

**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 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 and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

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

Rabbi Kronenberg

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - City of Clifton - Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project

(R411) Resolution Adopting Prequalification Regulations in Connection with Bids for the Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project

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 D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to close the public session and to adopt Resolution R411.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING PREQUALIFICATION REGULATIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH BIDS FOR THE MORRIS CANAL DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton may establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualifications of prospective bidders upon contracts to be awarded by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to establish prequalification regulations for projects financially assisted by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

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WHEREAS, the City seeks such financial assistance in connection with the Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, there have been promulgated contractor prequalification regulations in connection with the Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has conducted a public hearing and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualification of perspective bidders in connection with the Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the prequalification regulations attached hereto are hereby adopted for utilization in connection with the bid for the Morris Canal Drainage Improvement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the contractor prequalification regulations is subject to review and approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services proposed regulations, a true copy of this resolution, a true copy of the hearings, copies of the two newspaper legal advertisements for public hearing and a completed, certified, standard certification form.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Danielle Jones, Human Services, Promoted to Health Educator, effective August 1, 2024 at \$62,000.00 annually.
- C-2 Kimberly Finkler, Human Services, Promoted to Health Educator, effective August 1, 2024 at \$55,000.00 annually.
- C-3 Melissa Payne, Human Services, Animal Control Officer, moved to Full Time, effective August 1, 2024 at \$42,000.00 annually.
- C-4 Genesis Ferreira-De Santana, Public Safety, resigned position of School Traffic Guard, effective August 13, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-5 Minutes of Historical Commission of June 6, 2024
- C-6 Minutes of Beautification Committee of August 5, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7927-24

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7927-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7927-24.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots", Article I, Entitled "Residential Streets", More Particularly 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Adds Caroline Avenue)

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.

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7928-24

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7928-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7928-24.

A Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$2,915,422.00 from the General Capital - Capital Improvement Fund for Public Improvements in and for the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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.

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7929-24

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7929-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7929-24.

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)

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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.

G. Adoption of Ordinance 7930-24

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7930-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7930-24.

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 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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.

I. Adoption of Ordinance 7931-24

J. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7931-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7931-24.

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 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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.

K. Adoption of Ordinance 7932-24

L. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7932-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7932-24.

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)

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

George Silva, 107 Mt. Prospect Ave., declared that he is against authorizing cannabis establishments in Clifton.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Place, pointed out that authorizing cannabis businesses to open in Clifton would boost revenue for the City.

Ray Lill, 59 Stevens Rd., spoke about the dangers of cannabis and announced that he would not be in favor of authorizing any cannabis establishments in the City.

Joe Saino, 102 Trenton Ave., announced that the Back-to-School drive, organized by the Power of One, was a successful event. He spoke about the ramifications of overdevelopment.

Alias Ragsdale, 121 Maplewood Ave., campaigned for a seat on the Board of Education.

Anthony Miragliotta, 31 John Alden Place, asked why the subject of cannabis as a revenue source was not brought up during the last budget meetings. He commented on Councilman D'Amato, who is an advocate for allowing cannabis in the City, should not be speaking on the subject since his tenure on the Council will terminate in November should he not get elected.

Gary Perino, 491 Mount Prospect Ave., thanked the Police Department for their swift solving of a recent stabbing. He spoke about the need for additional Police Officers. Mr. Perino asked City Manager, Dominick Villano, to contact the County and have them install a radar unit on Mount

Prospect Ave. to stop the speeding. He commented on the calm decorum of the Council members at the meeting. Mr. Perino remarked that notification of City events not being sent to Councilman Latona is not good transparency. He discussed tractor trailers blocking traffic near Styretowne and encouraged the Council to say no to allowing cannabis businesses in Clifton.

Donna Popowich, Dalewood Rd., commented that the past week was distressing between crime and flooding. She mentioned quality of life issues that need addressing. Ms. Popowich advocated allowing cannabis businesses in the City since it would be a good source of revenue. She spoke about the lack of communication regarding road closings and sponsorships for the Little Pantries around the City. She presented a Citizens Award to resident Gina Scaduto, for her efforts in helping people stranded in the flood.

Judy Bassford, Mountainview Drive, announced the upcoming Overdose Awareness Vigil and the 911 Memorial Service.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, seconded by Councilman Gibson to close the public session.

(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

Anthony Miragliotta – Cannabis was not brought up at the Budget Meeting because the City cannot anticipate revenue in the current year budget.

Gary Perino – He will contact the County to have a sign board installed on Mt. Prospect Ave.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, pointed out that there was flooding on Hazel Street at the intersection of Buffalo Ave., which has never flooded in the past. He commented that he will reach out to the Engineering Department in Paterson and ask them to clean the storm drains.

Councilwoman Pino left the dais at 8:50 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula objected to Councilwoman Pino leaving the dais.

Mayor Grabowski explained that it is not his purview to stop someone from leaving the dais.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, pointed out the redirecting the Third River, would be more cost effective than buying out the houses affected by the flooding.

Councilwoman Pino returned to the dais at 9:01 p.m.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej began with an announcement of an upcoming Veteran's Food Truck fundraiser aimed at supporting our local veterans. He brought forth the potential for including cannabis businesses in next year's budget discussions, suggesting that this could provide a new revenue stream for the City. He spoke about the current status of health and insurance benefits, emphasizing the cost increases and the need to plan for these increases in the budget. He asked why the Board of Education's municipal alliance meeting was cancelled. Councilman Kolodziej stressed the necessity for schools to employ Google for Education in a manner that is appropriate for students' age levels. Councilman Kolodziej highlighted the impacts of flooding, particularly as they relate to our city's antiquated infrastructure and the challenges posed by climate change. He suggested the creation of a Storm Water Utility. He noted that no bond ordinance has been passed for essential capital improvements, pointing out the urgent need for investment in our City's infrastructure. To address safety and noise concerns, due to loud and speeding cars, on Hazel Street, he proposed installing a temporary sign to curb this behavior. Lastly, Councilman

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Kolodziej reached out to City Manager Dominick Villano to discuss the process for addressing illegal apartment situations that he had previously reported.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Rosemary Pino took a moment to express her sincere apologies for briefly stepping away from the dais to assist a resident in need. She believes that lending a helping hand is an essential part of her role as Councilwoman. During her remarks, she also emphasized the importance of diversity within the city, highlighting how it enriches the cultural fabric of their community and fosters understanding among residents. As the new school year begins, she welcomed students back, encouraging them to embrace the opportunities ahead. Additionally, Councilwoman Pino is excited to promote her Echo Youth program, which aims to empower young people through mentorship and engagement.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato acknowledged the pressing issue of flooding in the Third River area and expressed his sincere apologies for the lack of action taken thus far. He committed to doing everything within his power to address this critical problem. Councilman D'Amato also shared his support for cannabis businesses, explaining that he believes they can contribute positively to the local economy and community. He expressed his growing frustration with the division and conflict that have plagued the Council, emphasizing that unity is essential for effective governance. In response to ongoing flooding concerns, he asked the City Manager about the contingency plan for such situations and inquired about the frequency of storm drain maintenance. He proposed placing a discussion item regarding Roberts Rules of Order on the next agenda. Councilman D'Amato asked that the Workshop Session ending at 7:30 to begin Executive Session, be placed on the next Agenda as a Discussion Item. He mentioned that he has received several requests regarding the installation of cricket fields. Lastly, Councilman D'Amato advocated for providing a digital version of the budget to ensure transparency and accessibility for all residents.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Bill Gibson would like to take a moment to express his gratitude to Mayor Grabowski for recognizing the valuable contributions of Councilmembers during the flag-raising ceremonies. He gave a special thanks to Gina Scaduto for her dedicated efforts in assisting individuals stranded in flood waters during the recent storm. He stated that as we welcome back students to another school year, it's an exciting time for our community. It is important to note that while Anthony's Towing contract has not been renewed, they will still continue to provide towing services. He wished Alias Ragsdale the best of luck in his campaign for a seat on the Board of Education. He voiced his opposition to the establishment of cannabis businesses in our City, as he believes it could have negative implications for our community. Councilman Gibson thanked Joe Siano for hosting a drive to collect school supplies, helping to ensure our students are well-prepared for the year ahead. While he is open to raising the police table of organization, he believes that all new positions must be thoroughly vetted and follow the established processes. He read the recreation news for upcoming events and programs. Lastly, Councilman Gibson announced the upcoming Veterans Food Festival fundraiser,

Councilwoman Sadrakula

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed on roll call vote to add a section to the Council Agenda titled "Unfinished Business" starting with the next Agenda.

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

She spoke about traffic concerns along Allwood Road. She also requested a report detailing overtime by rank for the Fire Department to better understand resource allocation. In light of the persistent flooding challenges faced by residents, Councilwoman Sadrakula directed a request be sent to the Department of Transportation to address the flooding issues at the intersection of

Route 3 and Route 46. Additionally, she raised concerns about flooding along the Third River, emphasizing the need for timely action and solutions. Councilwoman Sadrakula highlighted the necessity for the Zoning Committee to convene to discuss amendments to zoning ordinances.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to end any discussion to allow cannabis business in Clifton.

Councilman Kolodziej, asked for clarification since a Motion was made in the Workshop Session to discuss cannabis at the next Council meeting. Councilwoman Sadrakula stated her motion would over-ride the previous Motion and no discussion regarding cannabis will be held in the future.

(4-3-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman D'Amato and Councilwoman Pino voted nay.

She inquired as to the status of hiring a Communications Manager that has been pending for some time. Councilwoman Sadrakula also suggested sending a letter to the County to initiate a new meeting regarding the Allwood Road project. She addressed the increasing tractor-trailer traffic and the potential installation of speed bumps to enhance safety. In closing, she extended her best wishes to Alias Ragsdale on his candidacy for a seat on the Board of Education and expressed her gratitude to Gina Scaduto for her recent efforts in assisting individuals during the last rainstorm.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona acknowledged his military duty, which resulted in his absence from recent flag-raising ceremonies. He emphasized the need for the Veterans Committee to convene soon.

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 9:50 p.m.

He announced the upcoming Veterans Food Truck Fundraiser and commented that the recent Theatre League Dinner Show was a fantastic event. Councilman Latona took a moment to congratulate the Police Department on various employment milestones, expressing gratitude for their service. He also announced an upcoming overdose awareness vigil, signaling the Council's commitment to addressing public health issues. He inquired about the status of installing speed tables and bump outs to mitigate traffic concerns. Councilman Latona reminded attendees that a vote on the sidewalk and tree root ordinance is slated for the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:55 p.m.

He advocated for the development of all-inclusive parks and praised the Disability Advisory Committee for their promising plans. Additionally, he highlighted the issue of workforce retention within the Police Department, suggesting that adjustments be made to starting salaries to attract and retain new officers. He voiced his opposition to cannabis businesses in Clifton and extended his best wishes to Alias Ragsdale, who is a candidate for a seat on the Board of Education. Finally, Councilman Latona proposed the creation of a Council calendar to promote events throughout the City, while also addressing concerns over overdevelopment and its impact on flooding.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski remarked that at the last meeting, the proceedings devolved into a fiasco that hindered productive discussion. He commented that moving forward, it is essential for him to exert more control over the behavior exhibited during meetings to ensure an orderly environment. Mayor Grabowski clarified that only council members have the authority to call a point of order; this privilege does not extend to residents in the audience. Additionally, he acknowledged that a Councilmember has the right to leave the dais should they choose to do so, and he cannot intervene in that decision. However, it is imperative that respect is upheld at all times and wants to make it clear that the police may be called upon if necessary to maintain order. Furthermore, he stated he will not allow time to be wasted on discussions about cannabis, as there is currently

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no majority vote supporting such deliberations. Mayor Grabowski announced that it is crucial that we focus on constructive dialogue that serves the best interests of our community.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, responded to members of the Council:

Councilman Kolodziej, a sign will be posted on Hazel St. for speed limit. Mr. Villano explained the process when issuing a summons for an illegal apartment and the resident’s right to appeal.

Councilman D’Amato, regarding Plan B for the Third River improvements. Mr. Villano stated if the Army Corp of Engineers does not come through another option would be for the City to pay for the improvements through a Capitol Project or request Blue Acres to buy out the homes. Mr. Villano pointed out that the City is mandated to provide quarterly reports of storm drain maintenance. He responded that the City does not have many properties large enough to accommodate the game. The Recreation Department is currently looking into finding a solution. Mr. Villano stated that the Communications Manager position is currently being advertised and resumes are being received.

Councilwoman Sadrakula, City Manager, Dominick Villano, remarked that a second meeting with the County will be set up after Labor Day to discuss the Allwood Road project.

Councilman Latona, City Manager, Dominick Villano, stated that the speed tables and bump outs will be installed on Haddonfield and Main Ave. He asked Council to decide, at the next meeting, whether they prefer rubber or asphalt speed tables.

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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.

R398-24 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the August 20, 2024, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the
Meeting of August 20, 2024**

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

Current Fund	\$	7,460,504.92
Grant Fund	\$	293,545.91
General Capital Fund	\$	105,762.00
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	556,720.04
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	7,268.47
Developers Escrow	\$	17,188.06
Dog Trust	\$	2,724.19
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	343,824.00
Trust Other	\$	1,534,665.91
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	270,671.26
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	29,353.60
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	326,909.30

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Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	86,622.61
General Liability Trust	\$	25,570.76
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	10,969.78
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS	11,072,300.81	

R99-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal for Payroll City of Clifton Processing, Human Resource Management and Time and Labor Management Services to Primepoint

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL
FOR PAYROLL TY OF CLIFTON
PROCESSING, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND TIME AND LABOR
MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PRIMEPOINT**

OPTION YEAR 1 and 2-11/1/2024 - 10/31/2026

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton solicited proposals through the competitive contracting process for Payroll Processing, Human Resource Management and Time & Labor Management Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 419-21 was approved by the governing body on September 21, 2021 for the initial three-year contract term of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City has the option to renew said contract for two one-year options or one two-year options in accordance with the competitive proposals received on July 27, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for Payroll Processing, Human Resource Management and Time & Labor Management Services is hereby extended for option Holly, NJ 08060 at \$190,720.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be kept on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no services and/or goods shall commence prior to issuance of a Purchase Order by the Finance Department.

R400-24 Resolution Awarding Contract to Foveonics Imaging Technologies, Inc. for Cloud-Based File Management Services Through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO FOVEONICS IMAGING
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR CLOUD-BASED FILE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, since the onset of COVID-19, the City of Clifton has helped reduce the potential spread of the virus by creating digital resources for forms, records, applications, purchase orders, and other OPRA applicable documents, via cloud-based document management; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey State Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services record retention guidelines, the capture of document files as digital images is an acceptable form of record retention; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) cooperative, which has awarded contract number ESCNJ 22/23-11, for Document Management for Records Retention and Disposal to Foveonics Imaging Technologies, Inc., located at 999 Willow Grove Street, Suite 3A, Hackettstown, NJ 07840, inclusive of the same services as the previous ESCNJ contract, for the period of July 1, 2022 through to June 30, 2024 extended till June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Foveonics Imaging Technologies, Inc., has successfully provided the City with services that include capturing, cataloging, and converting documents to high resolution web-accessible images during Phase I, originally financed by the County Cares grant; and

WHEREAS, the above ESCNJ award allows Phase II of the City's Document Management project, which began with R394-21, adopted September 8, 2021, to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the above services are utilized City-wide, and are requested to be authorized for continuance of Phase II of the project, in an as-needed amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, extended till June 30, 2025, to be funded out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), for which the above services were approved; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for Foveonics Imaging Technologies, Inc., located at 999 Willow Grove Street, Suite 3A, Hackettstown, NJ 07840, be awarded through to June 30, 2025, for which all expenditures shall be predicated on accomplished benchmarks, comprehensive and detailed invoicing, via a properly executed purchase order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed hereby to execute such agreement, upon approval of the Law Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no services/and or goods shall commence prior to issuance of a Purchase Order by the Finance Department.

R401-24 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Advertise a Request for Proposal for Municipal Auditing Services for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, the City of Clifton requires the services of an independent auditing firm to conduct a comprehensive audit of its financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to ensure that its financial operations are conducted with transparency and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive proposals in accordance with 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, for Municipal Auditing Services for fiscal year ending in 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Proposers shall be published once in the legal newspaper of the City of Clifton in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R402-24 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Advertise a Request for Proposal for Financial Planner Advisory Services for City of Clifton for Year 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON FOR YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, the City of Clifton requires the professional services of a qualified Financial Advisor to provide expert financial guidance and assistance in connection with the City’s financial planning, debt management, and other related matters; and

WHEREAS, the City Counsel deems it necessary and in the best interest of the City to solicit proposals from the experienced and qualified Financial Advisory firms; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to ensure that its financial operations are conducted with fair, competitive and transparent manner and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive proposals in accordance with 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, for Financial Advisory Services for year 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Proposers shall be published once in the legal newspaper of the City of Clifton in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R403-24 Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for Health Insurance Broker and Property and Casualty Insurance Broker for the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER AND PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE BROKER FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4-1, local contracting units may procure insurance broker services through requests for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires health insurance and property and casualty insurance broker services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the City of Clifton has prepared Request for Proposals for said services;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for the advertisement of requests for proposals for both health insurance broker and property and casualty insurance broker services for 2025.

R404-24 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Advertise a Request for Proposal for Bond Counsel Services for City of Clifton for Year 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON FOR YEAR 2025

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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, the City of Clifton requires the professional services of a qualified Bond Counsel to provide legal advice and assistance related to the issuance of bonds and other financial matters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Counsel deems it necessary and in the best interest of the City to solicit proposals from the experienced and qualified Bond Counsel firms; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to ensure that its financial operations are conducted with fair, competitive and transparent manner and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive proposals in accordance with 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, for Bond Counsel Services for year 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Proposers shall be published once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R405-24 Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase of the Technology Products Through SHI International Via Bergen County Cooperative (CD04) Contract and New Jersey State NASPO Contract

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF THE TECHNOLOGY
PRODUCTS THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA
BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE (CK04) CONTRACT AND NEW JERSEY
STATE NASPO CONTRACT**

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department has a need purchase certain Technology products for departments and vehicles including hardware, software and applications which are necessary for the day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department requests from SHI International for a total amount of \$300,000 off the Bergen County Cooperative and state contracts; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #22-24 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873 and New Jersey State has awarded NASPO contract 21-TELE- 01506; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the Bergen County contract #22-24 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals expires on June 5, 2026 and NASPO contract expires on September 30,2024; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Bergen County and State 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 purchase of the Technology Products is hereby authorized; and
2. The Procurement of Technology Products from SHI International Corp, for a total not to exceed amount of \$300,000 is hereby awarded; and
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number:

- 01-203-31-458-251 (Purchase of Vehicles)
- 01-201-25-240-225 (Computer Equipment & Supplies)
- 01-201-25-240-405 (Maintenance & Repairs)
- 01-201-25-240-503 (Contractual Services)
- 01-201-25-240-242 (Other Equipment)

R406-24 Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement (Block 80, Lot 70)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT (BLOCK 80, LOT 70)

Block: 80
Lot: 70
Street Address: 680 Route 3 West
Owner: 680 Clifton, LLC
 (Howard Johnson Hotel)

WHEREAS, an appeal of the tax assessment for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 has been filed for the above-noted property; and

WHEREAS, an adjustment(s) in the assessed value has been recommended by the City’s expert appraiser, Mark Hendricks, and concurred with by the City Tax Assessor, Matthew Rinaldi, as reflected on Exhibit A attached hereto, and as these adjustments will cause the assessment to reflect the actual fair market value of said property as reflected by comparable sales and/or income and expense data; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that the tax assessment adjustment(s) for the above referenced property is approved for the years as reflected on Exhibit A, and the Law Department is authorized to execute an appropriate Stipulation of Settlement agreeing to the entry of a judgment reflecting these adjustments.

R407-24 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a 2019 Dodge Multi Passenger Vehicle Donated to the City of Clifton Senior Citizen Outreach Program from New Trimble Auto Body

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A
2019 DODGE MULTI PASSENGER VEHICLE
DONATED TO THE CITY OF CLIFTON SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM
FROM
NEW TRIMBLE AUTO BODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for acceptance of a 2019 Dodge Multi Passenger Vehicle, Vin: 2C4RDGBG7KR805243Z, donated to the City of Clifton Senior Citizen Outreach Program from New Trimble Auto Body, 214 Trimble Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011.

R408-24 Resolution for Moving Alternate Members of the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee

**RESOLUTION MOVING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE CLIFTON
ARTS CENTER & SCULPTURE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey is aware of a member vacancy on the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee; and

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WHEREAS, currently, Kathleen Kellaigh holds the position of Alternate #1 and Barbara Novak currently holds the position of Alternate #2 on said 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 Kathleen Kellaigh be moved from Alternate #1 to Member of the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee commencing this day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Barbara Novak be moved from Alternate #2 to Alternate #1 commencing this day.

R409-24 Resolution for Appointment to the Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Arnold Korotkin to become Alternate #1 of the Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Arnold Korotkin be and is hereby appointed as Alternate #1 to the Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities for a four-year term commencing this day through December 31, 2028.

R410-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and St. Peter's Haven as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG-CV (Round 3 Covid Cares Act Funding) Food Pantry - Transfer Approved 8-7-2024 Council #R392-24 \$75,000

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND ST. PETER'S HAVEN AS
GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG-CV (ROUND 3 COVID CARES ACT FUNDING)
FOOD PANTRY – Transfer Approved 8-7-2024 Council R 392-24 \$75,000**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and St. Peter's Haven, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG-CV Round 3 COVID CARES Act funding grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Food Pantry, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 20, 2024 through August 24, 2026 amendment number B-20-MW-34-0103 in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton

R412-24 Executive Session

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, 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.

Councilwoman Sadrakula objected to discussing CON-5 in Executive Session.

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 Clifton Supervisors Association (CSA) - Contract Negotiations - 2023-2026
- CON-2 Employment Contracts with Police Chief, Fire Chief and City Manager
- CON-3 Book Hun Lee and Estate of Lee v. City of Clifton, et al - Docket No.
PAS-L-001872-21
- CON-4 PBA Interest Arbitration
- CON-5 Late -Investigation into Complaint of Harassment by R.P.
- CON-6 Late - Black Prince Distillery – Taxes
- CON-7 Late – Anthony’s Towing – License Non-Renewal

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 August 20, 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 Grand Saloon

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR HEIRLOOM HOSPITALITY, LLC
T/A GRAND SALOON, THE
ADDRESS 940 VAN HOUTEN AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07013
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW GRANDE SALOON, THE
ZONE PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

L-2 Lakeview Bagels & Deli

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR LAKEVIEW BAGEL & DELI LLC
T/A LAKEVIEW BAGELS & DELI
ADDRESS 78 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER/BAKERY/MILK-
CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW LAKEVIEW BAGELS & DELI
ZONE M-2
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-3 Village Stationary

AVD Village, LLC
t/a Village Stationery
385 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013
Preliminary Approval
Grocery - continued use

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L-4 Subzi Mandi Farmers Market

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR SUBZI MANDI CLIFTON INC
T/A SUBZI MANDI FARMERS MARKET
ADDRESS 1006 U.S. 46, UNIT 9A CLIFTON, NJ 07013
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER/GROCERY/MILK-
CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW FILSTOP
ZONE B-D
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.

L-5 Bravo

Mena & Peralta Supermarket, LLC
t/a Bravo
218 Dayton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011
Final Approval
Grocery/Milk - continued use

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)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Butler, Deputy City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor