

**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 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) (Via Zoom)
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

Rabbi Kronenberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024, and the Special Meeting and Special Executive Session of September 12, 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 Greilyn Santin, Public Safety hired as School Traffic Guard, at \$16.00 hourly, effective September 4, 2024.
- C-2 Ana Recse, Public Safety hired as School Traffic Guard, at \$16.00 hourly, effective September 4, 2024.
- C-3 Scott Burgess, Public Safety, hired as School Traffic Guard, at \$16.00 hourly, effective September 12, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-4 Minutes of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of July 10 and August 14, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7933-24

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7933-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to Ordinance 7933-24.

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 367 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Retail Food Establishments" at Various Locations (Revises Licensing Provisions to Add Section for Temporary Food Establishments)

(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 7934-24

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7934-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to Ordinance 7934-24.

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

A Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$680,000.00 from the General Capital - Fund Balance for Public Improvements in and for the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey

(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 7935-24

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7935-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to Ordinance 7935-24.

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

A Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$640,000.00 from the Sewer Utility Capital - Fund Balance for Public Improvements in and for the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey

(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 7936-24

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7936-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to Ordinance 7936-24.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Place, asked Council to explain in layman's terms the definition of this Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 461 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Zoning", More Particularly Article XI Thereof, Entitled "Definitions and Word Usage", Section 461-64, Entitled "Definitions" (Amends Definition of Height of Building)

(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 7937-24

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7937-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to Ordinance 7937-24.

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Clifton Arts Center Gallery and Sculpture Park Committee" at Section 17-1 and Section 17-2 (Increases Board Membership to Include a Representative From Montclair State University)

(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 7940-24

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 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 2 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 Tuesday, October 1, 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.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7941-24

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" (Adds 13 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 Tuesday, October 1, 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 7942-24

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 Latona, 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 7 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 Tuesday, October 1, 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 7943-24

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 Latona, 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 Tuesday, October 1, 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 7944-24

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 Latona, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Create Chapter 160 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Block Parties"

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 Tuesday, October 1, 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.

F. Introduction of Ordinance 7945-24

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

A Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Utility Capital - Capital Improvements Fund for Public Improvements in and for the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey

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

G. Introduction of Ordinance 7946-24

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

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 Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Adds Sherman Place)

(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

Ed Nunez, 230 Livingston St., campaigned for the open seat on the City Council.

Joe Holzli, 75 Mountainside Terrace, spoke about a tree down in the Third River and that Blue Acre buyouts are not a good idea because the City loses those ratables forever.

Avraham Eisenman, announced an upcoming candidate forum, invited all residents to attend and urged all to register to vote.

Alessia Eramo, 35 Merrill Rd., expressed her support for Chris D'Amato to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., spoke about a patriotic house display he saw in the City. He discussed abandoned and abused animals and the process for prosecuting the offenders.

Henry Cholewczyński, 37 Phyllis Place, expressed his dissatisfaction with the recent work done by PSE&G contractors on Phyllis Place. The road was torn up and repaved, but the job was done poorly and left the area looking bad. He believes the contractor should be responsible for this subpar work and should be held accountable for fixing the issue. He commended the DPW for their excellent work on installing flood control measures in Latteri Park. The job was done at a minimal cost and is a great example of how our community can benefit from responsible government spending. Mr. Cholewczyński pointed the neglect of animals that are left abandoned

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at the city animal shelter and feels that it is crucial that we have video surveillance in place to catch and prosecute those responsible for these acts.

Alias Ragsdale, 121 Maplewood Ave., campaigned for a seat on the Board of Education. He noted that the Van Houten Avenue Street Fair was a nice event.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, thanked Council for approving the candidate forum at City Hall being run by her Social Media group. She remarked that the Van Houten Street fair was a great event, and they collected many food items for the Little Pantries. She thanked Mayor Grabowski for giving the Little Pantry volunteers a table to collect the food and presented Mayor Grabowski with her personal "Citizen of the Month Award".

Judy Bassford, 92 Mountainview Drive, thanked all who attended the 9/11 memorial service and the volunteers who set up the Avenue of Flags for the memorial.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., thanked the City Manager, Dominick Villano, for having Lowry Field cleaned up. He pointed out that there is still no Dog Park and the memorial plaque that was stolen was not properly replaced. Mr. Ciervo expressed his displeasure of Council members using cell phones at the dais.

Michelle Gaudet, 28 Bergen Ave., expressed her gratitude for the community's support of the Tricky Tray event at St. Peter's Haven, which was a resounding success. She also highlighted the completion of painting the crosswalks, enhancing safety measures for pedestrians. However, she raised concerns about a shortage of crossing guards, which continues to pose a challenge for the community. Additionally, Michelle addressed the issue of incorrect street signage that has been affecting navigation and safety. Looking ahead, she announced the upcoming Empty Bowl fundraiser, encouraging community members to participate in this meaningful event to support local initiatives.

Barbara James, (Via Zoom) 7 Rosedale Ave., thanked the supporters and volunteers of the Little Free Pantries.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote 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

Joe Holzli – City Manager, Dominick Villano, pointed out that the tree Mr. Holzli is referring to did not come loose and float down the river and could not possibly be the cause of the flooding.

Gary Perino – City Manager, Dominick Villano, stated that he did not know that the City does not prosecute animal abuse. City Attorney, Matthew Priore, interjected and pointed out that he believes that prosecution of this nature is done by the County.

Henry Cholewczynski – City Manager, Dominick Villano, agreed that the paving on Phyllis place was sub-par and will follow up with contractor to redo the work.

Bart Ciervo – City Manager, Dominick Villano, thanked Mr. Ciervo for noticing the improvements in Dunny Park. Mr. Villano remarked that more work is needed there.

Michelle Gaudet – City Manager, Dominick Villano, commented that the crossing guard table of organization will soon be full due to several new hires being processed. He stated that he would look into replacing signs and painting crosswalks where needed.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced to Council that the Communication Manager ad was closed, and he received 32 resumes. He is now in the process of setting up interviews.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato began his remarks by apologizing for being late to the meeting, emphasizing the importance of civility and kindness during election season, and encouraging everyone to get out and vote. He inquired whether the City Manager had received any updates from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regarding potential aid for the Third River flood. In a positive note, he shared that he had contacted Senator Cory Booker's office and made a valuable connection there. He proposed an ordinance change that would allow campaigning on public property, highlighting the need for a respectful electoral environment. Councilman D'Amato took a moment to express his gratitude to Avraham Eisenman for hosting an upcoming candidate forum, as well as to Judy Bassford for her efforts in organizing the 9/11 memorial service. He firmly stated that animal abusers should face prosecution. He also raised concerns regarding cell phone use at the dais, suggesting it should be addressed further. Finally, he announced an upcoming Tricky Tray event at St. Peter's Haven and encouraged the public to report any street signs that need replacement directly to him.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson wished Ed Nunez the best as he is running for the open council seat. Additionally, he raised a concern with Joe Holzli regarding a tree that is stuck in the Third River, advocating for its removal through the proper governmental channels, while acknowledging the often slow and frustrating nature of municipal processes. Councilman Gibson took a moment to thank Avraham Eisenman for hosting an upcoming candidate forum. He also shared his support for Chris D'Amato's campaign for the council seat, highlighting the importance of solid leadership in the local government. He announced plans to visit Latteri Park to witness the impressive work completed by the Department of Public Works. Moreover, Councilman Gibson communicated with City Manager Dominick Villano, urging action on the poor paving conditions observed on Phyllis Place and surrounding areas, which require immediate attention. He complimented Judy Bassford for her efforts in organizing a 9/11 memorial, demonstrating the community's commitment to remembrance and resilience. Finally, he urged all residents to participate in the upcoming Veterans Day parade, underscoring the importance of honoring those who have served the nation.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula expressed her frustration with PSE&G and asked if they were put on notice for the poor paving following their road openings. She called for accountability and an ordinance change regarding animal abuse, deeming it pathetic and deserving of prosecution. Councilwoman Sadrakula also shared positive news about the recent hiring of new crossing guards and upcoming candidate forums, reminding constituents that they can only vote for one candidate when the time comes for the city council seat. She commended the Department of Public Works for their excellent work at Latteri Park and emphasized the importance of allowing candidates to speak freely during discussions without questions at the ballot box.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to place an item on the next Council Agenda to discuss the process of the Ballot Box.

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

Furthermore, she raised concerns about the whereabouts of promised speed tables, inquired whether PSE&G is current with their payments for police work, and recommended discontinuing the use of cell phones at the dais to maintain decorum.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to add an item to the next Council Agenda to discuss the use of cell phones at the dais during Council meetings.

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

Additionally, Councilwoman Sadrakula pointed out issues of selective enforcement regarding sidewalks, recognized the Athenia Business Association for a successful recent street fair, and expressed gratitude to Judy Bassford for her work on the 9/11 memorial, as well as thanking all volunteers for their efforts in keeping the little pantries operational.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona began by highlighting recent local news and events, noting that the bond meeting held last week was productive. He expressed support for the newly proposed 35-foot height limit on new homes, calling it a positive development for the community. Latona ask for an update on the hiring of new police officers, emphasizing the importance of bolstering public safety. He mentioned the upcoming candidate forums as a critical opportunity for community engagement.

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

Councilman Latona called for an updated report on leased vehicles, and he pressed for the inclusion of a forensic audit on the agenda to ensure proper checks and balances regarding the City's finances. He raised concerns about trust funds and the usage of emergency language in RFPs (Requests for Proposals), stressing the need for transparency. Additionally, he highlighted the necessity to address surplus and medical insurance costs and suggested the City offer services to assist residents with tree roots that disrupt sidewalks. Councilman Latona also emphasized the need for a thorough cleaning of the Third River and called for further investigation into a recent animal abuse case. He praised Judy Bassford for her role in the successful 9/11 memorial ceremony and noted the completion of many new crosswalks in the area.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:45 p.m.

Furthermore, he raised concerns about the crossing guard contract and suggested it be placed on the next agenda for a detailed discussion, as he believed the current structure was flawed. Finally, he reflected on the upcoming anniversary of the Israel-Hamas war.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that currently there are 13 candidates being considered as new police officers.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej exercised his council privilege by presenting the bond committee and municipal alliance reports. He emphasized the importance of reviewing the proposed ordinance changes regarding City committees in response to various complaints and concerns raised by several committee members. Councilman Kolodziej asked Administration to obtain a comprehensive report from the tax office regarding veteran property tax refunds and suggested that this topic be included on the agenda for further discussion in the upcoming meeting. Councilman Kolodziej also pointed out that the current SALT act is nearing its expiration date and urged his colleagues to support its termination aiding residents to be able to deduct the full amount of property taxes when filing yearly income taxes.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino expressed her gratitude to Councilman Kolodziej for his informative update on the Municipal Alliance Committee. She extended a warm welcome back to all students and staff as they embark on another school year. Councilwoman Pino acknowledged the Recreation

Department for their wonderful efforts in providing engaging programs for our residents. She announced that her ECHO program is up and running and proclaimed that Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in September. Councilwoman Pino announced the upcoming Latino Leaders of Clifton Carnival and urged all to attend. She stated that she was pleased to attend the Athenia Business Association Street Fair, which was an excellent event. Lastly, she recognized the Clifton Health Department for their commitment to embracing the ADA and supporting individuals with special needs.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski took a moment to highlight the significance of the 9/11 memorial service held in our community, emphasizing how it served as a poignant reminder of unity and remembrance. He thanked Donna Popowich for awarding him her Citizen of the Month award. Mayor Grabowski reported on the success of the Athenia Business Association Street Fair, which brought residents together for a day of celebration, showcasing local businesses, and fostering a strong sense of community.

City Manager Dominick Villano pointed out that the City Engineer has put PSE&G on notice for the sub-par paving work in the area of Phyllis Place and the speed bumps and bump outs are being ordered and one will be placed on Third Street and the other on Dwasline Road.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

None.

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, 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.

R435-24 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the September 17, 2024, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the
Meeting of September 17, 2024**

	\$	
Current Fund	18,253,161.44	
	\$	
Grant Fund	465,838.16	
	\$	
General Capital Fund	14,215.00	
	\$	
Sewer Utility -Operating	4,142.34	
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	-
	\$	
Developers Escrow	12,731.00	
	\$	
Dog Trust	586.88	
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	-
	\$	
Trust Other	50,850.35	
	\$	
Section 8 Public Housing	1,359.00	
Reserve for Housing	\$	-

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	\$	
Community Development	37,522.42	
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
	\$	
Self Insurance	1,383,562.15	
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	-
	\$	
General Liability Trust	1,227.00	
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	-
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS	20,225,195.74	

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

R436-24 Resolution - Corrective Action Plan for the Annual Audit Ending December 31, 2023

**RESOLUTION
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE
ANNUAL AUDIT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

WHEREAS, the annual Audit Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023, was delivered to the City Clerk’s Office on August 28, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the annual Audit Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023, was received by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton in their Meeting Packets for the September 3, 2024, (A-4, R417-24) Council Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) requires a Corrective Action Plan to be prepared and submitted within sixty (60) days from the date the annual Audit is received by the Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan covers all findings and recommendations in the Audit Report, including State, Federal, and General Findings; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan should be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, with the assistance from other Municipal Officials affected by the Audit Recommendations, and approved by the Governing Body,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer in response to the three (3) findings and recommendations included as part of the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

R437-24 Resolution - Award Contract to NW Financial to Provide Unclaimed Property Locator Services

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC FOR
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LOCATOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton would like to search for Unclaimed Property due to the City; and

WHEREAS, NW Financial provides a service to investigate unclaimed property lists throughout the Country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton currently utilizes NW Financial Group for American Rescue Reporting and Assistance without problem; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Action Item A-1 at the September 3, 2024, City Council Meeting for this contract; and

WHEREAS, the compensation to provide this service would be ten (10%) percent of the value recovered on behalf of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the Proposal to Provide Unclaimed Property Locator Serv ices as outlined in the proposal dated August 13, 2024, to NW Financial Group, LLC, 522 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate City Officials be authorized to sign and execute this contract.

R438-24 Resolution - Close and Cancel Expired Grants in the Grant Fund

**RESOLUTION CANCELING
GRANT APPROPRIATION BALANCE**

WHEREAS, there exists Grant Appropriation Balances that are no longer valid as grants have expired in the Grant Fund of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to close said grants and remove these grants from the records of the City of Clifton’s Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has researched these balances to confirm the validity of the grants below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the following grants be closed and all financial records be canceled thereby closed from the records of the City of Clifton; and

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Grant Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-213-40-701-001	William Street Fire Station	\$ 56,376.29
02-213-40-701-002	SAFER Grant	\$ 10,588.49
02-213-40-701-099	2018 HMEP Hazardous Mat	\$ 143.38
02-213-40-701-100	2018 FEMA Assist to Fire	\$ 30,523.62
02-213-40-701-101	AFG-S COVID-19	\$ 22,864.52
02-213-40-701-102	2022 ARPA Fire Grant	\$ 137.55
02-213-40-702-019	Partners for Health	\$ 0.88
02-213-40-704-001	Emergency Manage Grant	\$ 38,554.83
02-213-40-705-010	Pedestrian Safety	\$ 303.38
02-213-40-705-015	Highway Safety – NJDOT	\$ 1,171.00
02-213-40-705-017	Sustained Enforcement	\$ 540.00
02-213-40-705-088	NJ State CERT Trailer	\$ 61.40
02-213-40-706-005	2017 CSIP Resiliency Plan	\$ 1,253.00
02-213-40-706-006	2018 TD Bank Green Streets	\$ 2,275.00
02-213-40-718-000	US Homeland Security	\$ 54,400.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk’s Office send a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the City Auditors and the Finance Office.

R439-24 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Bid for 2024 NJDOT Sidewalk and Curb Improvements

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
2024 NJDOT SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton shall incur no expense exceeding \$17,500, except where either authorized by law or waived by the Municipal Council up to the State of New Jersey bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks construction services estimated to cost in excess of \$17,500 without waiver; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes ADA upgrades and the replacement of curbs and sidewalks on Chelsea Road, Clairmont Road, Gerald Avenue, Hilltop Court, Jacklin Court, Kozy Lane, Meadow Lane, Glen Oaks Court, Winding Way and Woods End Road; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer of the City of Clifton has prepared Bid Specifications, Notice to Bidders, Proposals and Specifications for said improvements in anticipation of the public bidding for same and finds same to be acceptable for public bidding; 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 public bids for the services described therein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Bidders shall be published once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton no later than the next Municipal Council meeting, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

R440-24 Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase of Structural Firefighting Gear from Skylands Area Fire Equipment and Training LLC Via New Jersey State Contract

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF STRUCTURAL
FIREFIGHTING GEAR FROM SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT AND
TRAINING LLC VIA NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has a need purchase Structural Firefighting Gear as the current gear is in poor condition and will reach the end of life in December 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department requests quote from Skylands Area Fire Equipment for a total amount of \$800,718.27 off the New Jersey State Contract Morning Pride dba: Honey 17-Fleet-00810, Innotex 17-Fleet-00833, Majestic Fire 17-Fleet-00806; and

WHEREAS, above New Jersey State Contracts was awarded to Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training LLC., located at 23 Hamburg Turnpike Unit A, Riverdale NJ 07457; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the New Jersey State Contract Morning Pride dba: Honey 17-Fleet-00810, Innotex 17-Fleet-00833, Majestic Fire 17-Fleet-00806 expires on June 14,2025; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by New Jersey State Contract which was awarded to Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training LLC., located at 23 Hamburg Turnpike Unit A, Riverdale NJ 07457; and

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

The award to Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training LLC. for the purchase of the Structural Firefighting Gear is hereby authorized; and

The Procurement of Structural Firefighting Gear from Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training

LLC., for a total not to exceed amount of \$800,718.27 is hereby awarded; and

R441-24 Resolution to Purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. for the City of Clifton off of NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS
FROM NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO. FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON
OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Fire Department has need to purchase the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850 for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), expiring June 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., located at 119-31 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize the aforesaid mentioned purchases and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., located at 119-31 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850, in an amount not to exceed \$642,172.10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for Fire department and division usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

Certification of Funds: Based on Capital Ordinance#7928-24

R442-24 Resolution to Purchase Structural Firefighting Boots for the Fire Department from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. for the City of Clifton off of NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE STRUCTURAL FIRE FIGHTING BOOTS FOR THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC. FOR THE
CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Fire Department has need to purchase the Structural Fire Fighting Boots; and

WHEREAS, Witmer Public Safety Group Inc. was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00805 for Structural Fire Fighting Boots, expiring June 14, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from Witmer Public Safety Group Inc., located at 101 Independence Way Coatesville PA 19320, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00805; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize the aforesaid mentioned purchases and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Witmer Public Safety Group Inc., located at 101 Independence Way Coatesville PA 19320, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00805, in an amount not to exceed \$83,050.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for Fire department and division usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

R443-24 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC for Redevelopment Counsel Services for the Former Hoffman La Roche Property

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC, FOR REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE FORMER HOFFMAN LA ROCHE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, a professional services contract for redevelopment counsel services for the former Hoffman La Roche property, was awarded to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, for the one-year period from June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, have provided satisfactory redevelopment counsel services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the original authorized amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$10,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the contract on June 4, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$10,000.00 for prosecution of disciplinary matters through June 4, 2025, by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, is authorized and approved.

R444-24 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Rule 1 of the Rules of Order for Executive Session to Begin at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RULE 1 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that Rule 1 is hereby amended by the addition of the following underlined language:

Rule 1:
A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council shall be held at 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. When a Regular Meeting falls on New Year’s Day, Lincoln’s Birthday, Independence Day, a General, Primary or Special Election Day, Christmas Day, a New Year’s Eve, or such other event giving rise to a conflict, such Regular Meeting shall be held on the day preceding or succeeding said Tuesday. An informal Conference Meeting shall be held at 6:30 p.m. on the same evenings as Regular Meeting are held. (10/3/06) The Executive Session portion of the Conference Meeting shall commence at 7:30 p.m. (09/17/24)

R445-24 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Italian American Family Association t/a Italian American Family Association

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR ITALIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION T/A ITALIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Italian American Family Association t/a Italian American Family Association, of 280-282 Parker Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Zone PD-1), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

One (1) night per week: Either Friday or Saturday
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

DJ Music or 4-Piece Band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not Applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

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- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

- B. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

R446-24 Resolution Rejecting Proposals for Certified Public Accountant to Perform a Forensic Audit

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C. TO HANDLE
FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES FOR TWO FISCAL YEARS**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires forensic audit services to conduct an audit for two fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Matthew F. Holman, CPA of the firm Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., of Lakewood, NJ, and the City would like to appoint them for forensic auditing services for the two fiscal years of 2019 and 2023; 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 estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received 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 forensic audit services to conduct an audit for the two fiscal years of 2019 and 2023 shall be effective September 17, 2024.

The aforesaid fee for services shall not exceed \$75,000.00 each year with a total not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 without the adoption of a supplemental resolution by the Municipal Council.

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: Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., of Lakewood, NJ
Services: Forensic Audit Services
Project: Forensic Auditor for two fiscal years
Amount: not to exceed \$75,000.00 for each fiscal year
Term: 2019 and 2023 fiscal years

R447-24 Resolution Urging Congress to Allow Expiration of the Deductibility Cap of State and Local Taxes (SALT)

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW EXPIRATION OF THE DEDUCTIBILITY
CAP OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES (SALT)**

WHEREAS, our tax obligation is an issue that concerns all residents in every municipality in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts of 2017 imposed a \$10,000 cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions; and

WHEREAS, this cap is set to expire after the 2025 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for SALT has been a fundamental feature of the tax code for more than 100 years, with the first federal income tax form in 1913 allowing taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time, and even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

WHEREAS, this important provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction is one of the few provisions in the federal tax code that recognizes the burden placed on states like New Jersey, which provide significantly more in federal tax revenue than they receive back in federal services and grants; and

WHEREAS, many New Jersey families relied upon the full federal SALT deduction to ensure tax fairness, and capping the SALT deduction has placed an unfair burden on New Jersey homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction cap presents a barrier to affordable homeownership in New Jersey, impacting the ability of new, young families to prosper in the future and seniors to remain in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Congress should allow the expiration of the SALT deduction cap and provide more equitable taxation once again to residents of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Senator Cory Booker, U.S. Senator George Helmy, Member of Congress for the City of Clifton, Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator and Assembly Representatives for the City of Clifton, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

R448-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - School Traffic Guard - Karen Wilk

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD
KAREN WILK**

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WHEREAS, September 1, 2024, School Traffic Guard, Karen Wilk, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a School Traffic Guard on October 3, 2011, and her retirement will conclude a thirteen-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, she has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge her 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

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KAREN WILK**

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

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

R449-24 Resolution Appointing Assistant Municipal Court Judge for a Period of Three Years Commencing September 17, 2024

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A
PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Matthew Trella is hereby appointed as Assistant Judge of the Municipal Court in and for the City of Clifton, for a full three-year term, commencing September 17, 2024.

R450-24 Resolution for Reappointment of Members to the Clifton Advisory Board of Health

**RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS TO THE CLIFTON ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a reappointment form from the secretary of the Clifton Advisory Board of Health recommending reappointment of George Scordilis and Linda Kowalski; and

WHEREAS, said members' term will expire on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said members are being reappointed to said committee for a term of three years commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above-mentioned members of the Clifton Advisory Board of Health be and are hereby reappointed for a three-year term, commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

R451-24 Resolution Authorizing the Award to and the Execution of Contract with Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP for Professional Planning Services for the City of Clifton Community

Development Block Grant Program from August 1, 2024 Through July 31, 2025 - Professional Planning and Administrative Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD TO AND THE EXECUTION OF
CONTRACT WITH JILL A. HARTMANN, PP, AICP FOR PROFESSIONAL
PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM AUGUST 1, 2024 THROUGH
JULY 31, 2025 - PROFESSIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Community Development Department requires certain specialized administrative and professional planning services of an expert in connection with its operation; and

WHEREAS, in response to request for proposals, two proposals were received including a proposal from the current planner, Jill A. Hartmann dated June 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute “Professional Services” with the ambit of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and also based upon price and other factors considered, the Council wishes to award the contract to Jill A. Hartmann whose proposal is most advantageous to the City; and

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

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is not to exceed \$95,000.00 per annum and the duration of the contract is for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby along with the determination of value;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the award of contract for professional planning and special administrative services for the for the Community Development Block Grant Program from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025 hereby authorized to Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP, of Mahwah, NJ in accordance with the proposal dated July 12, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00 per annum and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract and the required copies in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained and is endorsed hereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for the public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton and that the City Clerk shall forward an executed copy of the said contract to the Clifton Community Development Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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 contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(1)(a). The contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP, Mahwah, NJ 07430
Services: Consultant Planning Services for Community Development Block Grant Program
Amount: Not to exceed \$95,000.00
Term: August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025

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R452-24 Resolution Awarding Contract for Providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services to Mullin & Lonergan Associates - CDBG Yr. 50 (August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025)

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO MULLIN & LONERGAN ASSOCIATES - CDBG Yr. 50 (August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025)

WHEREAS, the City’s Professional Planner for the CDBG Program solicited proposals for providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services; and

WHEREAS, in response to request for proposals, a proposal was received by and the City’s Professional Planner for the CBDG Program recommends the award of a contract for said services to Mullin & Lonergan Associates of Pittsburgh, PA, who provided the most advantageous quotation to the City, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the contract is within the bidding threshold and therefor may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.*; 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, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is in accordance with the proposal dated June 11, 2024 not to exceed \$46,500.00; and the duration of the contract is until completion; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the services per the certification of the availability of funds below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for the providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services be and the same is hereby awarded to Mullin & Lonergan Associates of Pittsburgh, PA, in accordance with their proposal at a total price not to exceed \$46.500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of the resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk of the city of Clifton.

R453-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Family Literacy Program at Clifton Public School #17 of CDBG Award for Year 50 Funding for Period August 1, 2024 Thru July 31, 2025, Contract Number B-24-MC-34-0103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM AT CLIFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL #17 OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 50 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2024 THRU JULY 31, 2025, CONTRACT NUMBER B-24-MC-34-0103

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Family Literacy Program at Clifton Public School #17, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for Year 50 funding for the period August 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2025, contract number B-24-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, 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; and

R454-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Botany Village Special Improvement District as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 50 Funding for Period August 1, 2024 Through July 31, 2025, Contract Number B-24-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND BOTANY VILLAGE
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG
AWARD FOR YEAR 50 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2024 THROUGH JULY
31, 2025, CONTRACT NUMBER B-24-MC-34-0103**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Botany Village Special Improvement District, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, contract number B-24-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the account to be charged for this contract is:
Community Development Block Grant Yr. 50

R455-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and D.I.A.L. (Disabled Information, Awareness and Living) as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 50 Funding for Period August 1, 2024 Thru July 31, 2025, Contract Number B-24-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND D.I.A.L (DISABLED
INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND LIVING) AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF
CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 50 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2024 THRU
JULY 31, 2025, CONTRACT NUMBER B-24-MC-34-0103**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and D.I.A.L. (Disabled Information, Awareness and Living), as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2025, contract number B-24-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 50.

R456-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, NJ, Inc. as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 50 Funding For Period August 1, 2024 Thru July 31, 2025, Contract Number B-24-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF
CLIFTON, N.J., INC. AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR**

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**50 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2024 THRU JULY 31, 2025, CONTRACT
NUMBER B-24-MC-34-0103**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, N.J., Inc., as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2024 thru July 31, 2025, contract number B-24-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$55,000.00, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 50

R457-24 Resolution to Purchase Station Wear Uniforms for the Fire Department from Turn Out Fire and Safety and Turn Out Uniforms for the City of Clifton off of NJ State Contract Purchasing Program and Morris County Cooperative Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE STATION WEAR UNIFORMS FOR THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT FROM TURN OUT FIRE AND SAFETY AND TURN OUT
UNIFORMS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT
PURCHASING PROGRAM AND MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Fire Department has need to purchase the Station Wear Uniforms ;and

WHEREAS, Turn Out Fire and Safety. was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00837 expiring on June 14,2025 and 17-Fleet 00751 expiring on May 13,2025 and Turn Out Uniforms off Morris County Cooperative #50 with the term of July 1,2024 to June 30,2025 for Station Wear Uniforms; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from Turn Out Fire and Safety., located at 3468 Kennedy Blvd Jersey City NJ 07307 and Turn Out Uniforms located at 195 Paterson Ave Little Falls NJ 07424, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00837 , 17-Fleet-00751 and MCCPC#50; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize the aforesaid mentioned purchases and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Turn Out Fire and Safety., located at 3468 Kennedy Blvd Jersey City NJ 07307 and Turn Out Uniforms located at 195 Paterson Ave Little Falls NJ 07424, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00837 , 17-Fleet-00751 and MCCPC#50, in an amount not to exceed \$155,420.23; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for Fire department usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

458-24 Executive Session

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, 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 PBA Contract Negotiations
- CON-2 Passaic-Clifton Community Kollel Congregation v. City of Clifton, et al – Litigation
- CON-3 Independent Investigation Update
- CON-4 Occidental Chemical Corp. v. 21st Century Fox America, Inc., et al - Litigation Update
- CON-5 Political Sign Ordinance – Legal Opinion
- CON-6 Occidental Chemical Corp. v. 21st Century Fox America, et al 2:18-CV-11273 – Litigation 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 September 17, 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 Bogey’s Sports Bar

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF
BOGEY'S LATIN AND AMERICAN
RESTAURANT & BAR, LLC
T/A BOGEY'S SPORTS BAR
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT - CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2025 on the premises known as:
103 VALLEY RD., 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.

After returning to open session from Executive Session, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and failed on roll call vote to approve supplemental funds to complete an ongoing Employee Independent Investigation by Amanda L. Van Hoose Garofalo, Esq.

(3-3-1-0) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilman D’Amato abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor