City Council (4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Copies of the 2024 Municipal Budget be filed through the State of New Jersey’s F.A.S.T. portal for the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and one certified copy to the Passaic County Tax Office.

Roll Call:	Gibson	Y
	Kolodziej	Y
	Latona	N
	D’Amato	Y
	Pino	Y
	Sadrakula	N
	Grabowski	Y

(5-2-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Latona and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay.

PRESENTATION

Hamilton House – Kelly Ruffel, Director PC Cultural & Historic Affairs

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to support the Hamilton House project.

(6-0-1-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Latona abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2024, and the Special Meeting of July 9, 2024.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D’Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Robert Bracken, Public Safety, retired from his position of Police Lieutenant, effective July 1, 2024.
- C-2 Mark Drew, Public Safety, retired from his position of Fire Lieutenant, effective July 1, 2024.
- C-3 Victor Flaz, Public Safety, retired from his position of Special Law Enforcement Officer effective July 1, 2024.
- C-4 Victor Flaz, Public Works, retired from his position of Senior Building Maintenance Worker Low Pressure License effective July 1, 2024.
- C-5 Thomas Santeramo, Public Works, retired from his position of Gardener effective July 1, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-6 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of May 23, 2024
- C-7 Minutes of Planning Board of June 27, 2024
- C-8 Minutes of Beautification Committee of July 1, 2024
- C-9 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of June 19, 2024
- C-10 Minutes of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of June 26, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7922-24

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7922-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7922-24.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 433 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Trees and Shrubbery", More Particularly Section 433-33 (Amends Policy on Removal and Replacement of Trees)

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato to close the public hearing and adopt on roll call vote.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7912-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a motion made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 43 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities" at Section 43-2 "Membership, Terms of Office" (Adds Two Alternate Members to the Committee)

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7923-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman D'Amato, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 3 Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7924-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote.

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An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 12 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

D. Introduction of Ordinance 7925-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 2 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

E. Introduction of Ordinance 7926-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends Handicapped Parking Placard Number)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Whittles, representing CASA (Coalition Against Substance Abuse), expressed his appreciation to the City Manager, Dominick Villano, Health Officer John Biegel, and Loyal Helwani from the Health Department for their tireless efforts in combating the illegal vape/smoke shops in our community. These unscrupulous businesses have been selling illegal products and catering to minors, putting our youth at risk of addiction and exposure to harmful substances. He urged the City Council to continue supporting the Health Department in their endeavors to eliminate these illegal businesses. It's essential that we provide the necessary tools and resources to ensure that our community remains a safe and healthy place for everyone.

George Silva, 107 Mount Prospect Ave., commented that the yelling and screaming at the dais must stop. He announced a beefsteak fundraiser taking place in Botany Village on August 2, 2024.

Stuart Yourish, 1304 Wickham Terrace, is advocating for the safety of the public by bringing attention to sidewalk trip hazards. He is also calling for mandatory landscaping requirements for new developments, which would ensure that properties are properly maintained and free of hazards. Furthermore, Stuart is also advocating for the installation of speed bumps in areas where speeding vehicles are a concern.

Gary Perino, of 491 Mount Prospect Ave, recently had an exceptional experience with the City's various departments, including DPW, Police, Health Department, and City Clerk. The exceptional service he received has left a lasting impression on him. He believes that projects like ON3 will not only bring economic growth but also lead to an increased need for more police officers and firefighters to maintain public safety.

Ray Lill, 59 Stevens Road, remarked that the PBA Contract needs to be settled as soon as possible.

Matt Ward, 1 Sewall Ave, spoke about the proposed Allwood Road improvement plan.

Patty Lavender, 70 Trimble Ave., corrected Councilman Latona on his comment regarding the amount of a donation the Boys and Girls Club received from Stew Leonard's. She commented that the amount was much lower than what Mr. Latona announced at the Council Meeting.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote, the Public Session was closed.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager Dominick Villano expressed his gratitude to Tom Whittles, thanking him for his support. He offered Mr. Yourish, his business card to further discuss his concerns. Mr. Villano said he would reach out to the Police Chief, regarding speeding concerns. Additionally, City Manager Villano thanked Gary Perino for his kind words about the city's employees, acknowledging their hard work and dedication. Finally, he informed the public that another public hearing would be scheduled, in the near future, to discuss the ongoing Allwood Road project, providing an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and feedback on the proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kolodziej gave a synopsis of the latest Bond Advisory Committee meeting. The committee has been diligently reviewing the current debt service and refinancing options for the city's bonds. He remarked that they have found that refinancing some of our bonds at this time could potentially save the city a significant amount of money in interest payments over the life of the bonds. However, this would require careful consideration and planning to ensure that we do not compromise our credit rating or take on unnecessary risks. The committee discussed the consequences of rejecting the Foveonics contract, which would mean forfeiting a significant tool for the City. He gave an update regarding the recent Passaic Valley Water Commission meeting.

Councilman D'Amato announced that the Sub-Committee on Committees met and gave a recap on how they plan to streamline the numerous existing committees.

Councilman Latona announced that the Sub-Committee on Committees met, and they will bring a plan back to Council for their review. He suggested that telephone numbers be omitted from the Committee contact list. City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, commented that the list is only for her and Council's reference and should not be passed on to the public.

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COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula inquired about the status of the forensic audit, seeking clarification on the current stage of the process and any anticipated timeline for completion. She also requested an update on the status of the communications manager position. Following her privilege, Councilwoman Sadrakula extended gratitude to Tom Whittles for his work with CASA, praising his dedication to the community. Additionally, she requested that a discussion item be added to the next agenda regarding strengthening smoke shop laws and the need for speed tables. Furthermore, she expressed her objection to the proposed pilot program for ON3 project. Councilwoman Sadrakula also suggested that City Manager handle PBA contract negotiations, as she believed it would be more effective and efficient. She touched on the Allwood Road project, requesting an update on its progress. Moreover, she proposed adding a discussion item to the next agenda regarding the use of cell phones at dais, citing concerns about distractions and professionalism. In a separate matter, Councilwoman Sadrakula expressed her concern for the for elderly citizens and pets during this extreme heat wave and suggested residents look out for their well-being. She also praised Kelly Ruffel's presentation on Hamilton House museum, stating that it was informative and engaging. Finally, she requested that the Botany SID Beefsteak be featured on the City website and urged enforcement of unkept properties throughout the community.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 9:38 p.m.

Councilwoman Pino left the dais at 9:38 p.m.

Councilman Gibson took a moment to express his gratitude to several deserving individuals on their retirement. He congratulated Lieutenant Bracken Fire Lieutenant Mark Drew and Special Law Enforcement Officer and Senior Building Maintenance Worker Victor Flaz.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:41 p.m.

Councilman Gibson then turned his attention to the current heat wave, urging all residents to exercise extreme caution and take necessary precautions to stay safe. He also emphasized the importance of water safety, particularly for children. Finally, Councilman Gibson extended congratulations to Joan and Eugene Murphy on their 60th wedding anniversary, wishing them a lifetime of love, happiness, and continued good health.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 9:46 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej exercised his Council Privilege to discuss the current PBA contract negotiations. He expressed concerns regarding the council's decision to hire outside counsel to handle the contract negotiations, only to later decide to have the City Manager negotiate the contract instead. Councilman Kolodziej emphasized that this sudden change in direction is a reflection of the lack of willingness among council members to work together on this critical issue. He suggested that the lowest-paid officers should receive the first increases to save taxpayer money, retain more officers, and prevent burnout. However, his proposal was met with the cold shoulder by his fellow council members. Councilman Kolodziej emphasized the importance of including the City Manager, City Counsel, CFO, and Police Chief in the negotiation process to ensure a comprehensive and informed approach. He stressed that this collaborative effort would be crucial in reaching a fair and reasonable agreement that benefits all parties involved. Councilman Kolodziej read Recreation Department news.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 9:49 p.m.

Before concluding his remarks, Councilman Kolodziej briefly offered a Power Point presentation about the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program, highlighting its benefits and

potential applications in the city. He expressed his hope that this information would serve as a starting point for further discussion and collaboration on this matter.

