

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 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.

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Grabowski called the meeting to order and presided, and announced that the location of exits should be noted for use in case of fire or other emergencies and that smoking regulations apply to the building and cell phones should be deactivated and turned off and read the following Statement of Compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 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)
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; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

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

Pastor Daisy Kirchofer – Crossroads Free Methodist

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Clifton is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at Surgent Park located at 963 Valley Road

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.

Public Hearing to apply to the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Washington Park playground improvements project

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.

PRESENTATION

Women's Month Award Presentation

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 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.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop and the Regular Minutes of March 4, 2025, the Special Meeting of March 10, 2025, and the Special Executive Meeting of March 10, 2025.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Amber Wilson, Public Safety, resigned position of School Traffic Guard, effective March 1, 2025.
- C-2 Jerome Sterling, Public Works, retired position of Motor Broom Driver, effective March 1, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-3 Minutes of Senior Citizens Advisory Committee of December 19, 2024
- C-4 Minutes of Planning Board of February 27, 2025
- C-5 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of January 24, 2025
- C-6 Minutes of Beautification Committee of March 3, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7979-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7979-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7979-25

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 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Nonofficial Towers", as Amended, Revised and Supplemented (Amends Section 425-23 to Comply with the New Jersey Administrative Code)

(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 7980-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7980-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7980-25

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

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

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7983-25

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" (Adds 3 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, April 1, 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 7984-25

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 4 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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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, April 1, 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 7985-25

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 Councilwoman Pino, and failed 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, April 1, 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

Joe Siano, Trenton Ave., expressed his congratulations to the women who received the Women's Month Award. He acknowledged their achievements and contributions. He emphasized the importance of health awareness, particularly when it comes to prostate cancer screenings. Mr. Siano urged community members to take proactive steps in their health journeys, reminding them that early detection can be lifesaving. Mr. Siano brought attention to the concerning rise in car thefts, vandalism, and home break-ins in high-risk neighborhoods. He stressed the urgent need for increased police patrols in these areas.

Gary Perino, Mt. Prospect Ave., discussed the issue of dangerous e-bike riders weaving in and out of traffic has become increasingly pressing. He asked if bollards could be installed at the beginning of Mount Prospect Ave. to deter overweight truck traffic. He addressed the issue of illegal short-term rentals by suggesting sending cease and desist letters to violators. He asked what measures the City has established on community safety, particularly the emergency warning notification system. He highlighted the opening of a third middle school, addressing overcrowding. Mr. Perino discussed limiting fireworks to July 4th to mitigate risks for pets and individuals with PTSD.

Samantha Bassford, Mountainview Drive, Samantha Bassford extended her congratulations to all the women who received awards and recognition during Women's Month. She offered a special accolade to Maria Williamson for her outstanding contributions to the Civil Rights Committee.

Maria Williamson, Chairperson for Clifton Civil Rights Committee, Maria Williamson expressed her gratitude to the Council for honoring her with an award in recognition of Women's Month. She highlighted the numerous achievements of the Civil Rights Committee and delved into the history of civil rights.

Henry Cholewczynski expressed concerns about the City's recycling and infrastructure maintenance strategies. He argued that the outsourcing of recycling should be reconsidered, as the City fails to enforce its recycling ordinance effectively, leading to waste and inefficiency. Mr. Cholewczynski highlighted the need to repair sidewalks damaged by city trees to ensure

public safety and accessibility. He is also seeking increased accountability regarding enforcement actions for recycling violations and quality-of-life issues. Moreover, he advocated reinstating the DPW sewer crew to prevent sewage backups and maintain infrastructure.

Joann MacBeth, Wheeler St., announced a raffle being held at the Athenia Vets Post, spoke about the City's Master Plan and changing the current form of government.

Matt Ward, Sewall Ave., spoke about changing the City's form of government.

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

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that the City Website is being updated.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, gave an update on the large truck safety issue on Pleasant Ave. near the daycare. He announced the following:

Signs were added to restrict truck traffic, but trucks are still turning there. As a temporary measure, two dump trucks were parked blocking truck access to the street.

Contacted NJ Truckers Service

Contacted Google to have map corrected

Gary Perino – Will get Police involved to abate the E-Bike issue. Mr. Villano spoke about being turned down by the County when he asked to have truck restrictions on Mt. Prospect Ave but will try again. He noted the City's current emergency measures which include Reverse 911, Communications Manager and mass email.

Henry Cholewczynski – Working on recycling enforcement, a list of quality-of-life summonses were sent to City Council today, bringing back the DPW sewer crew is a good idea.

Joanne MacBeth – We plan on revisiting the Master Plan and make some updates/changes.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 9:12 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 9:12 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej expressed concern over the Council's decision to hire higher-cost vendors, questioning the rationale behind these choices when more affordable options exist. He asked for an update on the forensic audit. Councilman Kolodziej highlighted the need for increased police presence especially since there has been a rash of car vandalism and break-ins. He thanked Samantha Bassford and Maria Williamson for their dedication to the City and encouraged them to consider running for Council positions to advocate for the community.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino celebrated Women's Month by congratulating the award-winning women in the community and emphasizing the significance of uplifting female leaders.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:15p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 9:15p.m.

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She announced a Red Hat Angel fundraiser to support local charities and encouraged citizens to participate in her "Behind the Scenes" initiative, which offers a tour of City Hall and its grounds. Councilwoman Pino expressed gratitude towards City employees for their dedication to improving the community.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato expressed frustration regarding the lack of progress due to trivial procedural obstacles. He announced that the City website is being revamped to improve communication and the need for an effective public emergency notification system. Councilman D'Amato announced that he would like to have a further discussion regarding the use of fireworks.

Councilwoman Pino left the dais at 9:22p.m.

He discussed the maintenance of trees and sidewalks for safety and aesthetics. Councilman D'Amato emphasized the necessity of a charter study to evaluate municipal governance. He raised alarms about unacceptable behavior behind Clifton Stadium and traffic problems near the mosque in the Richfield section.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson congratulated the recipients of Women's Month. He inquired about the status of remote work arrangements for employees and requested an update on the appointment of the new fire chief. Councilman Gibson addressed concerns about car vandalism and raised issues regarding disruptive e-bikes, suggesting discussions on regulations. He highlighted safety concerns related to truck traffic on Pleasant Avenue near a daycare and called for solutions to address these issues.

Councilwoman Pino returned to the dais at 9:26p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula highlighted the need for improved street lighting and raised issues about the lack of bollards on Pleasant Avenue for traffic safety. She suggested that the communications manager attend future meetings and sought updates on Third River flooding improvements. Additionally, she pointed out the dangers of e-bikes in traffic and noted a recent increase in car vandalism, as well as traffic safety concerns near the mosque.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona expressed gratitude to local volunteers, announced several City Manager service awards for dedicated city employees, and highlighted upcoming local news and events. He also emphasized the need to discuss the maintenance of sidewalks and curbs.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated all the recipients of the Women's Month appreciation awards. He expressed his interest in learning more about creating a Charter Study to examine different forms of government that may benefit the City.

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COUNCIL

Councilwoman Sadrakula – City Manager, Dominick Villano, advised her that the trucks being used to block truck traffic on Pleasant Ave. is a temporary measure. The City is not using the trucks for salting due to mild weather.

Councilman D'Amato – City Manager, Dominick Villano, remarked that he would have to get a report from the Police regarding misconduct behind the Clifton Stadium.

Councilman Gibson - City Manager, Dominick Villano will obtain a list of any remotely working employees.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call to vote on the following Resolution separately.

R145-25 Resolution - 2025 Special Emergency Temporary Sewer Utility Budget Increase
1 - PVSC

**CITY OF CLIFTON
SEWER UTILITY
SPECIAL EMERGENCY 1
RESOLUTION**

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

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

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$11,694,435.94, and,

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

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$6,503,238.96 as follows for the inclusion of the PVSC Annul Invoice:
 - a. Passaic Valley Sewer Commission – Sewer Charges - \$6,503,238.96
2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 Sewer Utility Budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services, by the City Clerk.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call to vote on the following Resolution separately.

R150-25 Resolution Amending Resolution R133-24, Entitled "Authorizing Award of the Contract for Tax Map Maintenance GIS Support and State Recertification off the New Jersey State Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a for Clifton Tax Assessor Department"

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R133-24, TITLED “AUTHORIZING
AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR TAX MAP MAINTENANCE GIS SUPPORT AND
STATE RECERTIFICATION OFF THE NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-12a FOR CLIFTON TAX ASSESSOR
DEPARTMENT”**

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WHEREAS, on March 19, 2024, the Mayor and Council approved R133-24 titled “Authorizing Award of the Contract for Tax Map Maintenance GIS Support and State Recertification off the New Jersey State Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-12a for Clifton Tax Assessor Department” in an amount not to exceed \$48,0000; and,

WHEREAS, Civil Solutions has encountered additional work since the initial contract, which includes a more extensive review of the CAD files received from the City, as they were not updated in accordance with previous edits done to the PDF tax map files; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation has also changed the protocol regarding condominium qualifiers, resulting in additional work to be completed; and,

WHEREAS, to date, Civil Solutions has requested a change order to increase the original contract amount by \$10,200 (170 State contract units), bringing the total contract cost to \$58,200.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve an increase of funds for the above referenced contract in the amount of \$10,200 pursuant to the aforementioned change order request, which brings the total amount of the contract to \$58000.00, thereby amending Resolution R133-24

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

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call to vote on the following Resolution separately.

R147-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Psychological Evaluation Services to Institute for Forensic Psychology - April 1, 2025, Thru March 31, 2026

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION SERVICES
TO INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
APRIL 1, 2025, THRU MARCH 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. the City of Clifton advertised for the Proposals for psychological evaluation services on the City’s website and newspaper for a licensed medical facility in its proximity to perform psychological evaluation services as required by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were received from Institute of Forensic Psychology located at 5 Fir Court Suite 2, Oakland, NJ 07436 and MES Solutions located at 299 Market Street Suite 100, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663; and

WHEREAS, Institute for Forensic Psychology is a medical facility which was the lowest responsive and responsible vendor and is authorized by law to conduct various psychological evaluation services, practices of which are regulated by law; and

WHEREAS the required professional psychological evaluation services for the City of Clifton have been optimally provided by the Institute for Forensic Psychology, and the proposed fees for 2024 services are provided; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the aforementioned exemption for competitive bidding, the City requested proposals for the said services and has awarded this contract under a “Fair and Open Process” that requires public advertising for contracts for “Professional Services”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for Psychological Evaluation Services is hereby awarded to the Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Oakland, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed a total of \$35000.00, for the contract period of April 1, 2025, thru March 31, 2026; 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

Certification of funds: a properly executed purchase order, processed as needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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.

R141-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the March 4, 2025, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of March 18th, 2025
Meeting of March 18th, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$	17,109,260.92
Grant Fund	\$	50,572.51
General Capital Fund	\$	134,646.99
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	34,267.20
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	24,632.00
Developers Escrow	\$	12,612.83
Dog Trust	\$	817.29
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	36,295.00
Trust Other	\$	350,788.04
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	221,917.42
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	66,158.94
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,446,266.49
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	97,884.64
General Liability Trust	\$	48,362.70

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Workers Compensation Trust	\$	17,702.10
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		19,652,185.07

R144-25 Resolution - 2025 Special Emergency Temporary Municipal Budget Increase # 5 – Grants

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY 5
RESOLUTION**

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

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

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$56,367,452.96, and,

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

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$16,500.00 as follows for the inclusion of a Grant Awarded for:
 - a. Health Department Grant – 2025 Additional NJACCHO Grant - \$12,500.00
 - b. Health Department Grant – Youth Mental Health Grant - \$4,000.00
2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations 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.

R146-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to French and Parello Associates for Engineering Design Services for Main Memorial Park Improvement Project

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO FRENCH AND PARELLO
ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR MAIN
MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et seq. the City of Clifton advertised for the Proposals for Engineering Desing services for Main Memorial Park on the City’s website and newspaper as required by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the sealed proposals were received from seven (7) firms 1) Boswell Engineering2) French and Parello Associates 3) Remington & Vernick Engineers 4) Suburban Consulting Engineers Inc. 5) Neglia Engineering Associates 6) LAN Associates 7)) Bowman; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that a contract for Engineering Design Services be provided to French & Parello in accordance with the lowest responsive and responsible vendor; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, the Municipal Council wishes to award contract to French & Parello Associates for the provision of the said services in the amount not to exceed \$74,689.00; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, it is the recommendation of the City Engineer that French and Parello Associates located at 1800 Route#34, Suite 101 Wall NJ 07719 be awarded the contract for Engineering and Design Services for the Main Memorial Park of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council desire to award a contract for the required Engineering and Design Services for the Main Memorial Park of the City of Clifton to French and Parello Associates from March 18 ,2025 to March 18,2026 under the terms of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. under “Fair and Open Process”, in accordance with its proposal were most advantageous, price and other factors considered of seven proposals received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for Engineering and Design Services for the Main Memorial Park of which are regulated by law and were most advantageous, price & other factors is hereby awarded to French and Parello Associates, located at 1800 Route#34 ,Suite 101 Wall NJ 07719 for not to exceed \$74,689.00 and in accordance with its proposal without the adoption of a supplemental resolution and term will be twelve months from the date of the award; 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 during regular business hours.

R148-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to National Diagnostic Services for Cancer Screenings for Firefighters

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO NATIONAL DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES
FOR CANCER SCREENINGS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et seq. the City of Clifton advertised for the Proposals for cancer screening services on the City’s website and newspaper for a licensed medical mobile unit to perform certain cancer screening services for firefighters as required by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.29ii(a) requires access to periodic cancer screenings for full-time paid firefighters not enrolled in the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) within three years after the start of the firefighter's employment and every three years thereafter during the course of employment. The examination shall include, at a minimum and as applicable, the screening for eleven types of cancer pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.29ii(a). The State of New Jersey, through the Department of the Treasury's Division of Administration, will reimburse eligible public employers a maximum of \$1,250 per firefighter over a three-year period towards the costs associated with providing the required cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, the sealed proposals were received from two (2) firms 1) National Diagnostics Services, 2) Hackensack Meridian Health (HM works); and

WHEREAS, NDS Radiology will provide mobile services, arranging for a mobile unit to be stationed in Clifton to perform screenings for firefighters.; and

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WHEREAS, Individual firefighters will be able to register using a QR code provided by NDS Radiology.

WHEREAS, NDS included in their Proposal for Professional Services a proposed fee schedule as follows:

Non-State Health Benefits Participants

Physical Exam, Skin and Oral Cancer Screening: \$275.00
Comprehensive Blood Panel (CBC, CMP, Lipids): \$125.00
PSA and TSH Blood Analysis: \$75.00
Urine Bladder Cancer Screen: \$15.00
Fecal Occult Colon Cancer Screen: \$25.00
CT Low Dose Lung Cancer Screen: \$250.00
Ultrasound Cancer Screening: \$400.00
a. Thyroid, Liver, Kidney, Testicular/Pelvic
2nd Provider Result Review; Telehealth: \$80.00
a. Blood analysis and Radiology review

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration, it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that National Diagnostics Services be awarded the contract for cancer screenings for firefighters due to their ability to provide onsite services, more streamlined registration for individual firefighters, and inclusion of follow-up care and health education; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council desire to award a contract for the required professional medical services for the City of Clifton to National Diagnostics Services for March 1,2025 to Feb 28,2028 under the terms of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. under “Fair and Open Process”, in accordance with its proposal were most advantageous, price and other factors considered of two proposals received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for cancer screening for fire fighters of which are regulated by law and were most advantageous, price & other factors is hereby awarded to National Diagnostics Services, head office located at 28700 Cabot Dr Ste 500 Novi, Michigan 48377 and in accordance with its proposal without the adoption of a supplemental resolution and term will be thirty six months from the date of the award; 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 during regular business hours

R149-25 Resolution to Award Contract to Joshua Tours for the Summer Program Transportation Services for City of Clifton

R151-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract to Totowa Primary Care for Professional Medical Services (March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026)

R52-25 Resolution Approving Access Agreement with New Fields, LLC Allowing Access to Anzaldi Park for Soil and Groundwater Testing

R153-25 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Motor Broom Driver, Jerome C. Sterling

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
MOTOR BROOM DRIVER
JEROME C. STERLING**

WHEREAS, March 1, 2025, Jerome C. Sterling, Motor Broom Driver, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Laborer on December 28, 1992, and his retirement will conclude a thirty three-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**MOTOR BROOM DRIVER
JEROME C. STERLING**

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

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

R154-25 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 Lizz Gagnon to become a Member 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 Lizz Gagnon is hereby appointed as a Member of the Holiday Committee commencing this day.

R155-25 Resolution for Reappointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

**RESOLUTION FOR RE-APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBER TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a re-appointment form from the secretary of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board recommending re-appointment of Rick Farfan; and

WHEREAS, said member's term will expire on March 26, 2025; and
WHEREAS, said member is being re-appointed to said committee for a term of three years commencing March 26, 2025, through March 25, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above-mentioned member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board be and is hereby re-appointed for a three-year term, commencing on March 26, 2025, through March 25, 2028.

R156-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License - Al Basha

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMOUSINE LICENSE RENEWAL

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License renewal application from Saleh Al Atrash owner of Al Basha Limousine Services, LLC, 39 Gould Street 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; and

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 renewal of a Limousine License renewal application of Saleh Al Atrash owner of Al Basha Limousine Services, LLC, 39 Gould Street, Clifton be and is hereby granted.

Company name:

Al Basha Limousine Services, LLC

Owner:

Saleh Al Atrash

Approved Operator:

Saleh Al Atrash

Approved Vehicles:

2022 Cadillac XT6 1GYKPBR48NZ103895

Parking Location:

39 Gould Street, Clifton, NJ

R157-25 Resolution Approving Submission of an Application to the County of Passaic Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Improvements to Washington Park

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WASHINGTON PARK**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton wish to enhance Washington Park through the installation of an accessible walking path connecting the playground and basketball courts and for the purchase of new playground equipment and safety surfacing with grant assistance from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Park Development Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest and quality of life by obtaining grant funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Passaic County for the aforesaid park improvement project located at Block 19.14 Lot 10, 1004 Paulison Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at 8:00 PM in order to afford the public an opportunity to be heard on this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, that Dominick Villano, City Manager, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized to:
Make applications for such a loan and or/grant;
Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and
Act as the authorized correspondent.

R158-25 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 Lexington Food Corp. t/a Food Universe Marketplace Caterer/Grocery/Milk License Application

CON-2 Labor Counsel Contract Negotiations

CON-3 Samuel Arnowitz v. City of Clifton, et al Docket No. PAS-L-3491-20

CON-4 Police Service Parade Fees - Legal Opinion

CON-5 Peruvian Parade & Flag Raising - Potential Litigation

CON-6 Maintenance of Sidewalks

CON-7 Report from Independent Investigation of Workplace Harassment Conducted by the Hon. Ralph L. DeLuccia, J.S.C. (Ret.)

CON-8 Late - Rader v. Clifton Zoning Bd. and City of Clifton - Docket No. PAS-L-00156-24

CON-9 Late - Rice Notice - Chief Financial Officer

CON-10 Parking and Public Safety – Richfield

CON-11 FMBA Negotiation

CON-12 Towers

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 March 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.

LICENSES

L-1 FOOD UNIVERSE MARKETPLACE

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF LEXINGTON FOOD CORP
T/A FOOD UNIVERSE MARKETPLACE

for permission to conduct a: CATERER/GROCERY/MILK

for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as:

435 LEXINGTON 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor