

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2025

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.

8:10 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 2025, which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on January 5, 2025, and was additionally advertised in the Record on January 5, 2025. 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) (Via Zoom)
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; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Egan, City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and failed on roll call vote to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2025.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Session of January 8, 2025, and Regular Session of January 8, 2025.

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

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-1 Minutes of Civil Rights Committee of October 28, 2024
- C-2 Minutes of Historical Commission of December 5, 2024
- C-3 Minutes of Traffic Safety Council of December 12, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7965-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7965-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7965-25

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 hearing.

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried by roll call vote.

**Calendar Year 2025 Ordinance To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits
and To Establish A CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)**

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

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7966-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7966-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7966-25

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 hearing.

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried by 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 9 Restricted
Handicapped Spaces)**

(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 7967-25

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7967-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7967-25

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 hearing.

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The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried by 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 4 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

(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 7968-25

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7968-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7968-25

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 hearing.

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried by 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)

(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 7969-25

J. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7969-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7969-25

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 hearing.

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D'Amato and carried by 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", More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Rescinds Permit Parking on Larkspur Lane from Urma Avenue to Pershing Road)

(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 7971-25

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article IV Thereof, Entitled "Officials and Employees Not Represented by a Bargaining Unit", Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Salary of Assistant Zoning Officer (Part-Time) Retroactive to January 1, 2025)

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, February 4, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Gregory Grahl, 65 Van Riper Ave., discussed the lack of parking on Van Riper Ave and surrounding area.

The following residents spoke about bringing an end to the tractor trailer traffic on Pleasant Ave., which is a safety issue to the children at the Learning Center Daycare.

Priscila Alvarez, 2 Pleasant Ave.

Melissa Guzman, 25 East Madison Ave.,

Yisely Munoz, 27 Althea St.

Erica Muniz, 18 Grunwald St.

Gwendolyn Gardner, 187 Edison St., spoke about excessive truck traffic on Edison St.

Jose Siano, 102 Trenton Ave., the pressing concern regarding the dangerous truck traffic near the daycare on Pleasant Avenue, emphasizing the urgent need for action to protect the safety of children and families in the area. He has announced a series of events and fundraisers organized by JK Realty. Mr. Siano expressed his disappointment after attending the recent Action Committee meeting, where he and other concerned citizens found the doors locked and no members of the Council were present.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., highlighted that Rutt's Hut has been selected as a filming location. Additionally, Mr. Perino asked Councilman Kolodziej for more information about the potential relocation of the Hamilton House to the City Hall grounds. He expressed concerns about the heavy traffic along Colfax Avenue, recognizing it as a significant issue for residents. In particular, he noted the safety risks posed by trucks near a local daycare, and he committed to bringing this matter to the attention of the Traffic Safety Committee.

Henry Cholewczyński, 37 Phyllis Place, extended his appreciation to the Department of Public Works for their outstanding effort in plowing the recent snowfall. He addressed the need for residents to take responsibility for their sidewalks and that quality-of-life officers should be proactive in issuing tickets to those who do not shovel their sidewalks. Additionally, he inquired

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about how many summonses have been issued for this infraction. Mr. Cholewczynski addressed the ongoing issue of truck traffic near the Learning Studio Daycare. He suggested implementing a crossing guard in the area could be an effective solution.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Rd., announced a garage sale fundraiser, encouraging residents to donate items to support The Little Pantries. Additionally, Ms. Popowich inquired when the town hall meeting for public input on the budget would be organized. She expressed concern over the apparent lack of donations from City officials to the little pantries. She highlighted the exceptional efforts of Nate King from the Health Department, awarding him a certificate for his outstanding work with the warming center. Lastly, she addressed the recent tabling of volunteer appointments, expressing that such action felt disrespectful to those who dedicated their time and energy to serving the community.

Matt Mullins, 42 Gould Terrace, thanked Nate King for his outstanding service to the community warming center. He spoke about Council using their power for the good of the residents and offered his assistance for help in doing so.

With no one else 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.

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to have Council privilege immediately after the City Manager addresses the residents.

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

Councilwoman Sadrakula rescinded her motion, and the following was voted on and passed.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to have 5 minutes of Council privilege immediately after the City Manager responds to the public and then another 5 minutes, if time allows, after City business is complete.

(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

Gregory Grahl – City Manager, Dominick Villano, replied that he would check into the parking issues on Van Riper Ave.

Henry Cholewczynski – City Manager, Dominick Villano, thanked Mr. Cholewczynski for recognizing the DPW's cleaning efforts after a recent snowstorm. He also commented that he would get the number of summonses issued to residents who did not clear their sidewalks of snow in the timeframe listed in the City's Ordinance.

Priscila Alvarez – City Manager, Dominick Villano, pointed out that the recent incident involving a tractor trailer did not cause any damage and the Police Department issued the driver a summons. Mr. Villano said he contacted Google to have the truck route changed, perhaps flashing signs and bollards be installed.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato emphasized the need for immediate attention to the tractor trailer traffic safety issue affecting the daycare facility in our community. He expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the warming center initiative, acknowledging their efforts to support residents during

these cold months. Councilman D'Amato also raised concerns about traffic safety on Haddonfield Road, suggesting that the installation of rumble strips might be an effective solution to improve safety. He highlighted ongoing illegal activities occurring behind Clifton Stadium, urging swift action from law enforcement. On a more positive note, Councilman D'Amato encouraged residents to share their holiday memories by sending in pictures to Clifton Cable, which will be broadcast for residents to enjoy. He voiced his frustration regarding the cynical and negative behavior exhibited by some Councilmembers, insisting that it needs to stop so that the Council can focus on achieving results for the community. He posed a pivotal question to his fellow Councilmembers regarding their support for a charter study aimed at potentially changing Clifton's form of government, believing it could lead to more effective governance. Councilman D'Amato also referenced Donna Popowich's comments about the desire for community involvement, mentioning that potential volunteers often encounter roadblocks that hinder their ability to contribute. He concluded by warmly welcoming resident Matt Mullins to his first Council meeting, underscoring the importance of civic engagement in shaping the future of Clifton.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson addressed the pressing issue of tractor trailer traffic near local daycare facilities, emphasizing that this matter requires immediate attention due to the safety concerns it raises for the children.

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 9:37 p.m.

He took a moment to apologize to Joe Siano for the absence of Councilmembers at the recent Action Committee meeting. Additionally, Councilman Gibson extended his kudos to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their excellent cleanup efforts following the recent snowstorm.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:40 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula pointed out that there is an urgent need for a resolution regarding tractor trailer safety issues on Pleasant Avenue, particularly near the daycare center. The truck traffic on Colfax Avenue is causing concern as well. Additionally, there has been frustration surrounding the recent vote to appoint an unlimited number of members to the Holiday Committee, which was unfortunately tabled. Councilwoman Sadrakula addressed public speaker Matthew Mullins, who has shown an interest in getting involved in City matters and gave him permission to call her anytime. Councilwoman Sadrakula expressed that it is crucial to organize a Town Hall meeting to engage with the public about the budget, along with scheduling a regular budget meeting. It has become increasingly apparent that this Council is struggling to make substantial progress, and there is a pressing need to cut overtime expenses.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona emphasized the need to tackle tractor trailer safety concerns on Pleasant Avenue and proposed the idea of placing a parking enforcement officer at this location to enhance safety measures. Additionally, he sought a clear timeframe for the installation of bollards at the next Council meeting. Councilman Latona also brought attention to the lack of parking on Van Riper Avenue, stressing that solutions must be explored to alleviate this ongoing issue.

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

He asked when previously agreed to speed tables will be installed, which have yet to materialize. Councilman Latona pointed out a need for a plan to address traffic concerns on Colfax Avenue near the High School. He reminded residents of their responsibility to clear snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowstorm, thanking the Department of Public Works for their excellent job in clearing the streets. He also acknowledged Nate King's efforts in managing the warming center for those in need. Councilman Latona expressed a hopeful sentiment for peace in the Middle East and a desire for a similar resolution in Ukraine. He concluded with the announcement of upcoming community events and fundraisers.

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Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 9:51 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej exercised his Council Privilege to announce the various programs and classes being offered by the Recreation Department. He proposed a solution to enhance safety by suggesting the installation of a 12-foot banner near The Learning Studio to deter tractor trailers from entering restricted areas. Addressing ongoing concerns regarding parking, Councilman Kolodziej advocated for a change in zoning laws to permit parking on lawns, aiming to alleviate the lack of available parking spaces in the area. As budget season approaches, he urged his colleagues to exercise caution and avoid depleting the existing trust funds, emphasizing the need for fiscal responsibility. Councilman Kolodziej announced his resignation from the Action Committee, offering the position to either Councilman Latona or Councilwoman Sadrakula, though at the time, neither accepted. He provided an update from the Open Space Committee and proposed relocating the Hamilton House Museum to the City Hall grounds. He also suggested utilizing Surgent Park for nighttime sports events, taking advantage of its lighting. Addressing resident Donna Popowich, he brought to light that the Holiday Committee funds had been redirected to fund a forensic audit. In closing, Councilman Kolodziej underscored the community's growing need for increased police presence to ensure safety and security for all residents. He pointed out that the Palma Report was a hoax perpetrated on the public.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino addressed several residents who had spoken at the meeting. She acknowledged Gregory Grahl's concern regarding the parking issues on Van Riper Avenue, assuring him that she would look for possible solutions to alleviate the problem. Additionally, she responded to Priscila Alvarez's concerns about traffic safety near her daycare, promising to follow up on the matter. Councilwoman Pino also extended an apology to Joe Siano, explaining that the absence of committee members at the Action Committee meeting was an unfortunate mix-up. Furthermore, she took a moment to promote her ECHO youth program. She also highlighted her "behind the scenes" tour of City Hall and the upcoming production of "Girls Night Out" by the theater league. On a positive note, Councilwoman Pino proudly announced that Clifton had been recognized as one of the top 10 best places to live.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski emphasized that traffic safety issues by The Learning Studio must be prioritized to ensure the safety of children and suggested that pictures be taken of trucks violating the ordinance so the city can hold the offending companies accountable. He expressed his gratitude to the Health Department for their exceptional work during Code Blue, praising their dedication and commitment to public health. Additionally, the Mayor extended kudos to Nat King for his outstanding service in managing the warming center.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call to vote on the following resolution separately and amended to award an additional \$15,000.00 only.

R037-25 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Gallagher Benefit Services for Salary Evaluations and Corrections for the Confidential Employees of the City of Clifton

CITY OF CLIFTON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES FOR SALARY EVALUATIONS AND CORRECTIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to evaluate and undergo corrections for the salaries of Confidential positions including certain other positions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has solicited proposals for salary evaluations and corrections for confidential employees as part of an effort to ensure fair and equitable compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City received two (2) proposals for the project from the following firms:

	Total Cost
1. Gallagher Benefit Services (40 positions)	\$42,850.00
2. The Lindenger Group (37 positions).	\$9,550.00
3. Willis Towers and Watson	No Response

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 from Gallagher Benefit Services. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Gallagher Benefit Services has been deemed the most suitable based on their extensive experience, resources, and expertise in human resources and compensation consulting, as evidenced by their successful work with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed both proposals and concluded that the additional cost associated with Gallagher Benefit Services is justified based on their established track record and the complexity of the project, ensuring a higher level of service and outcomes that meet the City’s needs for the evaluation and correction of confidential employee salaries; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for above services be awarded to the. Gallagher Benefit Services, located at 2850 Golf Road 10sw27 Rolling Meadows ,IL 60008 in an amount not to exceed \$42,850.00. Terms of contract shall commence January 1, 2025, and end on December 31, 2025; and

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call to vote on the following resolution separately.

R038-25 Resolution Authorizing Additional Funding to Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP to Handle Independent Investigation Services in Connection with Complaints Brought Under the City's Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Involving Employees of the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN LLP TO HANDLE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLAINTS BROUGHT UNDER THE CITY’S POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION INVOLVING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton appointed Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP, of 60 Blue Heron Road, Suite 300, Sparta, New Jersey, through a fair and open process in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5* to provide legal services concerning complaints brought under the City’s policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving employees of the City of Clifton at the rate of \$200.00 per hour for partners and \$175.00 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the term of the contract, one year starting from June 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is required in order to ensure that said complaints are investigated in a timely manner; and

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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, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) shall be increased from \$5,000.00 to a total of \$20,000.00 for the term; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An amendment to the contract for professional legal services for outside counsel to conduct independent investigations for complaints brought under the City's policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving employees of the City of Clifton, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, to Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP, effective June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025, the rate to be paid for said services is \$200.00 per hour for partners and \$175.00 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution is hereby authorized.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and failed on roll call to vote on the following resolution separately.

R052-25 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo in Connection with Workplace Harassment and Retaliation Claim

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO AMANDA VAN HOOSE GAROFALO IN CONNECTION WITH WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION CLAIM

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2024, a professional services contract for independent investigation counsel was awarded to Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo, from July 16, 2024, through the conclusion of the investigation; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$17,500.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo has provided satisfactory independent investigation services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$5,000.00, for a total not to exceed \$22,500.00 will be required through the conclusion of the investigation;

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 \$22,500.00 for independent investigation services through the conclusion of the investigation, by Amanda Van Hoose Garofalo, is authorized and approved.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

R025-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the January 8, 2025, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid at the meeting of January 21, 2025
All payments through January 21, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$	22,602,464.15
Grant Fund	\$	28,831.59
General Capital Fund	\$	159,111.61
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	210,541.86
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	164,755.55
Developers Escrow	\$	11,595.96
Dog Trust	\$	1,944.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	377,509.50
Trust Other	\$	4,488.34
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	240,893.87
Affordable Housing	\$	1,792.00
Community Development	\$	45,098.23
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Self-Insurance	\$	1,810,257.14
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	22,375.10
Library	\$	912,992.69
General Liability Trust	\$	1,912,637.41
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	186,414.48
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		28,693,703.48

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R026-25 Resolution - 2025 Special Emergency Temporary Municipal Budget Increase #1 – Grants

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY 1
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the City is expected to enter into contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2025 Municipal Budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 Temporary Municipal Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation foresaid purpose, and

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$190,650.00, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$ 190,650.00 as follows for the City’s annual Pension Payments:
 - a. Code Blue Grant from Passaic County \$ 50,000.00
 - b. EECBG Grant from USDOE \$140,650.00
 - c.
2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 Municipal Budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution is filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services, by the City Clerk.

R027-25 Resolution - Amending 2025 Sewer Utility Temporary Budget

**2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT 1
CLIFTON SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Clifton Sewer Utility for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 Temporary Budget for the Clifton Sewer Utility was adopted with Resolution R004-25 on January 8, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Temporary Budget Funds need to be reallocated to pay the first quarterly invoice from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) on February 1, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2025 Sewer Utility Budget as follows:

<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer Fees – PVSC	07-201-31-455-290	\$ 60,000.00

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT TO BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR PLOG BROOK CULVERT
REHABILITATION**

Awarded to: Boswell Engineering, South Hackensack, NJ
Services: Construction Management and Construction Inspection Services

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Project: Plog brook Culvert Rehabilitation
Cost: Not to exceed \$52,000.00
Term: Until completion

R029-25 Resolution to Rescind Resolution R556-24 to Purchase Road Rock Salt for the City of Clifton off of New Jersey State Contract

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION R556-24 TO PURCHASE ROAD
ROCK SALT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF NEW JERSEY STATE
CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, pursuant to R556-24, adopted December 3, 2024, the City Council authorized the City to purchase Road Rock Salt off New Jersey State Contract number 20-Fleet-01519 at \$81.55 per ton; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to preparing and submitting the above resolution, on December 12, 2023 Passaic County Co-op SB-23-077 posted on website an award contract to Morton Salt at the rate of \$65.30 per ton for Rock Salt; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to rescind the resolution and utilize alternate cooperative contract procurement mechanisms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby rescind R556-24 pursuant to the above and authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed, upon authorization by this governing body under separate resolution.

R030-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Design Services for Main Memorial Park Improvements for the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR MAIN
MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is planning to enhance Main Memorial Park through a series of improvements designed to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the development of these improvements, it is necessary to engage professional engineering services for the design and planning phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Clifton desires to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide the required engineering design services for the successful development of the park; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit proposals for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Request for Proposal and to receive and publicly open any responses for the goods and services described therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legal Notice 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.

R031-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to ESO Solutions, Inc. for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Software for Fire Department

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ESO SOLUTIONS INC. FOR CITY
OF CLIFTON EMS SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department has a need for basic proprietary Emergency Medical Services (EMS) software and services ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to acquire such service as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5

- WHEREAS**, as a determination has been made as follows:
- 1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.
 - 2. Price quotes have been solicited and received from one service provider.
 - 3. The anticipated term of this contract is for the calendar year 2025.
 - 4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$19,680.56 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and 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.* 19:44A-20.5, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the engineer and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to not exceed \$19,680.56, and the duration of the contract is from January 6,2025 to January 5,2026;and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ,that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for rendering such software services by ESO Solutions Inc. 11500 Alterra Pkwy Ste 100 Austin TX 78759-3192 for fees of \$\$19,680.56 for year 2025.

R032-25 Resolution Awarding Contact for Purchase of Mattress, Frames and Mattress Protectors for Fire Department

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF MATTRESS, FRAMES AND MATTRESS PROTECTORS FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department has identified a critical need for replacement mattresses, frames, and mattress protectors due to ongoing issues with the current mattresses, which have developed bug infestations that pose a potential risk to the health and hygiene of our firefighters; and

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited for the purpose of the above procurement. The following two vendors submitted the quotes:

		Cost
1.	Mattress Plus ,1585 US-46, Little Falls, NJ	\$22,790.00
2.	Mattress Firm Commercial Sales 1000 S Oyster Bay Rd, Hicksville, NY	\$26,495.00

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 from Mattress Plus and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the current mattresses is deteriorating and replacing them will support the firefighter’s wellbeing and maintain their health and hygiene; and

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WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted quotes, it is recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible vendor **Mattress Plus**, located at 1585 US-46, Little Falls, NJ, at a total cost of **\$22,790.00**; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for purchase of mattresses, frames, and mattress protectors for Firefighters be awarded to the lowest respondent, **Mattress Plus**, located at 1585 US-46, Little Falls, NJ in an amount not to exceed **\$22,790.00**. Terms of contract shall commence February 1, 2025, and end on January 31, 2026; and

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

R033-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Police Officer Scheduling System (POSS) Annual Maintenance and Support

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR POLICE OFFICER SCHEDULING SYSTEM (POSS) ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Police Department has a need to continue the Police Officer Scheduling System - Software as a Service (POSS) Annual Maintenance Agreement, which they have advised consists of proprietary software, and recommends that their annual contract be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the total amount for the Annual Maintenance and Support for the term from February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, is \$19,767.45; 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 from Mattress Plus and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, the contract for Police Officer Scheduling System (POSS) Annual Maintenance and Support is hereby awarded to Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., located at 4400 US Highway 9 South, Suite 3500, Freehold, NJ 07728, in the total amount of \$19,767.45 for the term from February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for Police Officer Scheduling System be awarded to the lowest respondent Visual Computer Solutions, Inc., located at 4400 US Highway 9 South, Suite 3500, Freehold, NJ 07728. Term of contract shall commence February 1, 2025, and end on January 31, 2026; and

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

R034-25 Resolution to Purchase Batteries for the Radio Equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for Police Department off of NJ State Contract Purchasing Program

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE BATTERIES FOR THE RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a

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WHEREAS, the Police Department of the City of Clifton has experienced numerous radio battery failures due to normal wear and tear, as well as issues with several charges failing due to constant 24-hour usage; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the profession, several radio holders have been broken as they are made of plastic, further impacting the performance and functionality of the radio equipment; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain operational readiness, the Police Department is requesting the purchase of 250 replacement batteries to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions Inc. was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 83909 and 83925 under Master Umbrella Contract T0109 for Radio Communications and Equipment, expiring April 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommends authorization to procure 250 batteries and Radio holders for from Motorola Solutions Inc., P O BOX 161, Wharton NJ 07885, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 83909 and 83925; 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 into 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 Motorola Solutions Inc., P O BOX 161, Wharton NJ 07885 via New Jersey State Contract number 83909 and 83925, in a total amount not to exceed \$24,690.72, for the period through to April 30, 2025; and

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

R035-25 Resolution Authorizing Health Benefit Rates to be Charged to Retired Employees Commencing January 1, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEALTH BENEFIT RATES TO BE CHARGED TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby authorize the following monthly rates for health benefits and monthly administrative charges to be billed to retired employees, effective January 1, 2025:

BILLED RETIREES

	Single	Family	Husband/Wife	Parent/Child
PPO/Direct Access Under 65	1,024.20	2,614.38	1,933.92	1,962.92
PPO/Direct Access One 65	515.19	2,143.874	1,285.03	1,304.30
PPO/Direct Access Both 65	515.19	1,993.95	1,024.20	1,304.30
Prescription	429.61	1,029.18	941.86	756.75
Dental	43.25	43.25	43.25	43.25
Administrative Fee	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95

R036-25 Resolution Rescinding R575-254, Adopted on December 17, 2024, Entitled "A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Uniform Construction Code Fees"

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING R575-24, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 17, 2024,
ENTITLED “A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR
THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES”**

BE IT RESOLVED, that resolution R575-24, adopted on December 17, 2024, entitled “A Resolution Requesting Permission For The Dedication By Rider For Uniform Construction Code Fees” be and hereby is **RESCINDED**.

R039-25 Resolution Proclaiming March as National Nutrition Month

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS
NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH**

WHEREAS, food is the substance by which life is sustained; and

WHEREAS, the type, quality and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for continuing nutrition education and a wide-scale effort to enhance healthy eating practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby proclaim the month of March as

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

and encourage all citizens to join the campaign and become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

R040-25 Resolution Proclaiming March 12, 2025, as Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 12, 2025, AS
REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST DAY**

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists are the food and nutrition experts who can translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists have degrees in nutrition, dietetics, public health or a related field from well-respected, accredited colleges and universities, complete an internship and passed an examination; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists use their nutrition expertise to help individuals make unique, positive lifestyle changes; and

WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists work throughout the community in hospitals, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, food management, food industry, universities, research and private practice; and

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WHEREAS, Registered Dietitian Nutritionists are advocates for advancing the nutritional status of Americans and people around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby proclaim March 12, 2025, as

REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST DAY

and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of Registered Dietitian Nutritionists and express appreciation for their commitment to promoting science-based nutrition in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

R041-25 Resolution for Reappointment of Members to the Historical Commission

**RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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 Historical Commission recommending reappointment of Joan Helwig and Kim Oeffler; and

WHEREAS, said members’ term expired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said members are being reappointed to said committee for a term of four years commencing January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028;

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 Historical Commission be and are hereby reappointed for a four-year term, commencing on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

R042-25 Resolution Authorizing Helicopter Landing Pad License Renewal - Sixty Hamilton

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HELICOPTER LANDING PAD LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Helicopter Landing License Renewal from Sixty Hamilton Street Ltd., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 307, Totowa, NJ 07012; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Helicopter Landing License to Sixty Hamilton Street, LLC be and is hereby granted.

R043-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pet Shop License – Petco

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PET SHOP LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Pet Shop License Renewal from Petco #1865, 780 Route 3 West, Clifton, NJ; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of a Pet Shop License to Petco #1865 be and is hereby approved.

R044-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Distributor Licenses

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GAMES OF SKILL DISTRIBUTOR
LICENSE RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Games of Skill Distributor License Renewals from the businesses listed below; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Games of Skill Distributor Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted.

E&E Vending	334 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ
Wayne Vending Corp.	1107 Rt. 3 South, Wayne, NJ

R045-25 Resolution Authorizing Junk Peddler License Renewal – Kaminski

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUNK PEDDLER LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Junk Peddler License Renewal from Bruce J. Kaminski, 29 Creekview Road, Kunkletown, PA; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of a Junk Peddler License to Bruce J. Kaminski, 29 Creekview Road, Kunkletown, PA is hereby granted.

R046-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operators Licenses

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GAMES OF SKILL OPERATOR
LICENSE RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Games of Skill Operator License Renewals from various businesses in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Games of Skill Operator Licenses to the businesses below be and are hereby granted:

Breaker Billiards	1142 Rt. 46 West, Clifton
Disabled American Veterans	315 Hazel St., Clifton

R047-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of New & Used Car Lot Licenses

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW AND USED CAR LOT LICENSE
RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a New and Used Car Lot License Renewals from the businesses listed below; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of a New and Used Car Lot Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Clifton Auto Repair	810 Clifton Avenue
Garden State Honda	584 Route 3 West
Wieggers	181 Fornelius Avenue

R048-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Renting & Leasing Vehicles License - Gensinger Motors

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENTING AND LEASING OF VEHICLES LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Renting and Leasing of Vehicles License Renewal from Gensinger Motors, 842 Valley Road, Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that approval for the renewal of Renting and Leasing of Vehicles License to Gensinger Motors, be and is hereby approved.

R049-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Florist Licenses

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Florist License Renewals from the businesses listed below; and

WHEREAS, all paperwork has been completed by the various applicants and all fees have been paid; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Florist Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted.

Halka’s Florist	633 Van Houten Avenue
St. George Florist	759 Van Houten Avenue

R050-25 Resolution Accepting a \$50,000 Grant Award from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services for the City of Clifton's Code Blue Warming Center

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$50,000 GRANT AWARD FROM THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON’S CODE BLUE WARMING CENTER

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic Department of Human Services awarded the City of Clifton Department of Health a grant to fund the Code Blue Warming Center in the amount of \$50,000 for the funding time line of November 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the City of Clifton hereby accepts the \$50,000 grant award from the County of Passaic Department of Human Services to fund the City of Clifton’s Code Blue Warming Center from November 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dominick Villano, City Manager, and John E. Biegel III, Director of Health and Human Services, are hereby authorized to:

- (a) Execute grant agreements; and
- (b) Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and
- (c) Act as the authorized correspondent.

R051-25 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles - February 2025 Auction

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES FEBRUARY 2025 AUCTION

WHEREAS, the following motor vehicles have been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, it is required that the sale of same be approved by the Governing Body of the Municipality

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following motor vehicles be authorized for sale in accordance with N.J.S.A.: 14 - 157, N.J.S.A. 39 : 10A-1 AND N.J.S.A. 40A : 11 - 36 subject to the minimum bid of \$10.00 plus starting bid price as per market value.

E.C.R.B. 65 CLIFTON BLVD., 973-773-2929

2022 Fly Wing Venom	R752H 1GA3N 10000 73
2006 BMW 530I	WBANF 73596 CG 699 14
1999 International Truck	1HTSC ABP6X H6058 48
2005 Mazda RX8	JM1FE 173X5 01438 06
2017 Chevrolet Cruze	1G1BE 5SM0H 71374 57
2004 Kaufman Trailer	15XFE 50294 L0001 79
2009 Lexus ES350	JTHBJ 46G69 23310 98
2023 Jiaju Transpro	LLPVG BAK5P 10700 84
2021 Yamaha MT0	MH3RH 2067M K0063 96
2024 Taizhou Zhongneng Motorcycle Co Fly2	L5YTC LBD4R 11231 44
2010 Toyota Scion TC	JTKDE 3B71A 03180 69
2011 BMC 3 Series	WBAPK 5C5XB A 6604 42
2008 GMC Acadia	1GKEV 137X8 J223372
2012 Acura TSX	JH4CU 2F83C C0304 30
2007 Suzuki Motorcycle	JS1VY 52A57 21001 19
2011 BMW 328	WBAPK 5G54B NN805 73

NICOLETTE TOWING, 618 LEXINGTON AVE., 973-253-0025

2009 BMW 5281	WBANV 13579 C1537 77
2023 Fenguyan Liefan Roma-150	H0DTA DFN2P X0374 88
2014 Ram 1500	1C6RR 7LT9E S1828 14
2007 Ford F150	1FTPW 14507 FB 786 53

TELEP MOTORS, 574 VAN HOUTEN AVE., 973-779-0283

2017 Hyundai Sonata	5NPE2 4AFXH H5500 69
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R053-25 Resolution Regarding the City of Clifton's Present and Prospective Fair Share Affordable Housing Obligations for the Fourth (4th) Round

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CITY OF CLIFTON’S PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE FAIR SHARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS FOR THE FOURTH (4TH) ROUND

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, an Amendment to the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. was signed into law (“Amended FHA”); and,

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA requires the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to determine non-binding estimates of fair share obligations on or before October 20, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2024, the DCA issued a report entitled “Affordable Housing Obligations for 2025-2035 (Fourth (4th) Round) Methodology and Background” (“DCA Report”), wherein the DCA reported its estimate of the obligations for all municipalities based upon its interpretation of the standards set forth in the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, the DCA Report calculates the City of Clifton’s (“City”) Fourth (4th) Round (2025-2035) obligations as follows: a Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of Eight Hundred Eighty-Four (884) and a Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of Zero (0); and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA provides that the DCA Report is non-binding, thereby inviting municipalities to demonstrate that the Amended FHA would support revised calculations of Fourth (4th) Round affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended FHA, the City may either accept the determination of its Present and Prospective Need Obligations as calculated by the DCA or make its own determination as to same; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA further provides that “[a]ll parties shall be entitled to rely upon regulations on municipal credits, adjustments, and compliance mechanisms adopted by COAH unless those regulations are contradicted by statute, including P.L. 2024, c.2, or binding court decisions”. See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311(m); and

WHEREAS, said COAH regulations authorize municipalities to secure vacant land adjustments, durational adjustments and other adjustments; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, and after careful consideration in conjunction with the advice and input from its various professionals, the City has determined that it is in its best interest to accept the DCA calculations of the City’s fair share obligations and commits to its fair share of a Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of Eight Hundred Eighty Four (884) and a Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of Zero (0), subject to any vacant land, durational and/or other adjustments that the City may seek as part of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”) that it subsequently submits in accordance with the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, the City reserves the right to comply with any additional amendments to the FHA that the Legislature may enact; and,

WHEREAS, in the event that a third (3rd) party challenges the calculations provided for in this Resolution, the City reserves the right to take such position as it deems appropriate in response thereto, including that its Fourth (4th) Round Present or Prospective Need Obligations should be lower than as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the City hereby commits to its fair share of a Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of Eight Hundred Eighty Four (884) and a Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of Zero (0) as determined by the DCA for the Fourth Round of affordable housing obligations, subject to any vacant land, durational and/or other adjustments that the City may seek as part of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”) that it subsequently submits in accordance with the Amended FHA; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City’s Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby directed and authorized to file a declaratory judgment action with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic County no later than forty-eight (48) hours following adoption of this Resolution seeking a compliance certification regarding its fair share affordable housing obligation for the Fourth (4th) Round and that a copy of this Resolution shall be made part of such Court filing.

R054-25 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 PBA Contract Negotiations and Request for Labor Counsel Emails
CON-2 Affordable Housing Obligations - Resolution

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CON-3 Vicki Citrino v. City of Clifton, et al - ESX-L-1892-24

CON-4 Bozena Piekoszewski v. City of Clifton, et al PAS-L-348-23

CON-5 Notice of Tort Claim by D.V. - Potential Litigation: Request from
Councilmembers for Outside Council

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 January 21, 2025, 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.

Councilwoman Pino left the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 10:554 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor