

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 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 Sokolowski – St. John Kanty Church

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Amendment B-19-MW-34-0103 (CARES ACT FUNDING) Clifton Health Urgent Need to Food Distribution Program - CDBG - CV Funds Public Hearing.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

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

(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 Councilman D’Amato 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 D’Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the Workshop, Regular and Executive Session of February 4, 2025.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Juan Crespo, Regulatory Affairs, hired part time as Building Inspector, at \$33.43 hourly, effective January 31, 2025.
- C-2 Gabriel Crespo, Human Services, hired part time as Lead Inspector, at \$23.00 hourly, effective January 31, 2025.
- C-3 William Frank, Public Safety, resigned from his position of Special Law Enforcement Officer effective February 4, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-4 Minutes of Board of Health of 9/10/2024, 10/8/2024, 11/12/2024 & 12/10/2024
- C-5 Minutes of Environmental Commission Meeting of 9/11/24; 10/9/24; 11/13/24
- C-6 Minutes of Hazardous Materials Control Bd of 9/18/24; 10/16/24; 11/20/24; 12/18/24
- C-7 Minutes of Civil Rights Committee of January 27, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7972-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7972-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7972-25

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

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 Latona and carried by 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)

(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 7973-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7973-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7973-25

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

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 Latona 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 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)

(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 7974-25

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7974-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7974-25

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 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)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7975-25

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 Latona, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 4 Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, March 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.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7976-25

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 Gibson, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, March 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.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7977-25

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 Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, March 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.

D. Introduction of Ordinance 7978-25

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 Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej, and passed on roll call vote.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, March 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

Gerald Zecker, 55 McCosh Road, discussed the Meridia Developers agreement. He stated the Planning Board has a new attorney and this agreement has been put on hold. He asked the Council to consider not going forward with the agreement.

Joanne MacBeth, 11 Wheeler St., highlighted the need for a Charter Study to consider changing the form of government in the City.

Ryan Powers, 12 Ferris Drive, pointed out a safety issue with the handicapped parking space in front of Mario's Restaurant on Van Houten Ave.

Joe Siano, 102 Trenton Ave., announced upcoming fundraisers and events. He highlighted the importance of scheduling prostate screenings.

Bart Ciervo, Delawanna Ave., questioned whether the Dog Park in Nash Park is sanctioned. He asked why speed bumps are not installed on Delawanna Ave. Mr. Ciervo stressed the importance of having the CFO at Council meetings.

Matt Ward, 1 Sewall Ave., asked the Council to reconsider their vote not to put a question on the ballot to create a Charter Study to consider changing the City's form of government.

Gina Scaduto, 44 Springdale Court, (Zoom) expressed her condolences to the D'Arco family on the passing of Dave D'Arco. She spoke about a holiday committee meeting that was being held, but the volunteers were not invited to.

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

Ryan Powers – Will bring the issue of the handicapped parking space near Mario's to the attention of the Engineering Department to perhaps look for another area to put the handicapped parking spot.

Gina Scaduto – The meeting of the Holiday committee was set up for Council members only so they could discuss how the meetings would be run and who would hold what roles. The volunteers could not be invited since the resolution appointing them is on tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula highlighted the lack of transparency surrounding the timings and outcomes of various committees, particularly calling attention to the subcommittee of committees, and urging the Council to announce when they will convene next. She also raised concerns over ongoing truck safety issues along Pleasant Avenue, emphasizing that despite previous discussions, no concrete actions have been taken to address this problem. She requested a clear timeline for when a solution would be proposed, as well as updates on the removal of debris from the Third River. Additionally, Councilwoman Sadrakula inquired whether any funding had been withdrawn from the Blue Acres program under President Trump's administration. She pushed for a detailed plan to improve street lighting in the area, questioning why Chelsea Road is receiving curbs without accompanying road paving. She urged that the Developers' Agreement with Meridia be tabled until further considerations are made. She questioned the whereabouts of a compliant dog park. Councilwoman Sadrakula she expressed her disagreement with the formation of a Charter Committee. She also expressed concern regarding the current setup of a handicapped parking spot in front of Mario's restaurant on Van Houten Avenue. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked that a Bond Committee meeting be coordinated.

Councilwoman Sadrakula extended her condolences to the D'Arco, Rowan, and Sieper families on the passing of their loved ones.

Councilwoman Pino left the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that the truck safety issue has been addressed with the owner of the daycare. It was decided that some parking spaces would be eliminated, install bollards, add more signs, and add truck route signs. He reported that the DPW Director has provided the cost needed to clean the debris from the Third River. Now a plan will be put in place. Mr. Villano stated that PSE&G is planning on replacing street lighting at 5% per year. Mr. Villano will have the Engineering Department work on making the dog park compliant.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona extended his condolences to the D'Arco family, the Rowan family, and the Sieper family for their recent losses. Councilman Latona emphasized the importance of reviewing all aspects thoroughly before approving any charter study to ensure informed decision-making. He took a moment to express gratitude to Home Depot for their donation of bins to the warming center. He thanked Boy Scout Troop 21 for their presence at tonight's meeting. In discussing the Holiday Committee, Councilman Latona clarified that the meeting organized by Councilmembers occurred prior to any volunteer appointment. He urged the need to schedule the Fourth of July fireworks on the actual holiday. Councilman Latona encouraged the Council to actively pursue grant money that could further benefit the community and reminded everyone of the upcoming budget meeting.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej expressed his gratitude to Boy Scouts Troop 21 for their presence at the meeting, emphasizing the importance of civic engagement among young people. He offered valuable advice to the scouts about their future, encouraging them to observe not just the words of elected officials, but their actions and voting patterns. He reiterated his support for allowing the public to decide if they wish to establish a charter commission to evaluate the most effective form of government for the city. Councilman Kolodziej proposed the creation of a continuity binder to facilitate understanding Ethics Law processes and conflicts of interest, ensuring that current and future council members have clear guidelines to follow. He also took a moment to remind his colleagues that during the last budget discussions, the majority of the Council had randomly cut overtime.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino welcomed the members of Boy Scouts Troop 21. She expressed her condolences to the D'Arco family, acknowledging their recent loss. Councilwoman Pino also reminded attendees to pick up the Clifton Merchant magazine, which features a map of Clifton. She promoted the ECHO youth group, highlighting opportunities for young people to get involved. She reminded community members that it is not too late to sign up for the "Behind the Scenes" tour of City Hall and its grounds. Additionally, she announced that the Clifton Theatre League will be producing "Girl's Night Out," dinner show. Councilwoman Pino addressed the issue of transparency within the Council. She voiced her concerns regarding certain Councilmembers who had not provided explanations for their decision to deny a raise for the Confidential Employees while increasing the salaries of all other employees.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato welcomed Boy Scouts Troop 21, suggesting a selection of books that would enrich their learning and growth. Additionally, he raised concerns regarding the lack of notification to residents about upcoming road work, emphasizing the need for better communication from the city. On the topic of accessibility, he suggested implementing closed captioning for Council meeting broadcasts to ensure that all residents can engage with the proceedings. Councilman D'Amato thanked speaker Jerry Zecker for voicing his concerns regarding the Meridia Development agreement. He reaffirmed his commitment to the Charter Study, indicating that he will continue to advocate for its consideration despite ongoing challenges. D'Amato asked whether the police would aid ICE if they were to come to Clifton.

Councilman D'Amato explained his recent vote against Confidential Employee raises, citing the anticipated constraints of the upcoming budget. City Manager, Dominick Villano, pointed out that the local police would only aid ICE if it were a criminal matter and not an immigration matter.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson offered his condolences to the Sieper, D'Arco, and Rowan families during this challenging time. He pointed out that confidential employees should not be lumped into one group when it involves salary increases. He stated some have shown exemplary dedication and should not be unfairly grouped with others who do not deserve a salary increase. Councilman Gibson extended his wishes for a speedy recovery to Joe Siano. He pointed out that the dog park in Nash Park requires immediate attention to meet compliance standards.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski extended condolences to the D'Arco family during this difficult time. He extended gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 21 for their attendance, acknowledging their commitment to service and leadership. The Mayor took a moment to offer them some life advice, encouraging the Scouts to always pursue their passions with integrity. Mayor Grabowski thanked Joe Siano for reminding the community about the significance of regular prostate checks for men's health.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to table Resolution R094-25

R094-25 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Sanitation Equipment Corporation off of a Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract for One (1) New Leach Model 2RIII 25 Yard Rear Load Body with Kenworth T480370 HP Chassis Garbage Truck with Accessories

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, OFF OF A SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) NEW LEACH MODEL 2RIII 25 YARD REAR LOAD BODY WITH KENWORTH T480370 HP CHASSIS GARBAGE TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES

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 National Cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R604-22 of December 20, 2022, an advertisement was placed in the Herald News, to announce the City's interest in utilizing 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, which was awarded to , Sanitation Equipment Corporation, located at 80 Furler Street, Totowa NJ 07512; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #110223-LEG for Waste collection vehicles expires on December 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Sourcewell, and the contract which was awarded to 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 "Waste collection vehicles" and Contract Award # 110223-LEG for Waste Collection Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10, and finds all is in compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10, pursuant to the proposal submitted, and is in concurrence with the Fire Chief to recommend award of the same; and

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors by the February 18,2025 comment deadline; 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, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The City of Clifton is authorized to award said One (1) New Leach Model 2RIII 25 Yard Rear load Body With Kenworth T480370 Hp Chassis Garbage Truck With Accessories pursuant to Sourcewell contract number # #110223-LEG.
2. The proposal submitted by Sanitation Equipment Corporation for the procurement of Refuse Collection Vehicles with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services” and Contract Award # 110223- LEG total not to exceed amount of \$310,892.80 is hereby awarded.
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number: 04-215-55-954-606 - Recycling Truck and Trailer

(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 table Resolution R095-25

R095-25 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.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to authorize permission to bid for City Hall campus water main extension.

R088-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Bid for Clifton City Hall Campus Water Main Extension

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
CLIFTON CITY HALL CAMPUS WATER MAIN EXTENSION**

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

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

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes the extension of a new 8-inch water main along Linzenbold Drive from Colfax Avenue to the existing stub from Van Houten Avenue; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive public bids for the services described therein; and,

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to authorize permission to advertise request for proposals (RFP) for cancer screening services for full time paid fire fighters for the City of Clifton

R092-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) for Cancer Screening Services for Full Time Paid Fire Fighters for the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CANCER SCREENING SERVICES FOR FULL TIME PAID FIRE FIGHTERS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.29ii(a), the City of Clifton is required to provide periodic cancer screenings for full-time paid firefighters who are not enrolled in the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP); and

WHEREAS, the statute mandates that firefighters receive a cancer screening within three years of employment and every three years thereafter, which must include screenings for at least eleven types of cancer; and

NOW THEREFORE, 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 for cancer screening services for full-time paid firefighters, in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.29ii(a), and that the RFP process be conducted as soon as possible to secure qualified vendors to provide these essential health screenings for our firefighters.

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.*

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

A Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to authorize maintenance and repairs of Genetec security cameras for various departments of the city of Clifton, off Bergen County cooperative contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF GENETEC SECURITY CAMERAS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, 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 on behalf of all other departments has requested authorization from the Mayor and Municipal Council to approve maintenance and repairs of the security cameras at various departments including the upcoming renovated Clifton well house from Commercial Technology Contractors Inc.; 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 has the required expertise and qualifications to perform the necessary maintenance and repairs for the Genetec Camera System; 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 \$58,350.00, off the Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38, pursuant to the same.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to approve the Entertainment License for La Bonita Bar Restaurant, Inc. t/a La Bonita Bar

R097-25 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for La Bonita Bar Restaurant, Inc.
t/a La Bonita Bar

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR LA BONITA
BAR RESTAURANT, INC. T/A LA BONITA BAR**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of La Bonita Bar Restaurant, Inc. t/a La Bonita Bar, of 394 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone) is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from February 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week:
Thursday, Friday and Saturday - Hours: 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

New Year's Eve
Hours: 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

DJ music Karaoke

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

February 4, 2025 through June 30, 2025

5. **SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:**

Not applicable.

6. **NOISE LEVELS:**

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. **OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:**

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. **REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

(5-2-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. 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 to vote on the following exception:

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R086-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting

Current Fund	\$	21,655,720.24
Grant Fund	\$	448,782.91
General Capital Fund	\$	56,465.09
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	125,994.99
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	11,690.00
Developers Escrow	\$	34,341.72
Dog Trust	\$	1,357.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	53,770.00
Trust Other	\$	159,690.11

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Section 8 Public Housing	\$	231,143.78
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	10,108.00
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,621,719.64
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	98,922.48
General Liability Trust	\$	30,995.05
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	33,147.36
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		24,573,848.37

(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.

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.

R087-25 Resolution - Special Emergency Rescinding USDOE Grant Spending

SPECIAL EMERGENCY 2
RESCINDING PORTION RESOLUTION R026-25

WHEREAS, Resolution R026-25 was approved at the January 21, 2025, City Council Meeting, as a Special Emergency to include a \$140,540.00 grant from US Department of Energy, and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum for All DOE Funding Agreements or Awards dated Monday, January 27, 2025, from Sara Wilson, Acquisition Director, Acting Head of Contracting Activity, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy was received via email on Thursday, February 6, 2025, and

WHEREAS; the grant funding is being suspended by the Federal Government as related to DEI and CBP activities, 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, that the 2025 Budget Appropriation for said grant be rescinded from the 2025 Municipal Budget until such time that clarification is received from the Federal Government on funding / spending:

- 1. Emergency Temporary Appropriation Rescinding be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$ 140,650.00 as follows:

- a. EECBG Grant from USDOE \$140,650.00
- 2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations Rescinding will be provided for in the 2025 Municipal Budget.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services, by the City Clerk.

R089-25 Resolution of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the City's Qualified Purchasing Agent to Award Contracts Below the Bidding Threshold of \$44,000

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS BELOW THE BIDDING THRESHOLD OF \$44,000

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2023, the Governor of the State of New Jersey signed into law P.L. 2023, c. 30, known as the *Election Transparency Act*; and

WHEREAS, said legislation empowers local units to permit their qualified purchasing agents to award “window contracts” in accordance with the *Pay to Play* provisions for amounts exceeding \$17,500, yet falling beneath the established public bidding threshold; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to amendments enacted on July 1, 2020, the Governor increased the bidding threshold for municipalities possessing a Qualified Purchasing Agent to the sum of \$44,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Amisha J. Jariwala has held the position of Purchasing Agent/Qualified Purchasing Agent since January 1, 2023, duly authorized and appointed by the City of Clifton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 18th day of February 2025, by the City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The governing body hereby grants authority to the City’s Qualified Purchasing Agent to award “window contracts” in full compliance with the Pay to Play regulations, for contracts exceeding \$17,500.00 but below the public bidding threshold of \$44,000.00.
- 2. The City further authorizes and directs the City Administrator/Manager and the Qualified Purchasing Agent to take all necessary actions, execute all requisite documents, and undertake any and all procedures required to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

R090-25 Resolution Authorizing One-Year Extension of Contract for Uniform Rental, Cleaning and Management Services for the Department of Public Works March 1, 2025-February 28, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL, CLEANING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MARCH 1, 2025 – FEBRUARY 28, 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R106-22, adopted on March 1,2022, a contract was awarded to American Wear Uniforms, 261 N. 18th Street, East Orange, NJ 07017 for the contract term of March 1,2024 through to February 28, 2025, with the bids received on February 16,2022; and

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WHEREAS, the bid specifications of the above award provided the City with an option to extend the contract for two (2) additional years at the same terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has stated that American Wear Uniforms has provided services satisfactorily, and has requested that the City Council authorize the one-year (2024) extension, for a total not to exceed annual amount of \$50,000.00, as originally proposed and awarded; and

WHEREAS, Amisha J. Jariwala, the appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent, has reviewed and concurs with the Director of Public works that such an extension is available and is in the best interest of the City of Clifton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract for the Uniform Rental Cleaning and Management Services is hereby extended to the sole respondent American Wear Uniforms, 261 N. 18th Street, East Orange, NJ 07017 for a total not to exceed \$50,000.00 for term March 1,2025 through to February 28, 2026.

R091-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for RFPs for Proposals for the Marketing of Recyclables in the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFPS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE MARKETING OF RECYCLABLES IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes the importance of proper recycling and the effective marketing of recyclables to ensure environmental sustainability and economic viability; and

WHEREAS, the current contract for the marketing of recyclables in the City of Clifton is set to expire in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to continue its commitment to recycling by ensuring a competitive process for the selection of a contractor to provide marketing services for recyclables, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS The RFP shall outline the scope of services required, including but not limited to the identification of markets for recyclable materials, the transportation and processing of recyclables, and any other relevant services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to advertise a Notice to Bidders and to receive public RFPs response for the services described herein via Fair and Open process; and

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

R093-25 Resolution Authorizing Maintenance and Repairs of Genetec Security Cameras for Various Departments of the City of Clifton off Bergen County Cooperative Contract

R096-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of 360 PLUSS Program, Including Voluntary Benefits Offered Through Allstate for the Employees of the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 360 PLUSS PROGRAM, INCLUDING VOLUNTARY BENEFITS OFFERED THROUGH ALLSTATE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, NJ Revised Statutes Title 40A:11-5 et al. provides that any contract the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor and shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body if (1) The subject matter thereof consists of (m) Insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, which exception shall be in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services;

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

- a) The City of Clifton authorizes the continued participation in the 360 PLUS Program.
- b) The Mayor is authorized to execute the Compliance Agreement with Attentive, LLC and the Service Agreement with 360 Smarter Administration, LLC.
- c) There has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and representatives of Attentive, LLC and 360 Smarter Administration, LLC in the selection of Attentive, LLC and 360 Smarter Administration, LLC as contractor for the administration of the 360 PLUS Program.

R098-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
CLIFTON ARTS CENTER & SCULPTURE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are aware of the resignation of Michael Gabriele from the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are in receipt of applications from Brian LoPinto and Arnie Korotkin to become Members of said committee; and

WHEREAS, currently Barbara Novak holds the Alternate #1 position;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Barbara Novak be and is hereby appointed as a full Public Member to the Arts Center & Sculpture Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brian LoPinto be and is hereby appointed as Alternate #1 and Arnie Korotkin be and is hereby appointed as Alternate #2 commencing this day.

R099-25 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 Joseph N. Genchi 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 Joseph N. Genchi is hereby appointed as a Member of the Traffic Safety Council for a three-year term commencing this day through December 31, 2027.

R100-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Holiday Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
HOLIDAY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of applications from Donna Popowich and Gina Marie Scaduto to become Members of the Holiday Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Donna Popowich and Gina Marie Scaduto are hereby appointed as Members of the Holiday Committee commencing this day.

R101-25 Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of April 30, 2024, as Arbor Day in the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF APRIL 26, 2024, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE
CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally the last Friday in April each year; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this important national event, the City of Clifton, together with various service organizations and youth groups, will participate in appropriate programs throughout the City during this special month; and

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving 2,000 free seedlings from the New Jersey Tree Recovery Program to donate to schools and other organizations in an effort to help replace trees lost during Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has been recognized each year as a Tree City U.S.A. since 1997, and recognized as a Growth Award Community since 1999 with various activities to enhance the appreciation and importance of trees in Clifton and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Clifton has earned recognition as a Sterling Community by the National Arbor Day Society for having 10 or more years as a leader in the Growth Award Program; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the City of Clifton has been in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection=s Community Forestry Program, the objective of which is to plant shade trees in front of residential areas under the Cool Cities Program, and has implemented a Community Stewardship Incentive Program to further the goals and objectives of the City=s Community Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Clifton was the recipient of the Community Stewardship Incentive Grant Program for a \$10,000 matching grant for a city-wide tree inventory, which will characterize street tree population, advise needed trees in vacant plant sites, and recommend high priority maintenance needs for street trees; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Clifton was the recipient of a state-wide Green Communities Achievement Award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Forest Service, New Jersey Forest Service, and the New Jersey Tree Foundation for the City=s achievement in urban and community forestry; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City was the recipient of a TD Green Streets Grant for \$20,000 to plant trees in Nash Park, Hird Park and Randolph Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is proud of its Liberty Elm Tree, which was planted in 2007 to coincide with both Arbor Day and the City of Clifton=s 90th Anniversary and to symbolize the birth of freedom in America, and also planted another Liberty Elm in 2017 to coincide with the City=s 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body wishes to publicly proclaim and set aside these days for reflection on the importance of trees that everyone should endeavor to preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby ratify the proclamation of Friday, April 26, 2024 to be

**ARBOR DAY
IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

All citizens of our community were urged to participate in programs held throughout the City during the Spring and Fall of 2024.

R102-25 Resolution Proclaiming April 30, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION PROCLAMING APRIL 25, 2025, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF
CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally the last Friday in April each year; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this important national event, the City of Clifton, together with various service organizations and youth groups, will participate in appropriate programs throughout the City during this special month; and

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving 2,000 free seedlings from the New Jersey Tree Recovery Program to donate to schools and other organizations in an effort to help replace trees lost during Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has been recognized each year as a Tree City U.S.A. since 1997, and recognized as a Growth Award Community since 1999 with various activities to enhance the appreciation and importance of trees in Clifton and the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Clifton has earned recognition as a Sterling Community by the National Arbor Day Society for having 10 or more years as a leader in the Growth Award Program; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the City of Clifton has been in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection=s Community Forestry Program, the objective of which is to plant shade trees in front of residential areas under the Cool Cities Program, and has implemented a Community Stewardship Incentive Program to further the goals and objectives of the City=s Community Forest

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Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Clifton was the recipient of the Community Stewardship Incentive Grant Program for a \$10,000 matching grant for a city-wide tree inventory, which will characterize street tree population, advise needed trees in vacant plant sites, and recommend high priority maintenance needs for street trees; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is proud of its Liberty Elm Tree, which was planted in 2007 to coincide with both Arbor Day and the City of Clifton=s 90th Anniversary and to symbolize the birth of freedom in America, and also planted another Liberty Elm in 2017 to coincide with the City=s 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body wishes to publicly proclaim and set aside these days for reflection on the importance of trees that everyone should endeavor to preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby ratify the proclamation of Wednesday, April 25, 2025, to be

**ARBOR DAY
IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

Whereby, all citizens of our community were urged to participate in programs held throughout the City during the Spring and Fall of 2025.

R103-25 Resolution Authorizing Games of Skill Operators License Renewals

**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:

Bogey’s Sports Bar	103 Valley Road
Dingo’s Den	615 Van Houten Avenue
El Dorado	255 Parker Avenue
J. Aldos Bar	40 Highland Avenue
Rock Bar	414 Main Avenue
Sharkey’s Wings & Raw Bar	545 Highland Avenue

R104-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Junk Yard License - Clifton Metals

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUNK YARD 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 Yard License Renewal Application from Clifton Metals Recycling LLC at 613-639 Route 46 East in Clifton, New Jersey; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 Yard License to Clifton Metals Recycling LLC at 613-639 Route 46 East in Clifton, New Jersey 07013, be and is hereby approved.

R105-25 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:

KMG Auto Body	58 Franklin Avenue
Lexington Auto Club	490 Lexington Avenue
Main Collision	995 Main Avenue
Nash Park Automotive	630 Lexington Avenue

R106-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pet Shop Licenses

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PET SHOP LICENSE RENEWALS

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 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 a Pet Shop Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Barking Barney’s Doggie Daycare Center	657 Lexington Avenue
Lisa’s Doggie Daycare Center	220 Main Avenue

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R107-25 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.

Days Gone By Florist	1382 Clifton Avenue
Superfresh Supermarket	85 Ackerman Avenue
Stop & Shop #2802	1189 Broad Street
Richfield Garden & Farm	1139 Van Houten Avenue

R108-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Billiards Room Licenses

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Billiard Room License Renewals from the businesses listed below 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, 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 Billiard Room Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Breaker Billiards	1142 US Route 46 West
Clifton Billiards	1158 Main Avenue

R109-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pawnbroker/Jeweler License - Corbo

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAWNBROKER SHOP/JEWELER LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker Shop License Renewal from Corbo Jewelers, 1055 Bloomfield Avenue, Clifton; 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 Pawnbroker/Jeweler License for Corbo Jewelers be and is hereby granted.

R110-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pawnshop/Jeweler License - Unique

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAWNSHOP/JEWELER LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Pawnshop/Jeweler License Renewal from Unique Gold and Diamonds, 613 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Police, Fire, Zoning and Health 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 Pawnshop/Jeweler License for Unique Gold & Diamonds be and are hereby granted:

R111-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Renting/Leasing of Vehicles License - Drive Ur Self

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 Passaic-Clifton Drive-Ur-Self System, 593 Broad Street, 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 Passaic-Clifton Drive-Ur-Self System, be and is hereby approved.

R112-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Vending License - Breaker Billiards

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Billiard Room License Renewals from the businesses listed below 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, Fire, Health and Police Departments;

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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 Billiard Room Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Breaker Billiards	1142 US Route 46 West
Clifton Billiards	1158 Main Avenue

R113-25 Resolution Approving Amendments to Community Development Block Grant Program Budget Amendment No. B-19-MW-34-0103 Transfer of Funds from Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Clifton Health Urgent Need to Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Food Distribution Program

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET
AMENDMENT NO. B-19 MC-34-0103 TRANSFER OF
FUNDS FROM Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Clifton Health Urgent Need to Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Food
Distribution Program.**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is an entitlement community under the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, as the City Council previously adopted resolutions approving the Community Development Block Grant Program for various prior years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton now finds a need to transfer funds between Yr. 45 CDBG funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that the said amendments as reflected on the attached schedule be and hereby are approved.

Certification/Transfer of Funds from:

17-201-20-112-046 Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Clifton Health Dept. Urgent Need \$50,000

To:
17-201-20-112-041 Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Food Distribution Program \$50,000

R114-25 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 Developer Agreement - Meridia Regency on Valley
- CON-2 Rice Notice to Discuss Terms and Conditions of Employment - Personnel Exception
- CON-3 Confidential Employee Salary Ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165 - Potential
Litigation
- CON-4 Creation of Public Health Physician - Personnel
- CON-5 Clifton HLR Phase IV Redevelopment Plan
- CON-6 Update of Liability Claims Filed Against City of Clifton - Litigation Privilege
- CON-7 Samuel Arnowitz, et al v. City of Clifton, et al - Docket No. PAS-L-3491-20

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 18, 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.

LICENSES

L-1 Village Stationary

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF AVD VILLAGE LLC T/A VILLAGE STATIONERY for permission to conduct a: GROCERY-CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2025 on the premises known as: 385 VALLEY RD CLIFTON, NJ 07013 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer

L-2 Starbucks #67639

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF STARBUCKS CORPORATION T/A STARBUCKS COFFEE #67639 for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as 10 METRO BLVD CLIFTON, NJ 07014 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-3 Los Gueros

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF LOS GUEROS XV LLC T/A LOS GUEROS for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT for a period ending January 31, 2026 on the premises known as: 590 RTE 3 CLIFTON, NJ 07014 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-4 Lexington Diner

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR MEXICO LINDO HOLDINGS LLC T/A LEXINGTON DINER ADDRESS 351 LEXINGTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE FORMERLY OR NEW LEXINGTON DINER 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 Henry's Liquors

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR SMEETJYOT LLC T/A HENRY'S LIQUORS ADDRESS 1224 VAN HOUTEN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07013 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY-CONTINUED USE FORMERLY OR NEW HENRY'S LIQUORS ZONE B-B PERMITTED YES VARIANCE REQUIRED NO FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

February 18, 2025

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and passed on roll call vote to have the budget meetings in the Court Room Chambers.

(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 Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to sidewalk repairs on as a discussion item on the next agenda.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor