

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 1, 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) Absent
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; 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 David Monteleone – St. Philip's Church

PRESENTATION

Cheerleading Awards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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 18, 2025, and March 24, 2025.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop and the Regular Minutes of March 18, 2025, and the Special Meeting of March 24, 2025.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Ryan Fitzsimmons, Public Safety, retired position of Fire Chief, effective April 1, 2025.
- C-2 Robert Stuart, Public Safety, resigned position of Special Law Enforcement Officer, effective April 1, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-3 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center Advisory Board Meeting of February 24, 2025
- C-4 Minutes of Board of Recreation of February 24, 2025
- C-5 Minutes of CA-TV Committee of February 26, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7983-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7983-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7983-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 3 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7984-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7984-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7984-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 4 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7985-25

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7985-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7985-25

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

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

None

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Doug Zerebchuck, 82 Highland Ave., spoke about the poor condition of Botany Village.

Tom Whittles, CASA, showed his support for the Health Department to avoid layoffs due to federal funding cuts. He spoke about the City Manager, Dominick Villano's resignation and the negative treatment he received from several members of the City Council.

The following showed support for the City Manager due to his resignation:

Ibraheem Othman, 19 Lockwood Pl.
Yousef Tarek Alnatur, 161 E 9th St.
Khadija Boughroum, 2 St. Michael's Pl.
Ahmed A., Doherty Dr.
Zillehumaa Hasan, 1401 Van Houten Ave.
Khadija Boughroum, 2 St. Michael's Pl.

Javid Mian, 268 Third St., expressed his regret regarding the City Manager's resignation. He thanked the City for adding traffic safety measures on Third Street. He also spoke about dangerous intersections on Clifton Avenue.

Joann MacBeth, 11 Wheeler St., due to the recent resignation of the City Manager, Joanne MacBeth expressed concern regarding the City Council's lack of foresight. She pointed out that the abrupt departure stresses the urgency for the Council to evaluate the long-term implications of their strategies. She finds it troubling that there appears to be little initiative taken by Council

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members to familiarize themselves with potential charter studies that could prove to be effective for city management. She pointed out that the lack of vision hinders progress.

Henry Cholewczynski, Phyllis Place, wished City Manager, Dominick Villano, and City Attorney, Matthew Priore, well on their retirements. He pointed out that the Council must make things better moving forward. He supported funding the loss of financing to the Health Department due to federal funding cuts.

Judy Bassford, Mountainview Dr., showed her support for funding the Health Department due to federal funding cuts. She pointed out that the Health Department is too important to the residents of the city.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 9:11 p.m.

Matt Ward, Sewall Ave., pointed out that the abrupt resignation of the City Manager is the fault of the mistreatment of him by certain Council Members. He declared that the current City Council is in crisis.

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

Donna Popowich, Dalewood Rd., advocated for support of our local Health Department in light of recent federal subsidy cuts. She emphasizes how these reductions threaten essential services that our community relies on. She noted the lack of parking at City Hall on meeting nights. Ms. Popowich expressed her frustration with the Council's apparent indifference to many issues, particularly in light of the alarming trend of losing four key employees simultaneously. To bolster revenue, she proposes the consideration of cannabis as a funding source.

Joe Waninger, Executive Director of Clifton's Historic Botany Village, expressed his support of funding a shortfall at the Health Department due to federal subsidy cuts.

Faith Webb, Strangeway Terrace, supports funding the shortfall in the Health Department due to federal subsidy cuts, she insisted that the filing of lawsuits must stop. Ms. Webb highlighted the parking problem in the Richfield section around the Mosque.

Alias Ragsdale, Maplewood Ave., asked why the same issues are brought before Council over and over and never get resolved. He expressed his concern that the Council is disconnected from the residents. Mr. Ragsdale highlighted the importance of Council forming a vision and moving forward.

Margaret Kardasz, owner George's Coffee Shop, Botany Village, expressed her gratitude to the City Manager, Dominick Villano, for all he has done and wished him a happy retirement. She also supported funding the financial shortfall due to federal subsidy cuts to the Health Department.

Caitlyn White, (no address due to Daniel's Law), Caitlyn White expressed her concerns regarding the requirement for residents to provide their last names and addresses when speaking at the podium. She highlighted the dysfunction within the Council, which has resulted in the loss of four key employees—a situation that not only affects staffing but also the overall effectiveness of local governance. Ms. White expressed her opinion that part-time employees and Council members should not receive health benefits, as it places an unnecessary financial burden on the municipality. She asserted that it might be time for a complete overhaul of the Council to better serve the interests of both residents and City employees, deeming the current situation an injustice. She voiced her support for the Health Department, advocating for the continuation of its funding amidst cuts in federal subsidies.

Samantha Bassford, Mountainview Drive, raised a concern regarding the current state of governance within the City Council, emphasizing that the leadership appears ill-equipped to effectively manage the affairs of the city. With the recent resignations of both the City Manager and City Attorney, there is a sense of uncertainty about the council's path forward. She pointed out that it is critical that the Councilmembers learn how to cooperate.

Azeem Khan, 51 Pershing Rd., thanked the Health Department for all they do and the Police Department for keeping everyone safe during Ramadan. He urged all Mosque worshippers to respect the neighborhood around the Mosque and to follow all parking laws.

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

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino expressed concern about the disregard for proper procedures, notably the failure of the Council to follow processes, which ultimately led to the resignation of the City Manager. This resignation has been a significant disservice not only to City employees but also to residents, as it undermines stability and the effectiveness of local leadership. Councilwoman Pino pointed out that certain Councilmembers actively blocked additional funds that would have been allocated to continue a crucial investigation regarding a harassment complaint by the City Manager, a move that prevents transparency and accountability. The issue of ethical conduct has also been raised, as some council members failed to recuse themselves from votes where they had a clear ethical responsibility to do so, further eroding trust in the council's decision-making process. Nancy Ferrigno, the City Clerk, read letters into the record detailing these unethical behaviors. She pointed out that as a result of these actions, the City's insurance deductible has dramatically increased to a staggering one million dollars, reflecting the financial and reputational costs of the Council's mismanagement. These actions have called into question the commitment of certain Councilmembers to act in the best interests of both the City and its residents.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato acknowledged the somber tone due to the recent resignations of both the City Manager and City Attorney. He emphasized the Council's commitment to moving forward. He expressed well wishes to Mr. Villano on his retirement. Councilman D'Amato stressed the importance of preserving the public's faith in local government, reaffirming that the Council will continue to fight tort claims and will always approach these matters with dignity and respect. He also took the opportunity to commend the extraordinary work of the Health Department. Additionally, Councilman D'Amato made it clear that the Code Blue Center is essential and cannot be dismantled. Looking ahead, he expressed his intention to seek changes to the City's form of government.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson was absent.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula acknowledged the resignation City Manager, Dominick Villano, and assure our constituents that we will move forward. She hopes to gather more information regarding which jobs and programs may be eliminated in the Health Department, due to the impending federal cuts and have a clear discussion before making any decisions regarding funding any shortfall. Councilwoman Sadrakula addressed some ongoing tort claims, which she announced her attorney will handle in order to clear her name from any false accusations. She pointed out that this year's budget presents significant challenges, and we must proactively seek out any deficiencies. Councilwoman Sadrakula encouraged putting an end to the rumors surrounding layoffs of city employees.

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Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona asserts that all lawsuits filed against him are retaliatory in nature. In addition, he recognized the profile of women police officers during Women's Month, celebrating their invaluable contributions to the community. A special congratulations is also extended to resident Emily Thompson for her dedicated efforts in keeping the city clean, an initiative that has positively impacted the local environment. Councilman Latona assured that the sidewalk repair program will be discussed at tonight's meeting, and a decision will be made regarding its implementation. He asked to put a discussion item on the next agenda to discuss removing health benefits for part-time employees and Council members.

Councilman Kolodziej

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to accept the resignation of City Attorney, Matthew Priore.

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

Councilman Kolodziej's spotlighted a significant oversight concerning the lack of a succession plan for city management. In light of the recent resignation of the city manager, this absence has put the city in a negative situation, as there is currently no designated individual to oversee city operations. He suggested to reach out to temporary staffing agencies to secure an interim City Manager. Relying on an existing department head to assume these responsibilities mid-budgetary cycle would be impractical. Councilwoman Sadrakula suggested asking City Manager, Matthew Watkins, to step in temporarily, she believes that his experience with the City's operations can be a positive while a they search for a permanent replacement.

Councilman Latona asked the legal department to look up the procedure that states how an interim City Manager is appointed.

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, and failed on roll call vote to have the City Manager turn in his vehicle and cell phone immediately and for him to assure that all electronic communications and email be preserved from his time as City Manager.

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

Councilman Kolodziej read recreation news.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino, and passed on roll call vote to fund the shortfall, due to federal cuts, to keep the Health Department whole for the remainder of 2025.

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

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski shared his disappointment that both the City Manager and City Attorney resigned tonight. He pointed out that it is a difficult moment for the City, he emphasized the importance of moving forward.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call to vote on the following resolutions separately:

R160-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the April 1, 2025, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of April 1, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$	3,113,245.40
Grant Fund	\$	57,929.58
General Capital Fund	\$	866,465.75
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	76,448.26
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	13,624.00
Developers Escrow	\$	230.00
Dog Trust	\$	357.78
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	59,624.00
Trust Other	\$	160,520.44
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	75.00
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	2,984.56
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,118,596.89
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	137,722.21
General Liability Trust	\$	154,806.65
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	6,209.81
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		5,768,840.33

(4-1-1-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilman Latona abstained, and Councilman Gibson was absent.

R161-25 Resolution – Sewer Utility Special Emergency 2

**SEWER UTILITY
SPECIAL EMERGENCY 2
RESOLUTION**

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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 for the aforesaid 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 \$12,036,064.94, 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 \$341,629.00 as follows for the inclusion of additional salary and wages:
 - a. Sewer Utility Salary & Wages - \$110,000.00
 - b. Sewer Utility Salary Allocations - \$231,629.00
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.

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

R162-25 Resolution – Municipal Budget Special Emergency 6

SPECIAL EMERGENCY 6 RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the aforesaid 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 \$71,067,670.27, 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 \$14,700,217.31 as follows for the inclusion of a Grant Awarded for:

See Attached - \$14,700,217.31

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.

(4-1-1-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilman Latona abstained, and Councilman Gibson was absent.

R163-25 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton and Other City Officials to Undertake Certain Actions in Connection with the Sale and Issuance of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025A

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE CITY
OF CLIFTON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND
OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION
WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2025A**

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in accordance with, (i) the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”); and (ii) one or more bond ordinances duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the “City”), approved by the Mayor, and published as required by law (the “Ordinances”), the City is seeking to authorize the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025A (the “Notes”); and

WHEREAS, the Notes are being issued to refund, on a current basis, outstanding bond anticipation notes of the City issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 on May 22, 2024, and maturing May 21, 2025 (the “Refunded Notes”).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

- Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
- Section 2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Local Bond Law and the Ordinances, the Notes shall be issued for the purpose of currently refunding the Refunded Notes. The Chief Financial Officer of the City (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to sell the Notes on a competitive basis and award the Notes to a bidder based upon a conforming and acceptable bid of the lower net interest cost or true interest cost. The Chief Financial Officer is also authorized, at his direction, to offer and sell the Notes on a negotiating basis.
- Section 3. All actions taken to date by the Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief Financial Officer of the City (the “Authorized Officers”), employees, professional and agents of the City, in consultation with McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, New Jersey (“Bond Counsel”), Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey (the “Municipal Advisor”) and Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, Fair Lawn, New Jersey (the “Auditor”), with respect to the authorization, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes, including, but not limited to, the distribution and dissemination of the notice of Sale for the Notes, are hereby approved, ratified, adopted and confirmed, and each Authorized Officer, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Notes and any such agreements, documents or submissions required for the authorization, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes, and the Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signatures of the Authorized Officers and to affix, imprint or reproduce the seal of the City on such Notes and, as applicable, on any such agreements, documents or submissions related to the authorizations, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes.

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Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer of the City is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City, to prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, a notice of incurrence by the City of a financial obligation, as required pursuant to one or more prior City undertakings pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. Such notice shall be filed by, or on behalf of, the City, on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board’s Electronic Municipal Market Access data port within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the Notes.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

(4-1-1-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilman Latona abstained, and Councilman Gibson was absent.

R167-25 Resolution Authorizing Award for Purchase of Shelter for Anzaldi Park off the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Co-Op Contract Purchasing Program

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD FOR PURCHASE OF SHELTER FOR ANZALDI PARK OFF THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ) CO-OP CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Recreation Department has determined the need for the shelter for the lower fields of Anzaldi Park which is available off of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey cooperative (ESCNJ); and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), from which the contract Playground Equipment, Site Furnishings, Outdoor Circuit Training Equipment And Related Products – ESCNJ 24/25-01 was awarded for a bid term of July 1, 2024, thru to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc., PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 has been awarded ESCNJ Contract # 24/25-01, encompassing the company’s equipment price list; 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 Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc., PO Box 844, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849, in an amount not to exceed \$106,456.25, off the ESCNJ Contract # 24/25-01, pursuant to the above ESCNJ contract.

(4-1-1-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilman Latona abstained, and Councilman Gibson was absent.

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

R177-25 Resolution Appointing Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL CLERK

WHEREAS, the current Municipal Clerk of the City of Clifton is retiring; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to appoint a new Municipal Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Kathleen Tolosi is hereby appointed Municipal Clerk for the City of Clifton, effective April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

R164-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Solicit Bids for Construction of Walk paths and Accessible Entrances for Various Parks

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO SOLICIT BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WALKPATHS AND ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES FOR
VARIOUS PARKS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is committed to enhancing the accessibility and overall visitor experience at its public parks; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that all community members, regardless of mobility challenges, can access and enjoy the amenities offered at our parks; and

WHEREAS, the construction of walk paths and accessible entrances at various city parks will provide improved accessibility for all visitors and ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the following parks are included in the scope of this project:

1. Chelsea Park
2. Dudiak Park
3. Sperling Park
4. Hird Park
5. Albion Park
6. Lakeview Park
7. Richardson Scale Park
8. Holster Park
9. Ravine Park
10. Washington Park

Additionally, bid alternates will be included for the following parks:

1. Jubilee Park
2. Skate Zone Park
3. Mt. Prospect Park

WHEREAS, the project scope will include the construction of walkways with ADA-compliant designs, the installation of accessible entrances at park amenities, site preparation, grading, drainage, and other necessary infrastructure improvements; 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.*

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R165-25 Resolution Amending Resolution R483-24, Titled “Resolution to Award Contract to Advanced Air Duct Cleaning for Air Ducts in Various City Buildings”

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R483-24, TITLED “RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ADVANCED AIR DUCT CLEANING FOR AIR DUCTS IN VARIOUS CITY BUILDINGS”

WHEREAS, on March 19,2024, the Mayor and Council approved R483-24 titled “Resolution to Award Contract to Advanced Furnace and Air Duct Cleaning for the Cleaning of the Air Ducts in Various City Buildings” in an amount not to exceed \$33,116.62; and,

WHEREAS, Advanced Furnace and Air Duct Cleaning has encountered additional work since the initial contract, which includes an air duct in the Animal Shelter that was not accounted for during the initial inspection of the air ducts in various buildings; and

WHEREAS, to date, Advanced Furnace and Air Duct Cleaning has requested a change order to increase the original contract amount by \$834.94 ,bringing the total contract cost to 33,951.54; 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 \$834.94 pursuant to the aforementioned change order request, which brings the total amount of the contract to \$33,951.54, thereby amending Resolution R483-24

R166-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to Clifton Foster Animal Hospital for Veterinary Services (Health Department)

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO CLIFTON FOSTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR VETERINARY SERVICES (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires veterinary services for various purposes including City Veterinarian responsibilities, administration of vaccines at Rabies Clinics, removal of animal heads for rabies analysis, euthanasia of injured or sick animals for humane reasons, provision of emergency services during regular hours, and treatment of shelter for infection control; and

WHEREAS the Health Department has diligently performed due diligence by approaching multiple facilities but only Foster Animal Hospital has agreed to provide the necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$5000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract amount shall not exceed \$10,000 for the specified period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the services provided by Clifton Dog and Cat Hospital shall include, but not be limited to:

- Acting as the City Veterinarian, which involves conducting regular animal shelter inspections and signing any related documents.
- Administering vaccines at Rabies Clinics throughout the year.
- Removing animal heads for rabies specimen analysis.
- Conducting euthanasia of injured or sick animals for humane reasons.
- Providing emergency services during Clifton Dog and Cat Hospital’s regular hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council to hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to Foster Animal Hospital located at 1347 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07011, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for providing veterinary services for the City of Clifton for the term of April 1,2025 to March 31,2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said service contract upon approval by the Law Department.

R168-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Intent for Procurement of Avtec Scout Hardware Upgrade and Annual Maintenance Contract for Five Years for City of Clifton Via Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE SOLUTIONS INC., OFF OF A SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR AVTEC SCOUT HARDWARE UPGRADE AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 R168-25 of April 1,2025, an advertisement was placed in the Herald News, to announce the City’s interest in utilizing the Sourcewell National Cooperative for Avtec Scout Hardware Upgrade and Annual Maintenance Contract for Five Years, which was awarded to , Electronic Service Solutions Inc., located at PO Box 3051, West Caldwell NJ 07006; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #042021-MOT for AVTEC dispatch consoles infrastructure Integration, maintenance, support services expired on June 23,2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Sourcewell, and the contract which was awarded to Motorola Solutions, to be furnished and delivered by the above manufacturer’s authorized dealer, Electronic Service Solutions Inc., located at PO Box 3051, West Caldwell NJ 07006, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell’s Notice to Bidders Titled “Public Safety Communications Technology and Hardware Solutions” and Contract Award # 042021-MOT for AVTEC dispatch consoles infrastructure Integration, maintenance, support services, and RF site development; 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 April 15,2025 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 AVTEC dispatch consoles infrastructure Integration, support services with five-year annual maintenance #042021-MOT.
2. The proposal submitted by Electronic Service Solutions for the procurement of AVTEC dispatch consoles infrastructure Integration, support services with five-year annual maintenance” and Contract Award #042021-MOT total not to exceed amount of \$273,930.95 i.e. (\$112,912.20 + \$161,018.75 (annually for five years)) is hereby awarded.

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R169-25 Resolution Awarding Contract to Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) Hospital for Veterinary Services After Regular Business Hours (Health Department)

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO
VETERINARY EMERGENCY GROUP (VEG) HOSPITAL FOR VETERINARY
SERVICES AFTER REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS
(HEALTH DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires veterinary services for the care and treatment of animals outside of regular business hours, including the euthanasia of severely injured wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) Hospital is the only facility that is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and has agreed to provide the required veterinary services, including the euthanasia of severely injured wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to enter into a contract with Veterinary Emergency Group for the provision of these services from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is a non-fair and open contract under the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council to hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to Veterinary Emergency Group located at 790 Route 3, Clifton, NJ 07012, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for providing veterinary services for the City of Clifton for the term of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said service contract upon approval by the Law Department.

R170-25 Resolution Approving Developer Agreement Between the City of Clifton and Costco Wholesale Corporation

**RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and Costco Wholesale Corporation, the developer of Block 72.06, Lots 36, 38 & 42, 168 & 202 Main Avenue; 20 Bridewell Place, 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.

R171-25 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Cancellation of Mortgage Between Clifton and Nicole Kropinack; and Paul and Joann Tedesco (Clifton Home Improvement Program)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF
MORTGAGE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND NICOLE KROPINACK; and
PAUL and JOANN TEDESCO (CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2018, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Nicole Kropinack, a mortgage in the amount of \$8,375.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 68 Merrill Road, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 67.01, Lot 15); and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2018, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Paul and Joann Tedesco, a mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 5 John Street % 29 Warren Street, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 22.18, Lot 1); and

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

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

R172-25 Resolution Approving the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
 (“MOU”) WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (“NJDEP”)**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Blue Acres Program for the purposes of acquiring flood prone properties in the City of Clifton; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey that the Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is hereby authorized and approved in a form to be approved by the Law Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned agreement.

R173-25 Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying Filing of Cross Petition Before the Passaic County Board of Taxation and Counterclaim Before the Tax Court of New Jersey for Year 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING FILING OF CROSS PETITION
 BEFORE THE PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND COUNTERCLAIM
 BEFORE THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY FOR YEAR 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that cross-petitions be and are hereby authorized to be filed with the Passaic County Board of Taxation and counterclaims with the Tax Court of New Jersey in connection with the following properties for 2025:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>
41.04	14	1 Kowal Street

R174-25 Resolution Authorizing Cyber Liability Insurance for the Period 4/6/25 to 4/6/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE
 FOR THE PERIOD 4/6/25 TO 4/6/26**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the City’s Broker of Record, Polaris Galaxy Insurance Company, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for

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an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and management for the period beginning April 6, 2025 and ending April 6, 2026 for Crum & Forster, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Crum & Forster Insurance Company
305 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

The subject matter falls within the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B) et seq.* and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the original of this resolution be placed on file and made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

CITY OF CLIFTON

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

Awarded to: Crum & Forster Insurance Company, 305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
Services: Cyber Liability Insurance
Estimated Cost: \$35,151.00
Term: 4/6/25 – 4/6/26

R175-25 Resolution Accepting Grant From County of Passaic, Department of Human Services for City of Clifton Police Department Stationhouse Adjustment Program

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FROM COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT STATIONHOUSE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department was awarded a grant from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services in the amount of \$17,500 towards the City's Stationhouse Adjustment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Stationhouse Adjustment Program will provide an alternative method to handle first-time juvenile offenders who have committed minor juvenile delinquency offenses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the City of Clifton hereby accepts Grant from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services as described in the Award Package dated March 7, 2025.

R176-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Water Main Extension Project

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call to table Resolution R176-25

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

R178-25 Resolution Moving Alternates to Member Position on Disabilities Committee

**RESOLUTION MOVING ALTERNATES TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are aware of member vacancies on the Committee for Individuals with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, currently, Arnold Korotkin holds the position of Alternate #1 and Janice Struwe currently holds the position of Alternate #2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Arnold Korotkin and Janice Struwe be and are hereby appointed as Members of the Committee for Individuals with Disabilities commencing this day through December 31, 2028.

R179-25 Resolution Authorizing Games of Skill Distributor License Renewals

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

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

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

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

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

McGee Amusements	701 Grand Ave., Ridgefield, NJ
National Entertainment	246 S. Taylor Ave., Louisville, CO

R180-25 Resolution Authorizing Florist License Renewal - Stop & Shop #813

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Florist License Renewal from Stop & Shop #813, 160 Kingsland Road, Clifton; and

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

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

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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 Florist License to Stop & Shop #813 be and is hereby granted.

R181-25 Resolution Authorizing New Florist License - Santos Flowers

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW FLORIST LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Florist License application from Santos Flowers LLC, 453 Lexington Avenue, Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a new Florist License to Santos Flowers LLC be and is hereby granted.

R182-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal Vending Machine License – Costco

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VENDING MACHINE LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Vending Machine License Renewal from Costco Wholesale, 20 Bridewell Place, Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Zoning, 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 renewal of a Vending Machine License to Costco Wholesale be and is hereby granted.

R183-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operators License - Alexis Steakhouse

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

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 Renewal from Alexis Steakhouse & Tavern, 955 Valley Road 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 License to Alexis Steakhouse be and is hereby granted.

R184-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddler License - Zack's

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ziad Farhan owner of Zack's Ice Cream, 289 Hazel Street in the City of Clifton, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ziad Farhan owner of Zack's Ice Cream in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Zack's Ice Cream

Owner:
Ziad Farhan

Approved Operator:
Ziad Farhan

Approved Vehicle:
2002 GMC 1GDHG35R321230406

Parking Location:
262 Lakeview Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503

R185-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddlers License - Summer Ice Cream

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson is hereby granted.

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Company name:
Summer Ice Cream

Owner:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Operator:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Vehicle:
2003 GMC SUV 1GDHG35R221232888

Parking Location:
12 Grove St. – Paterson, NJ 07503

R186-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddlers License - Jack's Ice Cream

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Mustafa Alabdou owner of Jack’s Ice Cream, 95 Thomas Street, Clifton, New Jersey; 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 Health, Zoning and Police Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Mustafa Alabdou owner of Jack’s Ice Cream, 95 Thomas Street, is hereby granted.

Company name:
Jack’s Ice Cream

Owner:
Mustafa Alabdou

Approved Operator:
Mustafa Alabdou

Approved Vehicle:
2001 Chevrolet SUV 1GBHG31F211210425

Parking Location:
191 Pennsylvania Avenue, Paterson, NJ

R187-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddlers License - Mike's Ice Cream

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Muhiedin Zidan owner of Mike’s Ice Cream in the City of Clifton, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Muhiedin Zidan owner of Mike’s Ice Cream in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Mike’s Ice Cream

Owner:
Muhiedin Zidan

Approved Operator:
Muhiedin Zidan

Approved Vehicle:
2008 Ford Van 241235686102622

Parking Location:
301 Crooks Ave. – Paterson, NJ 07503

R188-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License – ASAP

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMOUSINE LICENSE RENEWAL

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 Gideon Terer owner of ASAP Limousine Company, 832 Clifton Avenue in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the applicant should only be approved under the provision that 832 Clifton Avenue can only be used for office purposes only, not a parking location;

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 Gideon Terer, owner of ASAP Limousine Company, 832 Clifton Ave., Clifton be and is hereby granted.

Company name:
ASAP Limousine Company

Owner:
Gideon Terer

Approved Operator:
Gideon Terer

Approved Vehicles:
2023 Chevy Tahoe 71GNSKSKL7PR407719

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Parking Location:

115 Hamilton Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644

R189-25 Resolution Approving Participation in and Acceptance of the 2025 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program Administered by the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General (2025)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE
2025 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED
BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL (2025)**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has applied for and been awarded funding of 45,150 with a Match-Fringe Benefits, for a project total cost of \$45,150 for a project under the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program, Subaward #25-1602; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton has reviewed the application for said grant, has approved the request and agrees to accept the Subaward grant; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety and the City of Clifton for the purpose described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that:

1. As a matter of public policy, the City of Clifton wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Attorney General.
2. The City of Clifton does accept Subaward #25-1602 for \$45,150.00 for the period 9/19/24-9/18/25, specifically for the purpose described in the grant application.
3. Subaward Period: September 19, 2024, to September 18, 2025.
4. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to effectuate the above.
5. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the City Clerk to each of the following:
 - a) City Manager
 - b) Chief Financial Officer
 - c) Police Department, Attention: Chief Thomas Rinaldi
 - d) Police Department, Attention: Captain David J. Niland
 - e) City Grant Coordinator
 - f) State of New Jersey
Office of Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
PO Box 080
Trenton, NJ 08625-0080
 - g) Office of Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
PO Box 080
Trenton, NJ 08625-0080

R190-25 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of a Portion of the 2024 Fourth Quarter Taxes and the 2025 First Quarter Taxes, on Property Known as Block 28.02, Lot 1.01 Qualifier C0130, 20 Devonshire Drive, Owned by the Widow of a Disabled Veteran

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A
PORTION OF THE 2024 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND THE 2025 FIRST
QUARTER TAXES, ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28.02 LOT 1.01
QUALIFIER C0130, 20 DEVONSHIRE DRIVE, OWNED BY THE WIDOW OF A
DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Constanza Traba, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 28.02 Lot 1.01 Qual C0130, 20 Devonshire Drive is the widow of Jeffrey Catanese who was posthumously declared 100% disabled as of November 24,2024 by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Constanza Traba has made an application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for a 100% property tax exemption on the subject property in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Constanza Traba is entitled to the cancellation and a partial refund of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes and 2025 first quarter taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, grants the application, and approves the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of November 24, 2024, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and a partial refund of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes and 2025 first quarter property taxes on the subject property in the total amount of \$3,283.12;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of 2024 fourth quarter in the amount of \$944.33 and 2025 first quarter in the amount of \$2,338.79 for a total refund in the amount of \$3,283.12 and cancel the remaining 2025 property taxes on the subject property.
2. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as she shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

R191-25 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of 64% of the Taxes and Refund of 64% of the 2024 Fourth Quarter Taxes and 64% of the 2025 First Quarter Taxes for Block 43.15, Lot 23, 84 Wonham Street, Owned by a Disabled Veteran

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 64% OF THE TAXES
AND REFUND OF 64% OF THE 2024 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND 64% OF
THE 2025 FIRST QUARTER TAXES FOR BLOCK 43.15 LOT 23, 84 WONHAM
STREET, OWNED BY DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS the Tax assessor has confirmed that Malvin Frias-Asencio the owner of a two-family residence located at Block 43.15 Lot 23, 84 Wonham Street has been declared 100% disabled as of January 8, 2021, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Malvin Frias-Asencio became acquired ownership of the subject property and became a resident of the City of Clifton on December 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor has determined that Malvin Frias-Asencio occupies 64% of the subject property and would be entitled to a partial cancellation and refund based on

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the percentage of the property he occupies; and

WHEREAS, Malvin Frias-Asencio has made an application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for a 64% property tax exemption on the subject property in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Malvin Frias-Asencio is entitled to the cancellation of 64% of the taxes and refund of 64% of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes and 64% of the 2025 first quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, grants the application and approves the 64% tax exemption on the subject property as of December 11, 2024 and hereby authorizes the cancellation and refund of 64% of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$411.05 and the 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$1,883.38, for a total refund of \$2,294.43;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To cancel and refund 64% of the 2024 fourth quarter tax payments in the amount of \$411.05 and refund 64% of the 2025 first quarter 2025 taxes in the amount of \$1,883.38 for a total refund of \$2,294.43.
2. To keep the subject 64% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

R192-25 Resolution Authorizing Awarding Contract for Language Interpretation and Translation Services to Language Line Services - Police Department

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARDING CONTRACT
FOR LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES
TO LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES – (POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, , the Police Department and the Municipal Court require language interpretation and translation services to ensure effective communication with callers and defendants, as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department solicited proposals from qualified service providers and received proposals from two vendors, **Language Line Services** and **Accurate Language Services**; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Language Line Services offers the following rates:

- Spanish interpretation at \$1.85 per minute
- Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese interpretation at \$1.95 per minute
- All other languages at \$1.95 per minute; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Accurate Language Services offers the following rates:

- Spanish interpretation at \$1.25 per minute
- Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese interpretation at \$1.75 per minute
- All other languages at \$2.25 per minute; and
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WHEREAS, Accurate Language Services imposes a minimum 15-minute charge for each on-demand call and bills in 15-minute increments thereafter, which results in higher overall costs given that most calls range from 1 to 9 minutes in duration; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating both proposals, it has been determined that Language Line Services provides a more cost-effective solution due to its per-minute billing structure without excessive minimum charges; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44-a-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the business entity disclosure certification has been received from Language Line Services. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the determination of value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for Interpretation and Translating Services is hereby awarded Language Line Services - One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Building #2 Monterey CA 93940 in an amount not to exceed a total of \$24,000 ; 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

R193-25 Resolution - 2025 Budget Deadline Extension

**2025 BUDGET DEADLINE EXTENSION
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) establishes the Revised Budget Deadline each year; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS issued Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2024-20 on December 18, 2024, establishing the Revised 2025 Budget Dates for the Statutory Budget Introduction and Budget Adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has not Introduced our 2025 Municipal Budget in accordance with this revised deadline; and

WHEREAS, LFN 2024-20 states that “the Governing Body must adopt a resolution no later than March 31, 2025, to extend the adoption date of the 2025 budget”; and

WHEREAS, LFN 2024-20 further gives an extension until the “next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body”; and

WHEREAS, the original Temporary Budget has been increased with several Special Emergency increases for spending purposes and new Temporary Budget increase Resolutions will be needed at the next meeting of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge that the 2025 Budget was not Introduced in accordance with LFN 2024-20 and will work to introduce the 2025 Municipal Budget in a timely manner.

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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 Notice of Tort Claim by DV - Potential Litigation
- CON-2 Report from Independent Investigation of Workplace Harassment Conducted by the Hon. Ralph L. DeLuccia, J.S.C. (Ret.)
- CON-3 Chief Financial Officer Tenure Statute - Legal Opinion
- CON-4 Peruvian Parade & Flag Raising - Potential Litigation
- CON-5 Workers' Compensation Claim - MA - FD
- CON-6 Developer Agreement - Costco Wholesale Corporation
- CON-7 Courtyard at Clifton LLC v. City of Clifton - Block 41.04, Lot 14
- CON-8 Bid for Clifton City Water Main Extension
- CON-9 Legal Opinion Regarding RLUIPA and Potential Litigation Concerning Parking Restrictions Near Houses of Worship
- CON-10 Rice Notice to Municipal Attorney - Personnel
- CON-11 Late - Investigation Report of Workplace Harassment and Retaliation Complaint by T.R. Against A.L.

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 April 1, 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 Crepe Castle

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR CREPE CASTLE NJ LLC

T/A CREPE CASTLE

ADDRESS 852 RTE 3 STE. 300 CLIFTON, NJ 07012

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW CREPE CASTLE

ZONE PDHC

PERMITTED YES

VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.

FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-2 Subzi Mandi Farmers Market

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SUBZI MANDI CLIFTON INC.

T/A SUBZI MANDI FARMERS MARKET

for permission to conduct a:

CATERER/GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED

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

1006 US. 46, UNIT 9A 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-3 Lexington Diner

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF MEXICO LINDO HOLDINGS LLC T/A LEXINGTON DINER for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 351 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.

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed to appoint Andy Oddo as interim City Manager. There were no objections from Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor