

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 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) via ZOOM
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D'Amato	(CD)
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were Assistant City Attorney and Interim City Manager, Andrew Oddo; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Egan; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and City Clerk in training, Kathleen Tolosi.

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

PRESENTATION

Botany Special Improvement District Proclamation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to approve the Minutes of Workshop Meeting of April 1, 2025, Minutes of Executive Session of April 1, 2025, Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 1, 2025, Minutes of Special Executive Session of April 8, 2025, Minutes of Special Meeting of April 8, 2025 and the Minutes of Executive Session of April 11, 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 Kathleen Tolosi, Manager, hired as Municipal Clerk, at \$112,000.00 annually, effective April 7, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-	2	Minutes of Advisory Board of Health of 1/14/2025 & 2/11/2025
C-	3	Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of February 26, 2025

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- C- 4 Minutes of Environmental Commission for 2/19/2025
- C- 5 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of February 26, 2025
- C- 6 Minutes of Hazardous Materials Control Board 1/15/2025 & 2/19/2025
- C- 7 Minutes of Historical Commission of March 6, 2025
- C- 8 Minutes of ABC Board of 1/8/25, 2/11/25 & 3/12/25

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7986-25

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 Councilwoman Pino, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 375 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Sewers", More Particularly Article I Thereof, Entitled "Use of Sewers", Section 375-3.4, Entitled "Sanitary Sewer User Charge" (Amends User Charges)

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, May 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7987-25

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article III Thereof, Entitled "Supervisory Officials and Employees", Section 99-10, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Create Title and Compensation for Supervisory Senior Citizen Outreach and Referral Program

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, May 6, 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 7988-25

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to table Introduction of Ordinance 7988-25

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise, and Supplement Chapter 223 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Fees" at Article IX Miscellaneous Fees at Section 223-18 Entitled "Public Works" (Adds Fees for the Rental of Certain Equipment)

(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

Malgorzata Kardaz, George's Coffee Shop, Botany Village, thanked everyone who volunteered to help make Botany Village a better place.

The following addressed the programs and services provided by the Passaic/Clifton/Garfield/Wallington Salvation Army. They announced that Salvation Army's advisory board has vacancies for anyone interested:

Penelope Surgent, 52 Scoles Ave.

Daniel Jimenez, 38 Virginia Ave.

Guilbaldo Delacruz, 326 Essex Ave., Bloomfield, NJ

Daniel Bush, 372 Park Street, Montclair, NJ

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., congratulated City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, on her upcoming retirement. He expressed his thanks to a recent action by a Clifton Police Officer who stopped an individual who was attempting to elude the police. He discussed speeding on Mount Prospect, illegal basement apartments and ceasing medical benefits for Council Members and part-time employees.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Place, congratulated City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, on her upcoming retirement. He spoke about overdevelopment, quality of life complaints, fines and summonses and equal enforcement for all.

Fred Verillo, Van Houten Ave., announced that he received a letter from the City's Building Department requiring him to install a testable pressure valve. He felt that the device does not apply to his property, and he is unwilling to install one.

Justin Santos, 225 Union Ave., spoke about revising the City's form of government.

William Mocek discussed a letter he received from the Building Department, which content he did not divulge but said it threatened a \$2,000.00 fine. Council advised they would look into the reason for the letter. Mr. Mocek exited the meeting.

Joanne MacBeth, 11 Wheeler Drive, wished City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, a happy retirement. She spoke about changing the City's form of government.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, congratulated City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, on her upcoming retirement. She announced that a petition is currently circulating to change the way the Council is voted.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., asked how the City Manager and City Attorney were able to just up and leave without notice. He asked if the Council has appointed a new City Manager and if the new City Manager will have answers to the resolution of the dog park and speeding on Delawanna Ave.

Angela Montague, Executive Director Clifton Downtown Economic Group, expressed her surprise when she heard the Council's intent to install parking meters. She pointed out that she spoke with the former City Manager regarding restricting parking to four hours. Ms. Montague mentioned that the business in the area already pay into a parking fund and now, if the Council goes ahead with the parking meters, these business owners will be asked to pay twice.

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.

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R220-25 Resolution Appointing Interim City Manager

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the appointment of Gary DeMarzo as interim City Manager.

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Due to time constraints, there was no Council Privilege.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to award contract to Phoenix Advisors for professional consulting services for 2025 Budget Analysis

R211-25 Resolution Awarding the Contract to Phoenix Advisors for Professional Consulting Services for 2025 Budget Analysis

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2025 BUDGET ANALYSIS

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional consulting services in connection with the preparation and analysis of the 2025 Municipal Budget as approved agenda item in the budget meeting on April 8,2025; and

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

WHEREAS, the known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$5,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City deems the services of Phoenix Advisors, LLC to be necessary and in the best interest of the City to ensure a comprehensive and professional analysis of the 2025 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, located at 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, NJ 08691, has submitted a proposal to provide such services for an all-inclusive fee not to exceed \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.5, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the Consultants and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to not exceed \$12,500.00, and the duration of the contract is from April 15,2025 to April 14,2026;and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for rendering such software services by Phoenix Advisors, LLC, located at 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, NJ 08691 for fees of \$12,500.00 for year 2025.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded to Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve supplemental funds for Professional Services to DiFrancesco, Batemen, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. in connection with Labor Counsel services with the caveat that the amount be reduced from \$30,000. To \$15,000.

R214-25 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. in Connection with Labor Counsel Services

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C. IN CONNECTION WITH LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, a professional services contract for Labor Counsel services was awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., from August 8, 2024 through August 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$135,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. has provided satisfactory labor counsel services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$135,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$15,000.00 , for a total not to exceed \$165,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$165,000.00 for labor counsel services through August 7, 2025, by DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., is authorized and approved.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and failed on roll call vote to award additional funds to LAN Associates for engineer design services in connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project.

R203-25 Resolution Awarding Additional Funds to LAN Associates for Engineering Design Services in Connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project

RESOLUTION AWARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO LAN ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, a professional engineering contract for Engineering Design Services in connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project was awarded to LAN Associates through the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$111,500.00 for the term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

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WHEREAS, LAN Associates has provided the Recreation Department with a proposal to expand the scope of the project to include all necessary tasks not seen during the request for proposal process; and

WHEREAS, additional funding in the amount of an additional \$32,395.00, for a total not to exceed \$143,895.00 will be required through the completion of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that additional funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$32,395.00 for a total not to exceed \$143,895.00 for professional engineering design services through the completion of the project, by LAN Associates, is authorized and approved.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to authorize agreement between the City of Clifton and Power of One Christian Coaching and Outreach Ministries, Inc. for Food Distribution Services.

R216-25 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton and Power of One Christian Coaching and Outreach Ministries, Inc. for Food Distribution Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
AND POWER OF ONE CHRISTIAN COACHING AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES,
INC. FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Clifton agrees to provide Power of One Christian Coaching and Outreach Ministries, Inc., \$42,400.00 in funding for the purpose of reimbursing staff for salaries and fringe benefits for food distribution services performed in 2025 only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties’ agreement shall be memorialized in a form as approved by the Law Department, which shall be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

R197-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the April 15, 2025, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of April 15, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$	34,079,929.14
Grant Fund	\$	122,748.66
General Capital Fund	\$	330,803.10
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	142,479.15
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	14,915.46
Developers Escrow	\$	39,389.93
Dog Trust	\$	2,060.10
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	40,300.00
Trust Other	\$	119,465.40
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	221,686.53
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	48,555.44
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,312,176.93
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	109,424.85
General Liability Trust	\$	59,260.51
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	52,060.92
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		36,695,256.12

R198-25 Resolution - Special Emergency Resolution 7 - 2025 Funding Health Department

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY 7
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 City of Clifton received notice from New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) that the Federal Government has frozen spending on a Health Department Grant effective 03/24/2025, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council made a motion to fund this grant fund shortage at the April 1, 2025, City Council Meeting as a Special Emergency to preserve the positions paid through this grant, and

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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 \$71,274,670.27, 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 \$207,000.00 as follows:

Health Department S&W - \$207,000.00

2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2025 Municipal Budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution is filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services, by the City Clerk.

R199-25 Resolution - Increasing 2025 Temporary Municipal Budget

**2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET 2
RESOLUTION**

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

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

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

Economic Development		
01-201-20-170-109	Salaries	10,000.00
Cable TV		
01-201-20-141-242	Other Expenses	2,500.00
Fire Department		
01-201-25-265-600	Other Expenses	100,000.00
Police Department		
01-201-25-240-503	Other Expenses	100,000.00
Recreation		
01-201-27-370-522	Other Expenses	10,000.00
Arts Center		
01-201-28-370-224	Other Expenses	2,500.00
Buildings (DPW)		
01-201-26-290-219	Other Expenses	15,000.00
Municipal Court		

01-201-43-490-101	Salaries	75,000.00
01-201-43-490-308	Other Expenses	20,000.00
Grants		
01-201-41-720-232	Recycling Tonnage	219,920.13
Total 2025 Temporary Budget - Increase		554,920.13

R200-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Clifton City Hall Campus Water Main Extension - John Garcia

CLIFTON CITY HALL CAMPUS WATER MAIN EXTENSION

BE IT RESOLVED: that the contract for the CLIFTON CITY HALL CAMPUS WATER MAIN EXTENSION be and the same is hereby awarded to JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION of Clifton, New Jersey, the low bidder meeting the specifications at a grand total bid price of \$524,823.64, in accordance with bids received on March 18, 2025, and recommended by communication dated April 7, 2025 to the Mayor and Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are authorized and directed hereby to execute such contract, upon approval by the Law Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

R201-25 Resolution Authorizing Final Payment Stefan Tatarenko Memorial Park Improvements Zenith Construction Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
STEFAN TATARENKO MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS
ZENITH CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, ZENITH CONSTRUCTION SERVICES of Orange, New Jersey, did complete STEFAN TATARENKO MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount

of \$774,313.69

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid
in the amount of. \$735,347.90

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT
of..... \$ 38,965.79

WHEREAS, said work was authorized by contract duly awarded at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has posted a Maintenance Bond, for a period of two years, in the amount of \$77,431.37; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has inspected the work done and has determined that said work has been properly done and completed, to the best of his knowledge, in accordance with the

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terms and provisions of the contract as amended, if amended, and hereby recommends that the said work be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton does hereby formally accept the work as shown as completed in this resolution and contract.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be, and he is authorized and directed to include the said claim totaling \$38,965.79 on the claim list.

R202-25 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Change Order No. 1 and Final Stefan Tatarenko Memorial Park Improvements

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL
STEFAN TATARENKO MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R379-24 awarding a contract to ZENITH CONSTRUCTION SERVICES of ORANGE, NJ, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for STEFAN TATARENKO MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS in the amount of \$760,000.00; and

WHEREAS, regulations, adopted by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, and dealing with “Contract Change Order” open-end contracts, etc., became effective on April 15, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has requested that a Change Order be made to the contract awarded to ZENITH CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, in the amount of \$14,313.69 a 1.88% Increase as authorized by Resolution said being necessary for the proper completion of the project job; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to comply with said regulations, and to the end herewith files with the Governing Body a report of the Engineering Department stating the facts involved and indicating that the proposed contract Change Order is necessary and should be approved and allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of sufficient funds for the amendatory change for which authorization is requested in the amount of \$14,313.69 a 1.88% INCREASE;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is now \$774,313.69.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the said amendatory Change Order be and the same is hereby ratified and payment therefore is hereby approved.

R204-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers for Constructions Administration and Construction Oversight in Connection with the Clifton City Hall Water Main Extension Project

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND
CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLIFTON CITY HALL
WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional engineering services for construction administration and construction oversight in connection with the Clifton City Hall Water Main Extension Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that a contract for professional engineering services be awarded to Remington & Vernick Engineers in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated March 27, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers for the provision of said services, in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the engineer and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to be not to exceed \$54,000.00, and the duration of the contract is until completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional engineering services contract for construction administration and construction oversight in connection with the Clifton City Hall Water Main Extension Project is hereby awarded to REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, in accordance with its proposal dated March 27, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 and shall not exceed that amount except upon the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton, and that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

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

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The City of Clifton has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(1)(a)*. The contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Remington & Vernick Engineers, Secaucus, NJ
Services: Construction Administration and Construction Oversight
Project: Clifton City Hall Water Main Extension Project
Cost: Not to exceed \$54,000.00
Term: Until completion

R205-25 Resolution Authorizing Permission to Bid for Clifton City Hall Fueling Station Improvements

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
CLIFTON CITY HALL FUELING STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

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

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

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes the closure and replacement of 10,000 gallon unleaded gasoline fuel tank, fueling system, dispensers and appurtenances; and

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

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

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

R206-25 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Office Supplies from W.B. Mason off the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM
W.B. MASON OFF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to purchase office supplies for its departments and divisions; and,

WHEREAS, W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, was awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 24-COMG-78752 under the umbrella M0052 to provide discounted pricing off their office supplies catalog, which the City is permitted to use cooperatively; and,

WHEREAS, the contract has been awarded for the term from June 16,2024 to February 28,2027; 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 IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchases above from W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 24-COMG-78752, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 from May 6, 2025, through May 5,2026.

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

R207-25 Resolution Authorizing Repairs to the Restroom Facilities at the Community Recreation Center to be Performed by Murray Paving and Concrete, LLC Off of ESCNJ Cooperative Contract

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPAIRS TO THE RESTROOM FACILITIES AT
THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER TO BE PERFORMED BY MURRAY
PAVING AND CONCRETE, LLC OFF OF ESCNJ COOPERATIVE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the restroom facilities at the Community Recreation Center are in need of repair to maintain a safe, clean, and functional environment for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City's Recreation Supervisor and Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined that the necessary repair and maintenance work can be procured through the Educational

Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Purchasing Contract #23/24-28, which is effective from June 26, 2024, through June 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) and Murray Paving and Concrete, LLC, located at 21 Wallace Street, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, has been awarded the ESCNJ contract and is authorized to perform the required work in accordance with the terms of said contract; 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 Murray Paving and Concrete, LLC, located at 21 Wallace Street, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, in an amount not to exceed \$49,934.88, off the ESCNJ Contract #23/24-28, pursuant to the above ESCNJ contract.

R208-25 Resolution to Purchase Industrial Supplies and Equipment from W.W. Grainger for the City of Clifton off of the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
FROM W.W. GRAINGER FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON
OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Department of Public Works has need to purchase the Industrial Supplies and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, W.W. Grainger was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978 under M0002 Facilities, Maintenance and Repair & Operations (MRO) and Industrial Supplies, expiring August 31,2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from W.W. Grainger, Grainger Industrial Supply Division, Government Call Center, 55 Jackson Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016-3582, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from W.W. Grainger, Grainger Industrial Supply Division, Government Call Center, 55 Jackson Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016-3582 via New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the period of July 1,2025 through to June 30, 2026; and

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

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R209-25 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

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 expire 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.

R210-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Swift 911 Mass Notification System Services off the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SWIFT 911 MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM SERVICES OFF THE BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Department of Management Information System requires certain services for web site communication of online Swift 911 Mass Notification System Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes the critical importance of effective mass notification systems for emergency communication purposes and the annual subscription is required for the same; and

WHEREAS, this procurement request is made in accordance with N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a, via Bergen County Cooperative BC-BID-24-38, which expires June 05, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, MIS Department recommends the award of contract to SHI International located at 290 Davidson Ave Somerset NJ 08873 for a term of April 1,2025 to March 31,2026; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from SHI International located at 290 Davidson Ave Somerset NJ 08873, in an amount not to exceed \$19,869.16, off the Bergen County Cooperative BC-BID-24-38 – Computer Equipment and Peripherals.

R212-25 Resolution Authorizing Annual Subscription for Hosting Services and Enterprise Licensing Software Services to Spatial Data Logic Through SHI International Via Bergen County Cooperative (CK04) Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR HOSTING SERVICES AND ENTERPRISE LICENSING SOFTWARE SERVICES TO SPATIAL DATA LOGIC THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE (CK04) CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, via Resolution R262-16 authorized participation in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (#CK04-BERGEN); and

WHEREAS, the Building, DPW, Health, Housing, Tax Assessor had procured the City purchase fifty-four (54) licenses for Spatial Data Logic software services Code Enforcement and needs annual hosting subscriptions and enterprise licensing services; and

WHEREAS, the MIS Coordinator received a quote from SHI International for a total amount of \$96,735.81 off the Bergen County Cooperative for the above licenses and related services; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which includes Spatial Data Logic as a licensed solution offering, was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals expires on June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Bergen County, and the contract, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; 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 award to SHI International Corp for the fifty-four Spatial Data Logic licenses and related services is hereby authorized; and

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2. The proposal submitted by SHI International Corp, for the procurement and execution of the above licenses, for a total not to exceed the amount of \$96,735.81 is hereby awarded for contract term of 4-30-2025 to 4-29-2026

R213-25 Resolution Approving an Increase in the Table of Organization for Public Safety Telecommunications to 24

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS TO 24

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council would like to increase the number of Public Safety Telecommunicators to 24; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey that the table of organization for Public Safety Telecommunicators is hereby increased to a total of 24.

R215-25 Resolution Approving the City of Clifton Fire Department's Withdrawal from the Urban Area Search Initiative Decontamination Truck Program

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT’S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE URBAN AREAS SEARCH INITIATIVE DECONTAMINATION TRUCK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department participates in the Urban Areas Search Initiative (“UASI”) Decontamination Truck Program; and

WHEREAS, the Provisional Fire Chief, Michael Rowan, has recommended withdrawing from the UASI Decontamination Truck Program due to the age of the decontamination vehicle, ongoing specialized training, regular maintenance and strain on staffing resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorize the withdrawal from the UASI Decontamination Truck Program and the disposal of the Decontamination Truck in a manner consistent with 2 CFR 200.313.

R217-25 Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for Various Outside Legal Counsel for the City of Clifton for the Term June 5, 2025 Through June 4, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON FOR THE TERM JUNE 5, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 4, 2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-4-1, local contracting units may procure outside legal counsel through requests for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires outside counsel for the following matters for the term:

- Disciplinary Matters
- Tax Appeal Counsel
- General Environmental Counsel
- Independent Investigation
- Employment Litigation
- Redevelopment Counsel
- Affordable Housing Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the City of Clifton shall prepare Request for Proposals for said services;
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for the advertisement of requests for proposals for various outside legal counsel for the term June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026.

R218-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management Services for Accessible Pathways in Various Parks

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT TO SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS IN
VARIOUS PARKS**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires Professional Engineering Services for Construction Management Services for accessible pathways in various parks; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department currently has a contract with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., with its original proposal, dated February 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department wishes to extend this contract, adding additional funds and additional scope of services to the project list; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor recommends that a contract be awarded to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated February 19, 2025, in the amount of not to exceed \$52,500.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and the recommendation of the Recreation Supervisor, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the provision of said services, in the amount of not to exceed \$52,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the Recreation Supervisor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the current value of the contract is determined to not to exceed \$52,500.00, and the duration of the contract is until completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Professional Engineering Services Contract for Construction Management Services for accessible pathways in various parks is hereby awarded to **SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.** in accordance with its proposal dated February 19, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$52,500.00, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton, and that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

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

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The City of Clifton has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(1)(a)*. The contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

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R219-25 Resolution Authorizing Letter of Support for Community Solar Project at 47 Main Avenue

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT AT 47 MAIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, Wunder Power has proposed a 276 KW rooftop Community Solar Project at 47 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities requires the municipality in which Community Solar Projects are located to submit a letter of support for the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes a letter of support in a form to be approved by the Law Department be issued for the Community Solar Project located at 47 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

R221-25 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>
99.09	10	Personal Property

R222-25 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Fire Chief Ryan Fitzsimmons

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FIRE CHIEF
RYAN FITZSIMMONS**

WHEREAS, April 1, 2025, Ryan Fitzsimmons, Fire Chief, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on February 9, 1999, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-five 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

**FIRE CHIEF
RYAN FITZSIMMONS**

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 **RYAN FITZSIMMONS**.

R223-25 Resolution for Appointment to the Advisory Board of Recreation

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
ADVISORY BOARD OF RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are aware of a vacancy on the Advisory Board of Recreation created by the passing of Thomas Mullin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Joan Mullin is hereby appointed as a Member of the Advisory Board of Recreation to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Mullin commencing this day through December 31, 2027.

R224-25 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Vendor License - Magic Cone

**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 Douha Khawatmi owner of Magic Cone 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 Douha Khawatmi owner of Magic Cone Ice Cream in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Magic Cone Ice Cream

Owner:
Douha Khawatmi

Approved Operator:
Douha Khawatmi

Approved Vehicle:
2001 Dodge Ram 3500 2B6LB31291K516500

Parking Location:
299 Sussex Street, Paterson, NJ 07503

R225-25 Resolution Authorization the Cancellation and Refund of a Portion of the 2023 2nd Quarter Taxes and the 2023 3rd Quarter Property Taxes and the 2023 4th Quarter Property

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Taxes and the Entire 2024 Property Taxes and the 2025 1st Quarter Taxes Paid on Property Known as Block 2.08 Lot 24, 70 Trimble Avenue, Owned by a Disabled Veteran

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2023 2nd QUARTER TAXES AND THE 2023 3rd QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2023 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE ENTIRE 2024 PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2025 1ST QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2.08 LOT 24, 70 TRIMBLE AVENUE, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Robert Francisco, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 2.08 Lot 24, 70 Trimble Avenue has been declared 100% disabled as of June 5, 2023, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS Robert Francisco has made 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, Robert Francisco is entitled to the cancellation and a partial refund of the 2023 second quarter property taxes, the 2023 third quarter property taxes, the 2023 fourth quarter property taxes, the entire 2024 property taxes and 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 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of June 5, 2023, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and a partial refund of the 2023 second quarter property taxes, the 2023 third quarter property taxes, the 2023 fourth quarter property taxes, the entire 2024 property taxes and the 2025 first quarter property taxes on the subject property for a total refund of \$12,965.60; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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 2023 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$495.78, the 2023 third quarter and fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$3,536.99, the entire 2024 property taxes in the amount of \$7,146.26, and the 2025 first quarter taxes in the amount of \$1,786.57 for a total refund in the amount of \$12,965.60 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 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.

R226-25 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of 64% of the Taxes and Refund 64% of a Portion of the 2024 Fourth Quarter Taxes and 64% the 2025 First Quarter Taxes for Block 16.06, Lot 2, 240 W. 2nd Street, Owned by Disabled Veteran

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 64% OF THE TAXES AND REFUND 64 % OF A PORTION OF THE 2024 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND 64% THE 2025 FIRST QUARTER TAXES FOR BLOCK 16.06 LOT 2, 240 W 2nd STREET, OWNED BY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Joseph S. Imperato the owner of a two- family residence located at Block 16.06 Lot 2, 240 W 2nd Street has been declared 100% disabled as of December 16, 2024, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Assessor has determined that Joseph S. Imperato occupies 64% of the subject property and would be entitled to a partial cancellation and refund based on the percentage of the property he occupies; and

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Imperato 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, Joseph S. Imperato is entitled to the cancellation of 64% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 64% of a portion 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 16, 2024, and hereby authorizes the cancellation and refund of 64% of a portion of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$411.05 and the 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$1,734.16 for a total refund of \$2,145.21.

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 a portion of the 64% of the 2024 fourth quarter tax payments in the amount of \$411.02 and refund 64% of the 2025 first quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,734.16 for a total refund of \$2,145.21.
- 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.

R227-25 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:

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| CON- | 1 | FMBA Contract Negotiations |
| CON- | 2 | Personnel Officer - Notice of Tort Claim |
| CON- | 3 | Investigation Report of Workplace Harassment and Retaliation Complaint by T.R. Against A.L. |
| CON- | 4 | Report from Independent Investigation of Workplace Harassment Conducted by the Hon. Ralph L. DeLuccia, J.S.C. (Ret.) |
| CON- | 5 | Notice of Tort Claim by DV - Potential Litigation |
| CON- | 6 | Interim City Manager |
| CON- | 7 | Legal Opinion Regarding RLUIPA and Potential Litigation Concerning Parking Restrictions Near Houses of Worship |
| CON- | 8 | Developer Agreement - Meridia Regency on Valley |
| CON- | 9 | Workers' Compensation Claim - MA - FD |
| CON- | 10 | Workers' Compensation Claim - AF - PD |
| CON- | 11 | Developer Agreement - Costco Wholesale Corporation |
| CON- | 12 | Bid for Clifton City Water Main Extension |
| CON- | 13 | Rader v. City of Clifton - Litigation |
| CON- | 14 | Peruvian Parade & Flag Raising - Potential Litigation |
| CON- | 15 | S & S Shell, Inc. d/b/a Anthony's Towing v. Mayor & Council of City of Clifton Docket No.: PAS-L-1206-25 |
| CON- | 16 | Verizon Property Tax Appeal - Block 99.09, Lot 10 |

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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 La Havana 59

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR LH59 Clifto's, LLC

T/A La Havana 59

ADDRESS 1105 Rt 46, Clifton, NJ 07013

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW Chef Yang

ZONE B-D

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 Main Cure Pharmacy

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR MAIN CURE PHARMACY LLC

T/A MAIN CURE PHARMACY

ADDRESS 1245 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY

FORMERLY OR NEW NEW

ZONE BC

PERMITTED YES

VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.

FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-3 Shallal Restaurant

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR SHALLAL RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ LLC

T/A SHALLAL RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ

ADDRESS 1551 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT

FORMERLY OR NEW NEW

ZONE B-C

PERMITTED YES

VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

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FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-4 Clif Tavern

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR BARONE HOLDINGS INC

T/A CLIF TAVERN

ADDRESS 605 CLIFTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT
FORMERLY OR NEW CLIF TAVERN
ZONE B-A1
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-5 Dosas by Kashan

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR KNH FOODS LLC
T/A DOSAS BY KASHAN
ADDRESS 76 MARKET ST CLIFTON, NJ 07012
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW MAUSAM
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-6 Abe's

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR ABE'S J LLC
T/A ABE'S
ADDRESS 74 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT
FORMERLY OR NEW NEW
ZONE M-2
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-7 Lamoon's Thai

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR LAMOON'S THAI RESTAURANT CORP.
T/A LAMOON'S THAI
ADDRESS 64 MARKET ST CLIFTON, NJ 07012
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW THINOY
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-8 The Brake Room Smoke Shop

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR The Break Room Smoke Shop LLC
T/A The Break Room Smoke Shop LLC
ADDRESS 1156 B Main Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011

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TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED Grocery
FORMERLY OR NEW New
ZONE

PERMITTED YES

VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Pino seconded by Councilman Gibson, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 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