Councilwoman Pino returned to the dais at 9:52 p.m.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona addressed the council, stating that he would like to bring forth several local news and events. He began by announcing that he is seeking a point of contact for flag raising ceremonies and requested that the City Clerk provide him with this information. He then expressed his gratitude to the DPW for building a shed to keep outdoor chairs from rusting, acknowledging the efforts of the department. Regarding the status of the communications manager position, Councilman Latona requested an update. Furthermore, he emphasized the need to have the sidewalk/tree ordinance revised by October 1, 2024. He also brought attention to the issue of lead inspection cost, stating that it needs to be fixed. Additionally, he mentioned that the mobile DMV has been visiting Passaic, NJ and asked Administration to have them come to Clifton for our residents. Councilman Latona also touched on the need for sidewalks to be installed in front of new construction projects, emphasizing the importance of pedestrian safety. He announced that RFPs for data and phone services need to be obtained. He also reminded the public that annual job recruitment will begin on July 22nd. He expressed concern regarding various complaints about a vape shop on Van Houten Avenue and requested debates for candidates running for the open seat on council. Councilman Latona praised City employees for their excellent customer service and encouraged them to continue providing top-notch service. He also made a statement regarding the PBA contract, suggesting that the city manager should be responsible for negotiating it without legal counsel. The Councilman then mentioned that the Allwood Road project has a remarkably excessive cost, with just getting the plans together being a significant expense. He suggested exploring ways to reduce costs or re-evaluate the project's necessity. Councilman Latona also suggested looking into adding a County Committee liaison to improve communication between local and county governments. Regarding pilot programs, he emphasized that they can be effective if structured properly. He took a moment to acknowledge a donation from Stew Leonard's to the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton.

Finally, Councilman Latona expressed his thoughts on the recent tragic assassination attempt on former President Trump, calling for peace in our county.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato took the floor during the meeting to exercise his privilege, stating that he wished to address the recent assassination attempt on former President Trump. He expressed his gratitude that the attempt had been thwarted. However, his tone shifted when he turned to his colleagues, criticizing their behavior at the dais. He urged them to maintain a more civil and respectful atmosphere during meetings. Councilman D'Amato then turned to the topic of the upcoming municipal election in November, expressing his enthusiasm for a clean and issue-focused campaign. He also took a moment to congratulate his colleagues on the passage of the budget, and commended Kelly Ruffel for her excellent presentation regarding the Hamilton House Museum. Furthermore, he mentioned the issue of Third River flooding abatement, and asked what the cost is associated with it. Councilman D'Amato also took a moment to thank Tom Whittles of CASA for his tireless work in the community. He expressed concern about smoke shops selling illegal vapes to minors, stating that quality of life issues such as this need to be addressed. Additionally, he mentioned that PBA contract negotiations should move along promptly. He praised the good people working at City Hall. Finally, he announced that he would like Council to send a letter to the County regarding concerns about the Allwood Road project.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino announced the Theater League's Murder Mystery Dinner event. She extended her appreciation to all those who participated in the recent Unity Series events. Councilwoman Pino would like to thank Kelly Ruffel, Director PC Cultural & Historic Affairs, for an outstanding presentation about the Hamilton House. She encourages everyone to visit Hamilton House and learn more about its rich history. Councilwoman Pino promoted her ECHO

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Summer Camp. She announced that openings for the camp are still available. She announced that her organization will be hosting a food distribution event soon. This event aims to provide food assistance to those in need within our community. Councilwoman Pino announced that the Latino Leaders Carnival is just around the corner and that the City will be raising the Ecuadorian flag at City Hall to recognize Ecuador. Councilwoman Pino encourages everyone to attend this special ceremony. Finally, Councilwoman Pino addressed that ongoing contract negotiations between the City and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) union should be negotiated between the City Manager and the Union. She does not feel that an attorney needs to be present.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski began by thanking Kelly Ruffel for her presentation on the Hamilton House Museum. He expressed his appreciation for her efforts to preserve the history of the area and her commitment to promoting cultural heritage. However, the Mayor quickly turned his attention to a pressing issue in the community. He noted that several smoke shops in the area have been selling illegal products to minors, and he emphasized that something must be done to address this problem. He urged the council to work together to find a solution and ensure that these businesses are held accountable for their actions. The Mayor then addressed a concern raised by residents regarding the Allwood Road project. He announced that the county has heard their concerns and will be setting up another meeting to discuss their concerns and possible amendments to the plan. He encouraged residents to continue sharing their thoughts and ideas, and assured them that their voices will be heard. Finally, Mayor Grabowski addressed a somber topic: the recent attempt on President Trump's life. He condemned this horrific act of violence and urged everyone in attendance to reject hate and intolerance in all its forms.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to table Item L-3 to be discussed in Executive Session.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call to vote for the following resolution separately:

R356-24 Resolution Appointing Legal Counsel to Handle Independent Investigation Services in Connection with Workplace Harassment and Retaliation Claim

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL TO HANDLE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION CLAIM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to perform an independent investigation of an allegation of workplace harassment and retaliation; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo, Esq. is hereby appointed as independent investigation counsel at the rate of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$17,500.00, to perform the investigation and render a report; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An agreement for professional legal services for outside counsel to perform independent investigation services of an allegation of workplace harassment and retaliation, the rate to be paid for said services is \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$17,500.00.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The City of Clifton has awarded a professional services contract without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)*. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo, Esq., New York, New York
Services: Independent Investigations
Project: Workplace harassment and retaliation
Amount: \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$17,500.00
Term: Through the conclusion of the investigation

(4-2-1-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to move the group.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

R351-24 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the July 16, 2024, City Council Meeting

Resolved that all claims on the attached sheets are approved as reasonable and proper claims against the City of Clifton

Current Fund	\$	19,021,356.29
Grant Fund	\$	110,959.47
General Capital Fund	\$	354,740.33
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	124,372.54
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	44,051.45
Developers Escrow	\$	9,207.72
Dog Trust	\$	3,192.42
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	239,005.00

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Trust Other	\$	73,963.65
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	248,155.17
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	22,976.05
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	776,745.96
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	201,701.90
General Liability Trust	\$	14,545.70
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	-
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		21,244,973.65

R354-24 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Medical Supplies for the City of Clifton Departments as-Needed off the Bergen County Co-Op Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON DEPARTMENTS AS-NEEDED OFF THE BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City has, and continues to have, a need to purchase medical supplies, which are available off of the Bergen County Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Association (11BCCP), the DLGS approved sister cooperative under Bergen County (CK04), from which a contract for Medical Supplies, BC-Bid-24-15, was awarded to multiple vendors, including the following: Bound Tree Medical, Stryker Sales Corporation - Medical Division, BVH Marketing, Life Assist, Inc., V.E. Ralph and Son, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the above contract, BC-Bid-24-15, provides a list of contractors from which quotes for medical supplies may be obtained, with all due diligence having been performed by Bergen County, for the term of July 1, 2024, through to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, quotes for medical supplies may be obtained by Departments, as needed, with a not to exceed amount of \$100,000 for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize procurement of Medical Supplies, via the aforesaid Bergen County cooperative contract, and therefore delegates the power to make the same to the **Amisha Jariwala, Purchasing Agent** upon the terms and conditions hereafter stated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned procurements as needed from the above-named awarded contractors off the Bergen County’s NJCPA Cooperative Contract No. BC-Bid-24-15, through to June 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the using departments shall be required to obtain written quotes from the list of awarded contractors, and that the City’s use of this cooperative shall not exceed \$100,000 from date of award through to June 30, 2026.

R355-24 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Administration of Spatial Data Logic Licenses and Related Services SHI International via Bergen County Cooperative (CK04) Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND AMINISTRATION OF SPATIAL DATA LOGIC LICENSES AND RELATED SERVICES SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE (CKO4) CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, via Resolution R262-16 authorized participation in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (#CK04-BERGEN); and

WHEREAS, the Building, DPW, Health, Housing, Tax Assessor has requested the City purchase fifty-four (54) licenses for Spatial Data Logic software services Code Enforcement,

WHEREAS, the MIS Coordinator received a quote from SHI International for a total amount of \$86,832.00 off the Bergen County Cooperative for the above licenses and related services; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which includes Spatial Data Logic as a licensed solution offering, was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals expires on June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Bergen County, and the contract, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The award to SHI International Corp for the fifty-four Spatial Data Logic licenses and related services is hereby authorized; and
2. The proposal submitted by SHI International Corp, for the procurement and execution of the above licenses, for a total not to exceed amount of \$86,832.00 is hereby awarded for contract term of 4-30-2024 to 4-29-2025; and
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number: 01-201-22-195-503

R357-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Gardener - Thomas D. Santeramo

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT – GARDENER – THOMAS D. SANTERAMO

WHEREAS, July 1, 2024, Gardener, Thomas D. Santeramo, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Laborer on June 7, 2004, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

GARDENER

THOMAS D. SANTERAMO

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace, and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **THOMAS D. SANTERAMO**.

R358-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Senior Building Maintenance Worker, Low Pressure and Special Law Enforcement Officer, Victor Flaz

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, LOW PRESSURE
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
VICTOR FLAZ**

WHEREAS, July 1, 2024, Senior Building Maintenance Worker, Low Pressure and Special Law Enforcement Officer, Victor Flaz, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Laborer 1 on January 5, 1998 and Special Law Enforcement Officer on August 7, 2005, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-six year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, LOW PRESSURE
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
VICTOR FLAZ**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace, and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **VICTOR FLAZ**.

R359-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Fire Lieutenant - Mark Drew

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FIRE LIEUTENANT
MARK DREW**

WHEREAS, July 1, 2024, Fire Lieutenant, Mark Drew, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on July 8, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-eight year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**FIRE LIEUTENANT
MARK DREW**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace, and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **MARK DREW**.

R360-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Police Lieutenant - Robert Bracken

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
POLICE LIEUTENANT
ROBERT BRACKEN**

WHEREAS, July 1, 2024, Police Lieutenant, Robert Bracken, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Police Officer on September 11, 1995, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-nine-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**POLICE LIEUTENANT
ROBERT BRACKEN**

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their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace, and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **ROBERT BRACKEN**.

R361-24 Resolution for Appointment to the Action Clifton Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
ACTION CLIFTON COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Honam Ng to become a Member of the Action Clifton Committee (Montclair Heights Section);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Honam Ng is hereby appointed as a Member of the Action Clifton Committee commencing this day.

R362-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License - Time Limousine

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW LIMOUSINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Limousine License application from Osman Taymis the owner and operator of Time Limousine LLC, 600 Getty Avenue, in the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, all paperwork has been completed and all fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Police and Zoning Departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for a new Limousine License from Osman Taymis, the owner and operator of Time Limousine LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

Time Limousine LLC

Owner and Operator:

Osman Taymis

Approved Vehicles:

2007 Escalade ESV 1GYKF6857R381283

2010 Mercedes Sedan WDDNG8GB2AA314676

2014 Lincoln MK2 Sedan 3LNGL2JK034821339

Approved Parking Location:

97 Melrose Avenue, North Arlington, NJ 07031

R363-24 Resolution for Appointment to the Civil Rights Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Asad Judeh to become a Member of the Civil Rights Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Asad Judeh be and is hereby appointed to the Civil Rights Committee commencing this day.

R364-24 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant Application by the City of Clifton Health Department to the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) 7/1/24-3/31/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A SUSTAINING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THE NJ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) 7/1/24 - 3/31/26

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to apply through the Health Department, for the Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) for a grant for \$168,049.00; and

WHEREAS, the funding timeline for this grant is July 1, 2024 - March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council have reviewed the application and wish to approve said request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the application for such a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and any associated documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton.

R365-24 Resolution Approving the Year 50 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan for the Use of CDBG Funds 7-16-2024

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE YEAR 50 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive Federal funds available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive funding, the preparation of a One Year Action Plan Yr. 50 - FY 2024 is required, in compliance with 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 576 and 968; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024, approved by Resolution R-257-20 dated 7/21/2020 established goals for the use of the federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant Program and identified how the City will meet the requirements of these programs in the administration of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified it will receive \$1,238,640 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires grant agreements, assurances, and certifications to be executed prior to issuing a grant award;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, as follows:

1. That the City Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development, affordable housing and emergency homeless activities with federal financial assistance including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.
- 2 That the Annual Plan for the FY 2024 CDBG Program is hereby in all respects approved and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said Plans with the minutes of this meeting.
3. That the Mayor is authorized to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and also any supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in connection with the review of this Application.

R366-24 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Cancellation of Mortgage Between City of Clifton and Ricky D. and Crystal W. Van Horn (Clifton Home Improvement Program)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF
MORTGAGE BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND RICKY D. AND CRYSTAL W.
VAN HORN(CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2020, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Ricky D. And Crystal W. Van Horn, a mortgage in the amount of \$9,370.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 218 Hamilton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 11.05, Lot 32); and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the Clifton Home Improvement Program has advised that the aforesaid mortgage has been repaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute Cancellation of Mortgage in a form satisfactory to the Law Department.

R367-24 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of a Portion of the 2024 2nd Quarter Taxes Paid on Property Known as Block 21.02, Lot 26, 111 3rd St., Owned by a Disabled Veteran

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A
PORTION OF THE 2024 2nd QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS
BLOCK 21.02 LOT 26, 111 3rd St, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has confirmed that Christopher Sanchez, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 21.02, Lot 26, 111 3rd Street has been declared 100% disabled as of May 17,2022 by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Sanchez became a resident of the City of Clifton on June 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS Christopher Sanchez has made application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for a 100% property tax exemption on the subject property in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Christopher Sanchez is entitled to the cancellation and a partial refund of the 2024 second quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, wishes to grant the application, and approved the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of June 12, 2024, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and a partial refund of the 2024 second quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$512.51 on the subject property and;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of 2024 second quarter in the amount of \$512.51 for a total refund in the amount of \$512.51 and cancel the remaining 2024 property taxes on the subject property.
2. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

R368-24 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of a Portion of the 2018 2nd Quarter Taxes, the Entire 2018 Property Taxes, the Entire 2019 Property Taxes, the Entire 2020 Property Taxes, the Entire 2021 Property Taxes, the Entire 2022 Property Taxes, the Entire 2023 Property Taxes, the 2014 1st Quarter Taxes, the 2024 2nd Quarter Taxes and the 2024 3rd Quarter Taxes Paid on Property Known as Block 41.06, Lot 4, 213 Bennington Court, Owned by a Disabled Veteran

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2018 2ND QUARTER TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2018 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2019 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2020 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2021 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2022 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2023 PROPERTY TAXES , THE 2024 1ST QUARTER TAXES, THE 2024 2ND QUARTER TAXES, AND THE 2024 3RD QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 41.06 LOT 4, 213 BENNINGTON CT, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has confirmed that Charles P. Weiss, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 41.06 Lot 4, 213 Bennington Court has been declared 100% disabled as of February 6, 2018, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS Charles P. Weiss has made application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for a 100% property tax exemption on the subject property in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Charles P. Weiss is entitled to the cancellation and a partial refund of the 2018 first quarter property taxes, the entire 2018 property taxes, the entire 2019 property taxes, the entire 2020 property taxes, the entire 2021 property taxes, the entire 2022 property taxes, the entire 2023 property taxes, the 2024 first quarter property taxes, the 2024 second quarter property taxes, and the 2024 third quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, wishes to grant the application, and approved the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of February 6, 2018, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and a partial refund of the 2018 1st quarter, the entire 2018 property taxes, the entire 2019 property taxes, the entire 2020 property taxes, the entire 2021 property taxes, the entire 2022 property taxes, the entire 2023 property taxes, and the 2024 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$54,423.24 on the subject property and;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of 2018 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$1,250.88, the entire 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$5,641.10, the entire 2019 property taxes in the amount of \$7,736.76, the entire 2020 property taxes in the amount of \$8,390.49, the entire 2021 property taxes in the amount of \$7,769.80, the entire 2022 property taxes in the amount of \$7,913.07, the entire 2023 in the amount of \$8,863.96 and the 2024 1st, 2nd, and 3rd property taxes in the amount of \$6,857.18 for a total refund in the amount of \$54,423.24 and cancel the remaining 2024 property taxes on the subject property.

To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

R369-24 Resolution Amending Resolution R446-23 Authorizing Entry into and Adoption of 360 PLUSS Program, Including Voluntary Benefits Offered Through Allstate for the Employees of the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R446-23 AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AND ADOPTION OF 360 PLUSS PROGRAM, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY BENEFITS OFFERED THROUGH ALLSTATE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R466-23 on September 19, 2023, authorizing entry into and adoption of the 360 PLUSS Program; and

WHEREAS, the Program presents a net savings to the City because the City does not have to make FICA payments for employees in the Program, there is still a cost to the Program and Resolution R466-23 did not include a certification of funds; and

WHEREAS, the within resolution amends Resolution R466-23 to include a certification of funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to attract and retain qualified employees there exists a desire to adopt the 360 PLUSS Program for the employees of the City of Clifton (hereinafter referred to as “Employer”), which will provide employees the opportunity to improve their health while also providing opportunities to obtain optional insurance coverages through provisions contained within the Affordable Care Act (ACA); and

WHEREAS, the 360 PLUSS Program consists of a Self-insured Medical Reimbursement Plan (SIMRP) and a Preventative Care Management Program, as permitted under Section 105, Section 106, and Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC); and

WHEREAS, participation in the 360 PLUSS Program is voluntary; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct financial cost to the Employer or Employees to adopt and implement the 360 PLUSS Program and related Agreements; and

WHEREAS, it was deemed that Attentive, LLC and 360 Smarter Administration, LLC have the ability to (1) maintain complete records of accounts; (2) manage accounts with absolute fidelity; and (3) provide continuing consultation to participants; and

WHEREAS, 360 PLUSS is an insurance-based service; and

WHEREAS, NJ Revised Statutes Title 40A:11-5 et al. provides that any contract the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without

public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body if (1) The subject matter thereof consists of (m) Insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, which exception shall be in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton of the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

- a) Effective as of the date of this resolution the 360 PLUSS Program, is hereby adopted by the Employer.
- b) The Mayor is authorized to execute the Compliance Agreement with Attentive, LLC and the Service Agreement with 360 Smarter Administration, LLC.
- c) There has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and representatives of Attentive, LLC and 360 Smarter Administration, LLC in the selection of Attentive, LLC and 360 Smarter Administration, LLC as contractor for the administration of the 360 PLUSS Program.

R370-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing the City of Clifton to Apply for and Obtain Funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant Program

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (ROID) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS the City of Clifton desires to apply for and obtain a FY25 ROID grant Application No. 2025-05157-0170 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$20,000.00 to expand services and programming related to the arts, sports, and education for individuals with disabilities through the following local programs:

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| 1. Art Therapy Classes | 7. Disability resource fairs |
| 2. Music Therapy Classes | 8. Professional Speakers |
| 3. Adaptive Sports classes | 9. Vocational services |
| 4. Horsemanship Program | 10. Inclusive Culinary classes |
| 5. Adaptive Swimming | 11. Organized social events |
| 6. AutismAwareness–Touch-a-Truck event | |

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

- 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2. Recognizes that a 20% match is required; and
- 3. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Clifton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

R371-24 Executive Session

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed on roll call vote to enter into Executive Session.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it essential in the furtherance of the public interest, to discuss, in closed session, as expressly permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the following subject(s), to wit:

- CON- 1 Tax Appeal - 680 Clifton, LLC (Howard Johnson) Proposed Settlement
- CON- 2 Blaze Smoke Shop Grocery - Continued Use License Application
- CON- 3 Workers' Compensation Claim - DPW - MA
- CON- 4 Workers' Compensation Claim - DPW - MA
- CON- 5 Liability Claims Against City of Clifton - January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024
- CON- 6 Amendments to Chapter 425 of the City Code - Potential Litigation
- CON- 7 Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release Terms and Conditions
- CON- 8 Deputy Fire Chief - Personnel
- CON- 9 PBA Contract
- CON- 10 Outside Counsel for Independent Investigations
- CON- 11 Black Prince Distillery Update

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public shall be excused and excluded from that portion of the Council’s meeting to be held on July 16, 2024, at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion held at such closed session can be disclosed to the public on or about the time the matter is concluded.

LICENSES

L-1 Slap Burger

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR SLAP BURGER NJ 2
T/A SLAP BURGER
ADDRESS 1348 CLIFTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07012
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW OFF THE GRILL
ZONE B-D
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

L-2 Equation USA

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF EQUATION USA, LLC
T/A EQUATION USA
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY - NEW

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for a period ending January 31, 2025, on the premises known as:
1081 PAULISON AVE ,CLIFTON NJ ,07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval
of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-3 Blaze Smoke Shop

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed
on roll call vote to table Item L-3.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman
D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF F3 HOLDINGS GROUP LLC
T/A BLAZE SMOKE SHOP
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY-CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2025, on the premises known as:
675 VAN HOUTEN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07013 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses
so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police
and Zoning Officer.

L-4 Agua Planeta Azul

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF AGUA PLANETA AZUL LLC
T/A AGUA PLANETA AZUL
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY-NEW
for a period ending January 31, 2025, on the premises known as:
208B LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval
of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

Council returned to Open Session:

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D’Amato	(CD)
Councilwoman Pino	(RP) (Absent)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were City Manager, Dominick Villano; City Attorney, Matthew Priore; Assistant
City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele
Butler.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed
on roll call vote to table Item L-3.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman
D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

July 16, 2024,

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Pino was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor