CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 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

Father Oleksii – Holy Ascension

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 NJDEP Green Acres

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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 21, 2025, Regular Session of January 21, 2025, and Executive Session of January 21, 2025.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

C-1 Woo Rhee Kim, Human Services, hired as Public Health Nurse, at $65,000 annually, effective January 17, 2025.
C-2 Alaa Tahboub, Public Safety, hired as Public Safety Telecommunicator, at $45,000.00 annually, effective January 16, 2025.
C-3 Gianna Cifelli, Manager, Promoted to Clerk 3, retroactive to September 18, 2024, at $47,000.00 annually.
C-4 Austin Hackett, Public Safety, hired as Public Safety Telecommunicator, at $45,000.00 annually, effective January 2, 2025.
C-5 Hayley Ortega, Public Safety, hired as Public Safety Telecommunicator, at $45,000.00 annually, effective January 2, 2025.
C-6 Daniela Caro, Public Safety, hired as Public Safety Telecommunicator, at $45,000.00 annually, effective January 2, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-7 Minutes of Reorganization and Regular Meetings of Bd. of Adjustment of January 8, 2025
C-8 Minutes of CA-TV Committee of December 4, 2024
C-9 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of December 18, 2024
C-10 Minutes of Reorganization of Board of Recreation of January 6, 2025
C-11 Minutes of the Alcohol Control Board of December 11, 2024
C-12 Minutes of Board of Recreation of November 6, 2024
C-13 Minutes of Disabilities Committee of January 13, 2025
C-14 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of December 18, 2024
C-15 Minutes of Civil Rights Committee of November 25, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7964-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7964-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7964-25

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 461 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Zoning", More Particularly Section 461-13.1 Thereof, Entitled "Use Regulations" (Adds Section CC "Cottage Food Operations")

(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 7971-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7971-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7971-25

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 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)

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

<u>FIRST READING ORDINANCES</u>

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7972-25

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 Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 7969-25 Passed on January 21, 2025, to Correct Scrivener's Error (Rescind Permit Parking on the South Side of Larkspur Lane Instead of Both Sides)

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 18, 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.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7973-25

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 II Thereof, Entitled "Nonuniformed Officials and Employees", Section 99-2, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed; Uniform Allowances" (Amends 2025 Salary for Public Safety Telecommunicators)

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 18, 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.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7974-25

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 137 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Alcoholic Beverages", More Particularly Article I Thereof, Entitled "Sale and Distribution", Section 137-19, Entitled "Investigation of Applicants" (Amends Section to Increase the Numbers of Days for the Police Department to Secure Background Investigation Reports to 120 Days)

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 18, 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.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Whittles, CASA, announced a suicide awareness vigil being held in September of 2025 at City Hall titled “In Their Shoes”. He thanked the City for supporting this endeavor.

Joyce Frommer, Friends of the Clifton Public Libraries, is seeking volunteers and donations.

Sal Torrisi, 36 McCosh Road, spoke about the expansion of Valley Regency with regard to the Planning Board extensions. He urged the council not to agree to the developer’s agreement with Meridia.

Gerald Zecker, 55 McCosh Road, asked why residents were not notified of the developer agreement being put on the agenda. He said the public needs prior notification to these issues and asked council not to agree to the developer’s agreement with Meridia.

Jim Daly, 179 Beverly Hill Road, shared his research regarding changing the municipal charter.

Kim Castellano, Mahar Ave., spoke about helping the homeless community and offering shelter at the warming center for those in need. She urged residents to report any individual in the need to the non-emergency police number.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., extended kudos to Nat King for his excellent work managing the warming center. He spoke about the need to help the homeless. Mr. Perino urged administration to begin issuing summonses to short rentals, which are not permitted per the City’s ordinance. He spoke about speeding on Mt. Prospect Ave.

Matt Ward, 1 Sewall Ave., expressed his disappointment on the behavior of council members at the last council meeting. He pointed out that there is a lack of unity on the dais. Mr. Ward spoke about placing a Charter Study referendum on the next ballot in November.

Bart Ciervo, Delawanna Ave., expressed his gratitude to Engine 4 for their incredible service; saving his life during an emergency. He pointed out that the Council seems to have trouble getting things done. He spoke about the need for a charter study to explore a change in our form of government to better serve our needs. He asked the status of the new dog park and reported that Dunney Park has become overwhelmed with dog waste.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Rd., expressed her strong support for our local library and the vital role it plays in our community. She mentioned that she was not informed of the recent open space committee meeting, despite being a member of the committee. She asked that the Christmas wreaths in the courtroom be taken down, as they no longer reflect the current season. She acknowledged Chewy the dog, along with his handler, Assistant Superintendent, Mark Gengaro, with a certificate for their exceptional work in the Clifton school system as an emotional support animal. She expressed displeasure regarding the upcoming July 4th Fireworks show being held on the 6th of July. She suggested booking the Fourth of July fireworks show early to assure the City celebrates our nation's independence on the appropriate day.

Matt Mullins, 42 Gould Terrace, expressed his gratitude to certain Councilmembers for their willingness to engage with him regarding his interest in getting involved in politics. He also criticized other members of the Council of being hypocritical, grandstanding and irresponsible. He expressed appreciation for the work of Pamela Fueshko with St. Peter's Haven, a local organization. He also voiced his concern about the lack of public notice regarding the renovation of the Valley Regency Hotel, and more broadly, expressed his displeasure with the way the City is being managed.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, 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

Tom Whittles – Pleasure working with you.

Gerald Zecker and Sal Torrisi – Not sure you understand that the renovations at The Valley Regency have already been approved.

Kim Castellano – The County should create a County-wide warming center for those in need.

Gary Perino – Please report any homeless individuals to the City, so the Health Department can send someone to help. We are currently looking for illegal short-term rentals.
Mt. Prospect Ave. is being redesigned with bump outs which should ease any speeding.

Bart Ciervo, there is no plan for a new dog park but the dog park in Nash park is being redesigned. Mr. Villano will notify the Health Department on the excessive dog waste in Dunney Park.

Donna Popowich – Sorry for the oversight regarding notice of the Open Space Committee, the Sub-Committee of Committees must meet so these oversights do not continue to happen. Mr. Villano assured her that the Christmas wreaths in the courtroom will be taken down shortly.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson expressed his commitment to attending the upcoming suicide awareness event. He congratulated Joyce Frommer on her appointment to the Friends of the Library. During the meeting, discussions were held regarding the Developer Agreement for Valley Regency and obtaining more information on the creating a charter study. Councilman Gibson inquired about the number of summonses issued on Mount Prospect Avenue due to speeding. In regard to the last Council meeting, he agreed with resident Matt Ward that it was not particularly productive and cited a growing lack of trust with Administration. Councilman Gibson urged resident, Matt Mullins, to continue staying engaged with city issues.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked to send a formal letter urging the County to create more warming centers to support residents during extreme weather conditions. She announced that three budget meetings have been scheduled. Councilwoman Sadrakula praised Matt Mullins for his intelligence and his interest in getting involved in his community. She emphasized the urgent need for a street light replacement plan, as many areas remain too dark and pose safety concerns for residents. Councilwoman Sadrakula proposed eliminating parking on Underwood Street to alleviate truck traffic congestion near the Learning Studio daycare. She inquired about the timeline for the cleanup of debris in the Third River, following the approval that was granted for the project. Finally, she pointed out that parking issues on Pershing Road continue to be problematic, urging the council to take definitive action to address these concerns

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona emphasized the need for increased warming centers to provide relief during extreme weather conditions. He voiced concerns regarding the placement of the over tonnage sign near The Learning Studio, suggesting that it is positioned too far up the road. By the time trucks see the sign, it is often too late to divert, prompting him to recommend relocating it for better visibility. Councilman Latona also expressed his full support for Tom Whittles' suicide awareness initiative. Furthermore, he underscored the Council's urgent need for answers regarding the Meridia Developer’s agreement to ensure transparency and accountability. Councilman Latona voiced his support for creating a charter study. He also noted that the communications director is actively working on updating the City website.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced he would recuse himself from voting on the Meridia Developer agreement, citing his residency in the area as a potential conflict of interest. He provided an update on the recent Municipal Alliance Committee meeting.

Councilman Latona left the dais at 9:29 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej suggested reviving Youth Day at City Hall, as it is an opportunity for local young residents to connect with their government. Additionally, he discussed the significant financial developments in the area, noting that the City of Hackensack secured a $32 million grant, albeit requiring an initial outlay of $42 million—a reminder of the challenges cities face when navigating grant systems. He highlighted that the Clifton Council did not pass any bonds last year, emphasizing the critical need for investment in the community.

Councilman Latona returned to the dais at 9:32p p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej pointed out that none of the past bond projects allocated funds for flood prevention, underscoring the need to prioritize infrastructure improvements.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino offered donations of baskets to anyone fundraising with a Tricky Tray. She praised the Health Department for their commendable work in supporting the community's well-being. Councilwoman Pino also announced that the Theatre League of Clifton is preparing for a production of "Girl's Night Out," encouraging attendance to support local arts. She expressed her gratitude to Jim Daly for providing valuable information related to the creation of a Charter Study and urged residents to sign up for her initiative, "Clifton Behind the Scenes," which offers a unique tour of City Hall. Councilwoman Pino recognized Joyce Frommer, President of the Friends of the Clifton Public Library, for her dedicated service. She concluded her remarks by celebrating Clifton High School student Angel Garcia, who recently achieved the milestone of receiving his pilot's license. Councilwoman Pino wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman D’Amato

Councilman D'Amato asked for the status of clearing obstructions in the Third River. Additionally, he asked what the strategy and timeframe is to alleviate truck traffic on Pleasant Avenue near the Learning Studio daycare. Councilman D'Amato also provided a report on the recent Civil Rights Committee meeting, highlighting key discussions and initiatives regarding civil rights issues. He asked if Clifton was designated as a Sanctuary City and questioned if the local police would cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Councilman D'Amato expressed his commitment to attending an upcoming suicide awareness event and took a moment to commend Joyce Frommer for her outstanding work at the library. He also praised Jim Daly's excellent plan for a Charter study, which aims to promote greater resident involvement in local governance.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski commended the "Friends of the Clifton Public Library" for their excellent work. He addressed public speaker, Matt Mullins, regarding his reference to Roberts Rules of Order. Mayor Grabowski pointed out that Roberts Rules of Order is a guide, and it is only useful if it is followed. He announced that the Clifton Health Department will be honored at the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton's 2025 gala.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that the Communications Manager is working with the IT Department on upgrading the City's website.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, discussed plans to ease truck traffic on Pleasant Avenue which will include moving signs to an area before the trucks try to turn, adding Truck Route signs and installing bollards.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, confirmed that the DEP approved the request to remove debris from the Third River. He pointed out that the next step is to get a quote for the equipment that will need to be rented and decide how much of the work can be done by the DPW and how much will have to be outsourced.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote, to table CON-5.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call to table Resolution R069-25

R069-25 Resolution Approving Developer Agreement Between the City of Clifton and Meridia Regency on Valley, Clifton LLC

RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND MERIDIA REGENCY ON VALLEY, CLIFTON LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and Meridia Regency on Valley, Clifton LLC, the Developer of Block 62.04, Lots 28, 31, 32, 33, 36 and 37, 1091 – 1175 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey, is hereby authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Developer Agreement on behalf of the City of Clifton.

(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 Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve Resolution R055-25.

R055-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting

RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid at the meeting of February 4, 2025

All payments through February 4, 2025

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

Current Fund	$	15,569,154.98
Grant Fund	$	387,686.13
General Capital Fund	$	677,053.49
Sewer Utility -Operating	$	2,280,934.26
Sewer Utility-Capital	$	18,520.76
Developers Escrow	$	4,787.50
Dog Trust	$	1,596.57
Revolving Loan Fund	$	-
Police Extra Duty	$	37,020.00
Trust Other	$	644,261.39
Section 8 Public Housing	$	26,442.05
Affordable Housing	$	-
Community Development	$	46,889.21
Payroll Agency	$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	$	-
Affordable Housing	$	-
	$	-
Self Insurance	$	574,159.06
Fire Dedicated Penalties	$ -	
Revolving Loan Fund	$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	$	-
Library	$	99,892.70
General Liability Trust	$	139,140.86
Workers Compensation Trust	$	73,661.66
Trust Escrow	$	-
Reserve for Housing	$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	**$ 20,581,200.62**	

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to appoint Nicolette Towing as an official Tower for the City of Clifton.

(5-1-1-0) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay and Councilman Gibson abstained.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to appoint ECRB as an official tower of the City of Clifton.

(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 D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to appoint Telep Motors as an official tower for the City of Cllifton.

(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 D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to appoint Trimble Auto Body as an official tower for the City of Clifton.

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

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.

R056-25 Resolution - Budget Appropriation Transfer #2 Resolution - 2024 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS
2024 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
CURRENT FUND # 2

WHEREAS, transfers between appropriation reserves are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 during the first three (3) months of the next succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2024 appropriation reserves are expected to be insufficient to meet expenditure requirements for 2024 liabilities, and certain 2024 appropriation reserves have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring (5)) that the transfers listed below, between 2024 appropriation reserves, be made:

Department	Account Number	Amount - Out	Amount – In
Personnel – OE	01-203-20-105-263		$ 20,000.00
Legal Department – OE	01-203-20-155-263	$ 20,000.00	
Health Department – S&W	01-203-27-330-102	$ 10,000.00	
Health Department – OE	01-203-27-330-522		$ 10,000.00
		$ 241,200.00	$ 241,200.00

R057-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Wild Geese Control Services 2025

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
WILD GEESE CONTROL SERVICES 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to maintain Geese Control Services at the following locations:

- Nash Park
- Oak Ridge Park
- Albion Park
- Latteri Park
- Zelenka Park
- Main Memorial Park
- Clifton City Hall
- Mt Prospect Park

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited for the purpose of providing environmentally safe Canada Geese control services with the use of border collies. The following two vendors submitted the quotes:

		Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
1.	Geese Chasers North Jersey	$1,575.00	$18,900.00
2.	Birds Beware, Inc.	$1,570.00	$18,840.00

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 Birds Beware. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted quotes, it is recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible vendor Birds Beware, Inc. in the amount of $18,840; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for Geese Control Services be awarded to the lowest respondent, Birds Beware, Inc., P.O. 50 Townsend Drive, Middletown, NJ 07748 in an amount not to exceed $18,840.00. Term of contract shall commence March 1, 2025 and end on February 28, 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.

R058-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to W.E. Timmerman for One Elgin Model Pilican Street Sweeper off of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO W. E. TIMMERMAN FOR ONE ELGIN MODEL PELICAN STREET SWEEPER OFF OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has requested that the City procure a one (1) new and unused Street Sweeper; and

WHEREAS, W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc. has been awarded a contract under the Trucks -, Bid #ESCNJ #23/24-04 via the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ); and

WHEREAS, the above ESCNJ contract provides for the furnishing of One (1) Elgin Model Pelican Street Sweeper, equipped to DPW specification, for a not to exceed amount of $352,767.16; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term extended through to June 30,2025; 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 purchase and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. Jariwala, Purchasing Agent**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc., 3554 Route 22 West, P.O. BOX 71, Whitehouse NJ 08888, based on the contract period and terms outlined in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey contract in an amount not to exceed $352,767.16 for One (1) Elgin Model Pelican Street Sweeper; and

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

R059-25 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Strategic Health Solutions, LLC for Community Health Improvement Plan for the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO STRATEGIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the Council previously adopted Resolution R505-24 on November 6,2024, authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise Request for Proposals for Community Health Improvement Plan in accordance with 40A:11-1 et seq., and to receive and publicly open any responses for the goods and services requested therein; and,

WHEREAS, on January 21,2025, the Purchasing Agent received a sole proposal, which was submitted by Strategic Health Solutions, with the following proposal: and

Meetings w/Collaborative	$22,270.00
Draft CHIP Report	$8375.00
Final CHIP Report	$2,500.00
Total	**$33,145.00**

WHEREAS, the Health Officer and the Purchasing Agent found the documents and content to be responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Health Solutions, located at 19 Liberty Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, has successfully provided the same above services for the other Townships and Cities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq*., the process was carried out with all due diligence, and the proposal submitted by Strategic Health Solutions, LLC is recommended for award for the above services for term of February 1,2025 through January 31,2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for Community Health Assessment Services is hereby awarded to Strategic Health Solutions, located at 19 Liberty Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, for the period of February 1,2025 through January 31,2026 for a total amount not to exceed $33,145.00; 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 that the original of this Resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton.

R060-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to Murray Paving and Concrete LLC for Repairs to the Urma Park Basketball Court off of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO MURRAY PAVING AND CONCRETE LLC FOR REPAIRS TO THE URMA PARK BASKETBALL COURT OFF OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has requested a need to repair the Urma Park Basketball Court which was destroyed during a rainstorm; and

WHEREAS, Murray Paving and Concrete LLC has been awarded a contract under the (ESCNJ) 23/24-28 Job Order Contracting: General Repair and Maintenance Services, as per Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-28, with a bid term running from June 5, 2024, to June 4, 2026 via the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ); and

WHEREAS, the scope of the repairs will include the following:

- Demolition of damaged basketball equipment and asphalt surface
- Removal of an existing tree stump
- Installation of a new asphalt surface
- Installation of a new 8' high black vinyl fence
- Installation of new basketball hoops
- Stripping and marking of the new court

WHEREAS, the above ESCNJ contract provides for the repairs of the Urma Park Basketball Court, for a not to exceed amount of $69,007.02; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term from June 5,2024 to June 4,2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize the aforesaid mentioned purchase and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. Jariwala, Purchasing Agent**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to Murray Paving and Concrete LLC., Inc., 21 Wallace St, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, based on the contract period and terms outlined in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey contract in an amount not to exceed $69,007.02; and

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

R061-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Intent to Procure One (1) New Leach Model 2RIII 25 Yard Rearload Body with Kenworth T480370 HP Chassis Garbage Truck with Accessories Via Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCURE ONE (1) NEW LEACH MODEL 2RIII 25 YARD REARLOAD BODY WITH KENWORTH T480370 HP CHASSIS GARBAGE TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES VIA SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is allowed to participate in inter-local purchasing systems per N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 which was enacted into law permitting agencies to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R274-18, adopted June 19, 2018, the City of Clifton is a member of Sourcewell, formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), a national cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City's interest in participating with the Sourcewell national cooperative for **One (1) New Leach Model 2RIII 25 Yard Rear load Body With Kenworth T480370 Hp Chassis Garbage Truck With Accessories**, under Sourcewell contract number # #110223-LEG, which was awarded Labrie Environmental Group., to be furnished and delivered by the above manufacturer's authorized dealer, Sanitation Equipment Corporation, located at 80 Furler Street, Totowa NJ 07512; and,

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Sourcewell's website at https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/110223-LEG;and,

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #110223-LEG for Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services expires on February 10,2026; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract Labrie Environmental Group, to be furnished and delivered by the above manufacturer's authorized dealer, Sanitation Equipment Corporation, located at 80 Furler Street, Totowa NJ 07512, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell's Notice to Bidders Titled "Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services" and Contract Award # 110223- LEG for Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services; and

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending February 18,2025.

R062-25 Resolution Authorizing Fireworks to be Displayed on July 6, 2025 (Rain Date of July 7, 2025)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED ON JULY 6, 2025 (RAIN DATE OF JULY 7, 2025)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 requires that a municipal governing body authorize the display of fireworks within its boundaries as a precondition to such display in accordance with the above statute; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Clifton's desire to conduct such a display on the night of July 6, 2025 (with a rain date of July 7, 2025) at Clifton Stadium at Main Memorial Park, Route 46 and Piaget Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey with Garden State Fireworks located in Carlton Rd, Millington, NJ 07946;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic hereby authorizes the display of such fireworks upon satisfaction of all statutory requirements with regard to same by the approved contractor.

R063-25 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras at Clifton Arts Center off Bergen County Cooperative Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT CLIFTON ARTS CENTER, OFF BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R262-16, the City is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Contract from which the BC-BID-24-38 contract was awarded for a bid term of June 06,2024, through June 05, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has requested authorization from the Mayor and Municipal Council to approve purchase and install security cameras at Clifton Arts and Sculpture Park from Commercial Technology Contractors Inc. CTCI will furnish and install a comprehensive surveillance system for the City of Clifton, which includes the installation of 17 Hanwa cameras (10 exterior and 7 interior) connected to the Genetec Archival System, integrated with the City of Clifton Police Department's Genetec main servers; and

WHEREAS, CTCI - Commercial Technology Contractors Inc., located at 152 Huron Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013, has been awarded the Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38 has been awarded to Commercial Technology Contractors Inc., for a term ending on June 05, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize 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 aforementioned purchase above from Commercial Technology Contractors Inc., located at 152 Huron Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013 , in an amount not to exceed amount of $41,648.47, off the Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38, pursuant to the same.

R064-25 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Award to the Land Conservancy of New Jersey for Preparation of Open Space and Recreation Plan

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AWARD TO THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY FOR PREPARATION OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional services for the preparation of Open Space and Recreation Plans to comply with state requirements and facilitate the adoption of these plans by the Planning/Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has the expertise and experience to provide the necessary professional analyses and services for the preparation of these plans, which will be subject to review by Green Acres prior to adoption by the Planning/Land Use Board; and

WHEREAS, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey will coordinate with the Green Acres planner and work with the municipality on the adoption process, including ensuring that the plan meets all Green Acres requirements and necessary public engagement processes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Counsel that The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is hereby awarded the contract for the preparation of the Open Space and Recreation Plans, with the following scope of work:

1. Executive Summary: Overview of the plan and key recommendations.
2. Location, History, and Demographics: Information on the location and history of the municipality, including details on demographics and, where applicable, overburdened communities.
3. Open Space Trust Fund/Grants/Awards: Details on any open space trust fund, grants, or awards the municipality has received from other programs.
4. Recreation and Open Space Inventory: The Land Conservancy will provide updates on the municipality's Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI).
5. Public Engagement and Public Hearing: Facilitation of public engagement and organization of the required public hearing process.
6. Goals and Policies: Establishment of specific goals and policies for the municipality’s open space and recreation needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the term of this contract to Land Conservancy of New Jersey located at 19 Boonton Ave, Boonton NJ 07005 shall be from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, and the total not-to-exceed amount for the contract shall be $16,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey in accordance with the terms outlined herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, the Planning/Land Use Board, and any other relevant departments or parties. Funds are available in 03-201-44-000-001 – Open Space & Rec Plan 2025.

R065-25 Resolution Authorizing Braven Health to Provide a Medicare Group with Prescription Coverage (PPO) Plan for City of Clifton Retirees

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRAVEN HEALTH TO PROVIDE A MEDICARE GROUP WITH PRESCIPTION COVERAGE (PPO) PLAN FOR CITY OF CLIFTON RETIREES

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Clifton Insurance Committee, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and administration for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025 for administration of Medicare Group with Prescription Coverage (PPO) Plan for retirees, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Braven Health
3 Penn Plaza, Newark, New Jersey 07101
Provider of Medicare Group with Prescription Coverage (PPO) Plan

The subject matter falls within the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5 *et seq.* and *N.J.A.C.* 5:34-2.3(B) *et seq.* and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be placed on file and made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all required documents in connection with this matter 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

The City of Clifton has authorized the provision of insurance coverage pursuant to the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and (m) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B). The contract and authorizing resolution are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to Braven Health, Newark, NJ
Services: Administrator for Major Medical Claims
Estimated Cost: \$503.68 per member, per month; \$66,486 for 2025 (Estimated cost based on the number of eligible retirees who have elected coverage)
Term: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025

R066-25 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Rule 2 and 20 of the Rules of Order for Order of Business and Privilege of Floor to Councilmembers

February 4, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RULES 2 AND 20 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR TO COUNCILMEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that Rule 2 and Rule 20 is hereby amended by the addition of the following underlined language and the removal of the strikethrough language:

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Rule 2: <u>Order of Business</u>

1. Call of Roll
2. Invocation (12/17/91)
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Petitions and Communications
6. Ordinances
7. Hearing to Public (See Rule 18)
8. City Manager Privilege and Response to Public (6/7/23)
9. Privilege of Floor to Councilmembers (See Rule 20, 2/4/25)
10. Resolutions
11. <u>Privilege of Floor to Councilmembers, (See Rule 20, 2/4/25)</u>
12. Motion to Adjourn

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Rule 20:

During that portion of the Order of Business of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton entitled #9 "Privilege of Floor to Council Members," each Councilmember in addressing the Municipal Council and the public, shall observe a five (5) minute guideline period of time to speak ~~and shall be limited to a total period of time not to exceed ten (10) minutes~~. <u>After #10 "Resolutions" and all other Council business is addressed, each Councilmember may speak for an additional five (5) minutes if sufficient time remains.</u> To continue to speak for a period exceeding ~~ten (10)~~ <u>the second five (5)</u> minutes, the Speaker Councilmember shall request additional time of the Mayor who shall authorize the speaker Councilmember to speak for the specific additional time period provided there is no objection by the Municipal Council. In the event that further additional time is needed, another request shall be put forth and be authorized under procedure as with the initial request. The privilege of the floor to Council Members during Council Privilege shall be granted in alphabetical order with the first speaker alternating by one from meeting to meeting. (02/04/25)

R067-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract to Robbie Conley Architect, LLC for Architectural Services for Clifton Office of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center and the Renovation of Fire Station 3

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ROBBIE CONLEY ARCHITECT, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CLIFTON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND THE RENOVATION OF FIRE STATION 3

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional architectural services for the development of an OEM Emergency Operations Center and for the renovation of Fire Station 3; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends that a contract be awarded to Robbie Conley Architect, LLC in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated November 25, 2024, in the amount not to exceed $36,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40A:11-1 *et seq*., and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefore without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A</u> 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-20.4 *et seq.;* and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of this contract is in excess of $17,500.00 and the duration of the contract will be until completion; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from Robbie Conley Architect, LLC and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for architectural services for the development of an OEM Emergency Operations Center and for the renovation of Fire Staton 3 is hereby awarded to **ROBBIE CONLEY ARCHITECTS, LLC**, in accordance with its proposal dated November 25, 2024, in the cumulative amount not to exceed $36,500.00, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; 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 that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton.

R068-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. for Licensed Site Remediation Services at the DPW, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall and the Former Safas Site at 2 Ackerman Ave. - Extension January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. FOR LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION SERVICES AT THE DPW, FIREHOUSE #3, FIREHOUSE #6, CITY HALL AND THE FORMER SAFAS SITE AT 2 ACKERMAN AVE – EXTENSION JANUARY 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, in accordance with a mandate by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the City of Clifton, by previous resolutions, appointed Rohan Tadas, presently of Environmental Resolutions, Inc., as its Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for five sites in the City requiring remediation: the DPW, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall, and the former Safas site at 2 Ackerman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, remediation work has been ongoing on the five sites for years and must be continued and Environmental Resolutions, Inc. has submitted proposals to provide said services for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that a contract for said services be awarded to Environmental Resolutions, Inc., in accordance with its submitted proposals, in the total amount not to exceed $135,200.00, allocated to each site as follows:

City Hall	$24,600.00
Safas Site	$15,500.00
Firehouse #6	$13,000.00
Firehouse #3	$23,000.00
DPW	$59,100.00

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract for the remediation services to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, NJ, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in accordance with its quotation(s), at a total cost not to exceed $135,200.00; 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 contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract for 2025 is determined to be not to exceed $135,200.00, and the duration of the contract is January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional engineering services contract be awarded to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, NJ, for professional remediation services for the DPW Site, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall and the former Safas Site at 2 Ackerman Avenue, for the year 2025, at a price not to exceed $135,200.00; 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 that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk 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 a 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:	Environmental Resolutions, Inc., Mount Laurel, NJ
Services:	Site Remediation
Project:	DPW, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall & 2 Ackerman Ave
Cost:	Not to Exceed $135,200.00
Term:	January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

R070-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Board of Recreation

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
BOARD OF RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of applications from Judith Bassford and Juan Abreu to become Members of the Board of Recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Judith Bassford be and is hereby appointed as Alternate #2 of the Board of Recreation for a three-year term commencing this date through December 31, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Juan Abreu be and is hereby appointed as Alternate #3 of the Board of Recreation for a three-year term commencing this date through December 31, 2027.

R071-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Traffic Safety Council

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Honam Ng to become a Member of the Traffic Safety Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Honam Ng is hereby appointed as a Member of the Traffic Safety Council for a three-year term commencing this day through December 31, 2027.

R072-25 Resolution Authorizing Games of Skill Operator Licenses

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:

Clif Tavern	605 Clifton Avenue
Emerald Corner	12 Oak Street
Italian American Family	282 Parker Avenue
Pub 46	1081 Route 46 East

R073-25 Resolution Authorizing New and Used Car Lot License - Harmony Motors, LLC

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW AND USED CAR LOT LICENSE

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 from Harmony Motors, LLC, 524 Lexington Avenue, 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, 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 a New and Used Car Lot License to Harmony Motors, LLC be and is hereby granted.

R74-25 Resolution Authorizing Animal Shelter & Pound License Renewal - Clifton Animal Shelter

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANIMAL SHELTER & POUND LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an Animal Shelter & Pound License Renewal from the Clifton Animal Shelter, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton; 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 an Animal Shelter License to the Clifton Animal Shelter is hereby granted.

R075-25 Resolution Authorizing Animal Shelter & Pound License Renewal - Homeless Animal Adoption

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANIMAL SHELTER & POUND LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an Animal Shelter & Pound License Renewal from the Homeless Animal Adoption League, 236 Delawanna Avenue, Clifton; 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 an Animal Shelter License to the Homeless Animal Adoption League is hereby granted.

R076-25 Resolution Authorizing Florist License Renewal – Bartlett

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Florist License Renewal from Bartlett Green House and Florist, 814 Grove Street, Clifton; 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 License to Bartlett Green House and Florist be and is hereby granted.

R077-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pet Shop License - Absolutely Fish

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 Absolutely Fish, 1080 Route 46 West in the City of Clifton; 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 a Pet Shop License to Absolutely Fish be and is hereby granted.

R078-25 Resolution Authorizing New Limousine License - GMS Luxury Transportation

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW LIMOUSINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Limousine License application from Jhonatan Meza, Owner of GMS Luxury Transportation LLC, 80 East Clifton Avenue, in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

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

Company name:
GMS Luxury Transportation, LLC

Owner and Operator:
Jhonatan Meza

Approved Vehicles:
2023 Chevrolet Suburban 1GNSKCKD8PR249938

Approved Parking Location:
80 E. Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ

R079-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License - 3L Transportation

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIMOUSINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Limousine License application from Carlos Lopera the owner and operator of 3L Transportation Services, 31 Josh Court, in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for a new Limousine License from Carlos Lopera, the owner and operator of 3L Transportation Services in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
3L Transportation Services

Owner and Operator:
Carlos Lopera

Approved Vehicles:
2020 Ford Expedition JFMJK2A5ZLEA87311

Approved Parking Location:
31 Josh Court, Clifton, NJ 07011

R080-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Helicopter Landing License - PB Nutclif Master

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HELICOPTER LANDING 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 PB Nutclif Master, LLC, 310 Kingsland Street, Nutley, NJ 07110; 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 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 PB Nutclif Master, LLC be and is hereby granted.

R081-25 Resolution Authorizing the City of Clifton to Apply to and Acquire Funding from FY-2025 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant for Improvements to Normandy Park

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO APPLY TO, AND ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM, FY-2025 NJDCA LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NORMANDY PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately $100,000 to carry out a project to make improvements to Normandy Park including playground resurfacing, bench installation, and the creation of an ADA walking path.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 1) that the City of Clifton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Clifton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Manager, Dominick Villano, is authorized to sign the application, and that his successor in said title is authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

R082-25 Resolution to Apply for Urban Parks Grant - Surgent Park

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR URBAN PARK GRANT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), is providing grants through the Urban Parks initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest by obtaining Urban Parks grant funding in the amount of $750,000.00 from the State to fund the following project: Improvements at Surgent Park at a cost of $899,800;

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to obtain Green Acres grant funding if the above Urban Parks grant funding request is underfunded or unsuccessful;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Urban Parks initiative, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with applicable policies and laws, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the City of Clifton resolves that:

1. Dominick Villano, or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:
   a. make applications for such a loan and/or such a grant,
   b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
   c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;

2. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;

3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

R083-25 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Cancellation of Mortgage Between City of Clifton and Martha Sirvidio; Bernardo and Calogera Morello; and Edward L. Jr. and Andrea M. Myers (Clifton Home Improvement Program)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND MARTHA SIRVIDIO; BERNARDO and CALOGERA MORELLO; and EDWARD L. JR. and ANDREA M. MYERS (CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2018, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Martha Sirvidio, a mortgage in the amount of $3,883.13 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 29 Lennon Place, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 53.02, Lot 31); and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2018, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Bernardo and Calogera Morello, a mortgage in the amount of $10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 21 Avondale Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 46.02, Lot 11); and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2018, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Edward L. Jr. and Andrea M. Myers, a mortgage in the amount of $9,935.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 33 Lambert Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 22.06, Lot 27); and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the Clifton Home Improvement Program has advised that the aforesaid mortgages have expired;

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

R084-25 Resolution Appointing Official Towers for the City of Clifton Under Chapter 425, Article I of the Code of the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL TOWERS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON UNDER CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article I of Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton, the Municipal Council shall appoint persons or entities engaged in the business of furnishing adequate and proper wrecking, towing, storage and emergency repair services to motor vehicles within the limits of the City, with the exception of motor vehicles on toll roads, when requested to do so by the City who meet all the requirements as set forth in Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton to qualify as an Official Tower on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the following four entities: ECRB Towing, New Trimble Towing, Nicolette Towing and Telep Towing have adequately met the standards set forth in Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton to be appointed as Official Towers; and

WHEREAS, the Council having duly considered the criteria set forth in § 425-2(F) of the Code of the City of Clifton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that ECRB Towing, New Trimble Towing, Nicolette Towing and Telep Towing are hereby appointed as an Official Towers of the City of Clifton for the period covering March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Official Tower shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Municipal Council and shall comply with all applicable city ordinances, State statutes and Administrative Code regulations dealing with towers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual reporting of the list of Official Towers shall be available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk by any member of the general public upon request.

R085-25 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 Rafael Dominguez v. City of Clifton, et al PAS-L-3193-23; Froilan Dominguez v. City of Clifton, et al PAS-L-2685-23
CON-2 Executive Session Minutes of January 8, 2025
CON-3 Emails Between Labor Counsel and PBA Concerning Negotiations
CON-4 Pending PBA and FMBA Grievances - Personnel
CON-5 Developer Agreement - Meridia Regency on Valley
CON-6 Confidential Employees' Salary Increases - Personnel
CON-7 Notice of Tort Claim by D.V. - Potential Litigation: Request from Councilmembers for Outside Counsel
CON-8 Rice Notice to Discuss Terms and Conditions of Employment Response
CON-9 Sanitary Sewer User Charge to Clifton Board of Education
CON-10 FMBA - Negotiations

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 February 4, 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.

<u>**LICENSES**</u>

L-1 Aura Lounge

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF AURA LOUNGE LLC
T/A AURA LOUNGE
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-NEW
for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as:
1500 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-2 El Pilon Restaurant

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR EL PILON NJ LLC
T/A EL PILON RESTAURANT
ADDRESS 1281 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW BOHEMIAN BISTRO
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-3 Hookah Engineer

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR MOHAMMED ABDELRASOUL & MAHBOB MATAN
T/A HOOKAH ENGINEER
ADDRESS 277 CROOKS AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW HOOKAH ENGINEER
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-4 Food Universe Marketplace

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR LEXINGTON FOOD CORP
T/A FOOD UNIVERSE MARKETPLACE
ADDRESS 435 LEXINGTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER/GROCERY/MILK
FORMERLY OR NEW SUPERFRESH/FOOD UNIVERSE
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-5 Crave Kitchen

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR CRAVE KITCHEN LLC
T/A CRAVE KITCHEN
ADDRESS 1197 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-NEW
FORMERLY OR NEW BELLA VIDA PASTRY SHOP
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

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Raymond Grabowski, Mayor