

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton was held in the Municipal Conference Room of Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

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

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 2025, which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on January 5, 2025, and was additionally advertised in the Record on January 5, 2025. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting to The Herald News and by posting of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the Clifton Website which notice stated that formal action may or may not be taken on matters to come before the Municipal Council.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D'Amato	(CD)
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were Assistant City Attorney and Interim City Manager, Andrew Oddo; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Egan; City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi; and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

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

Rabbi Kronenberg

PRESENTATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to approve the following Minutes:

Minutes of Special Executive Session of April 15, 2025

Minutes of Workshop Meeting of April 15, 2025

Minutes of Executive Session of April 15, 2025

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025

Minutes of Special Meeting of April 21, 2025

Minutes of Executive Session of April 21, 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 Maria Sutowski, Human Services, hired as a part time Clerk at \$18.00 hourly, effective April 28, 2025

C-2 Elizabeth Kearney, Human Services, hired as a Clerk part time at \$25.00 hourly, effective April 28, 2025

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- C-3 Dominick Villano, Manager, retired position of City Manager, effective May 1, 2025 (R248-25)
- C-4 Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk, retired from her position of Municipal City Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective May 1, 2025 (R249-25)

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-5 Minutes of Advisory Board of Recreation of February 24, 2025
- C-6 Minutes of Beautification Committee of April 7, 2025
- C-7 Minutes of Cable Advisory Committee Minutes of March 26, 2025
- C-8 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center of March 24, 2025
- C-9 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of March 26, 2025
- C-10 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of March 26, 2025
- C-11 Minutes of Senior Advisory Committee of February 27, 2025
- C-12 Minutes of Traffic Safety Council of March 20, 2025
- C-13 Minutes of Clifton Historical Advisory Commission

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7986-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7986-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7986-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 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)

(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.

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7987-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7987-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7987-25

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance

was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman Latona and carried by roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article 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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7988-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, tabled upon a Motion made by Councilman Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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)

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 20, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7989-25

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 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Adds 234 Clifton Ave.)

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 20, 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 7990-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 1 Handicapped Space)

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

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to be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

D. Introduction of Ordinance 7991-25

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, May 20, 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.

E. Introduction of Ordinance 7992-25

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 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 5 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, May 20, 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.

F. Introduction of Ordinance 7993-25

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 Latona, and passed on roll call vote.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, May 20, 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.

G. Introduction of Ordinance 7994-25

The entitled ordinance was tabled until the close of Executive Session by a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Benefits," More Particularly Article VI Thereof, Entitled "Confidential Officials and Employees," and More Particularly Section 99-34 Thereof, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Salary of Deputy City Clerk)

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

H. Introduction of Ordinance 7995-25

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 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Permit Parking on Residential Street and Municipal Lots," Article I, Entitled "Residential Streets," More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Chestnut Street)

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 20, 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.

I. Introduction of Ordinance 7996-25

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 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Permit Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots," Article I, Entitled "Residential Streets," More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Butler Street)

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 20, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, announced that the ordinance that was introduced to prohibit parking on certain areas of Pershing Road has been pulled and that further discussion on the matter is warranted.

Azeem Kahn, 51 Pershing Road, presented a petition against prohibiting parking on certain areas of Pershing Road.

Kim Castellano, 59 Mahar Ave., spoke about the history and mission of her charitable organization, The Power of One.

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The following residents showed their support for Ms. Castellano's organization, The Power of One:

Ray Lill, 59 Stevens Road
Wendy Scudato, 25 Karen Drive

Gina Ruisi, 32 Chelsea Road, asked to have a speed bump installed on Chelsea Road.

Ryan Powers, 12 Ferris Drive, spoke about an incident he encountered at Costco where a vehicle blocked access to the handicapped entrance to his van and the unacceptable amount of time it took to have the individual move their vehicle.

Cameron Hebron, 61 George Russell Way, invited the public to attend the upcoming Pride flag raising ceremony.

Malgorzata Kardaz, George's Coffee Shop, Botany Village, showed her support to the Power of One organization and expressed her opposition to installing parking meters in Botany Village.

Josephine Sardina, Clifton expressed her objection to part-time city employees and council members receiving full health benefits.

Joe Siano, 102 Trenton Ave., extended accolades to the work of the Power of One and supported having the City provide space for her organization to continue to help the citizens of Clifton. He also spoke about the lack of follow up concerning the Allwood Road lane diet project. Mr. Siano applauded the passion of individual council members but working together becomes dysfunctional and bad decorum.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Place, suggested that the City's Engineering Department do the watermain upgrade rather than outsourcing the project. He spoke about an ice cream truck vendor with out of state plates that he believes does not have a health inspection or permit from the City. He spoke about quality of life issues.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., welcomed the new City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi and the new City Manager, Gary DeMarzo. He asked the public to show their support and attend the next Zoning Board meeting to support City Green in their efforts to stop the building of a storage unit which, many feel, will affect the farm negatively. Mr. Perino mentioned that he recently attended a drone festival which replaces fireworks and was very impressed. He suggested the City of Clifton look into going this route on the next July 4th. He spoke about lack of traffic control on Mount Prospect Ave., new homes being built with no sidewalks, illegal Airbnb's and he showed his support for the residents of Pershing Road who are facing serious traffic safety issues.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., welcomed the new City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi. He asked for the status of the dog parks he has been waiting for. He asked if the new City Manager has a permanent position. He spoke about speeding on Delawanna Ave.

Tom Whittles, CASA, expressed his support for the part-time city employees that currently get health benefits. He urged Council not to remove these health benefits since they were offered at their time of hire. He pointed out that employee morale at City Hall is not good.

Steve Goldberg, 124 Charles St., thanked all that attended the Israeli flag raising ceremony. He fondly remembered former employee, Elisa Leib, who's hard work and dedication created the Israeli flag raising.

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, commented on the recent budget meeting, citing the arguments between council members are getting too personal. She suggested adding income rather than always cutting services. She announced that the little pantry is seeking storage for the canned foods they collect and announced that the little pantry will be hosting a garage sale. She

announced her citizen of the month award went to Gabriella Marriello, of Parents Requiring Action and Information for Special Education (P.R.A.I.S.E).

Samantha Bassford, 92 Mountainview Dr., spoke about the dysfunction among council members. She pointed out that there is no leadership, and their behavior has caused damage to the public trust. She asked that each council member finish their terms with something positive.

A resident of East 1st St. expressed her disappointment when the majority of Council members shot down the idea of doing a Charter Study to see what the best form of government is for the City. She asked that personal donations by Council be taken off the Council agenda.

Joann MacBeth, 11 Wheeler St., expressed her disappointment to council regarding their lack of support to start a Charter Study. She suggested allowing cannabis in the City for badly needed revenue. Ms. MacBeth spoke about a fence that fell and quickly became a dangerous situation. She supported building a dog park in Delawanna and does not agree with individuals saying that speeding is a big issue on Delawanna Ave. Ms. MacBeth pointed out that the council is not doing a good job, the train trestle sidewalk on Oak Street is a mess and there is excessive overgrowth by the Rutt's Hutt property. Ms. MacBeth praised Kim Castellano for her work for Power of One.

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

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, welcomed all to call, email, text or visit his office with any issues.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino thanked Cameron Hebron for the invitation to the Pride flag raising. She thanked Kim Castellano for her extraordinary work with the Power of One. Councilwoman Pino thanked the residents for making her organization's carnival a success.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato pointed out that the proposal for no parking in certain areas of Pershing Road was not rushed. He asked that the public provide suggestions on how to ease the traffic that all would agree to. Councilman D'Amato is advocating for closed captioning on the Clifton Cable channel and would like to make Clifton a designated Film Ready City.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson spoke about the parking issues on Pershing Road ordinance being pulled. He pointed out that the second part of the ordinance, to have no parking on the dangerous "S" curve on Pershing will move forward. He stated that he is an advocate for speed bumps and speed tables, but the City must abide by the rules of Uniformed Traffic Control. Councilman Gibson questioned if Rice Notices were really required to stop the health benefits for part-time employees.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked for a status of the Third River flooding project. She spoke about enforcing illegal Airbnb's.

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 9:50 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula pointed out the need for speed tables, issuing summonses for

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overgrown grass and scheduling a Bond Committee meeting.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 9:52 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula announced that the expansion of the Mosque on Pershing Road will be held at the Zoning Board meeting. She stressed the need to find a solution to the Pershing Road parking and traffic issues. Councilwoman Sadrakula feels the City should stop outsourcing work that employees can do, she asked when the next Allwood Road project meeting will take place and spoke about the need to cut health benefits to part-time employees.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona read recreation, local news and events. He pointed out that no decision made on this council has been made in haste. He expressed his support to the Power of One and is in favor of providing them storage space on City Hall property. He spoke about the many stall tactics and obstacles that this council has had to face.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej pointed out that the Engineering Department does not have the equipment or resources to extend the water main around city hall. He spoke about laws that prohibit officials from searching garbage to enforce recycling rules. He suggested ways to reduce sewer fees for homeowners and encouraged keeping health benefits for part-time employees.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed without objection to add a discussion item on the next agenda to talk about adding cannabis as a new form of revenue.

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

Councilman Kolodziej questioned the title of the interim City Manager. He asked if he was an employee, a contractor or a consultant. Councilman Kolodziej felt he should be a consultant to tame costs since he is on pace to make 36K a month. He pressed the need to do a search for a permanent City Manager.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski stressed the need to come up with a solution for the parking and traffic issues on Pershing Road. He spoke about saving health benefits for part-time employees. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and without objection was tabled.

R240-25 Resolution Approving Appointment of ABC Board Secretary

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SANDRA JONES AS SECRETARY TO BOARD OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council, that **SANDRA JONES** is hereby appointed as secretary to the Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control and shall receive a stipend in the annual amount of \$7,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Appointment shall commence on July 1, 2025.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to award contract for Clifton City Hall Campus Water Main Extension

R232-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Clifton City Hall Campus Water Main Extension

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
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.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to 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

R233-25 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

**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

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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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to authorize entry into and execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Township of Little Falls for Health Department Services – July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

R251-25 Resolution Authorizing Entry into and Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with Township of Little Falls for Health Department Services - July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2028

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SERVICES - JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028**

BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is given for entry into a shared services agreement between the City of Clifton and the Township of Little Falls for the provision of Health Department Services by the City of Clifton to the Township of Little Falls, for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, which includes Environmental Health, Public Health Nursing Services, Health Education, Health Promotion, Emergency Response, and Animal Control Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Little Falls will pay for services rendered by the City at the following rate:

1% July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 - \$123,936
1% July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027 - \$125,175

1% July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028 - \$126,427

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the Law Department, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Clifton.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to approve the Claims List for May 6, 2025

R229-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the May 6, 2025, City Council Meeting

Current Fund	\$	6,088,721.90
Grant Fund	\$	92,674.57
General Capital Fund	\$	512,889.24
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	39,942.27
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	284,374.93
Developers Escrow	\$	9,037.00
Dog Trust	\$	12,693.58
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	55,835.00
Trust Other	\$	115,887.89
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	26,454.29
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	93,557.01
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	785,958.06
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	19,723.94
Library	\$	362,790.44
General Liability Trust	\$	198,111.30
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	81,659.00
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	8,780,310.42

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to appoint Gary DeMarzo as the City Manager on a Temporary Basis.

R254-25 Appointing Gary DeMarzo as the City Manager on a Temporary Basis

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY S. DEMARZO AS THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 220-25 appointed Gary S. DeMarzo as the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council have determined it is necessary to amend said Resolution No. 220-25; and

WHEREAS, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, has previously created the position of City Manager by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy in that position; and

WHEREAS, the City received proposals/resumes from interested candidates; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to fill that vacancy; and

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

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The City hereby appoints Gary S. DeMarzo as City Manager, effective April 16, 2025, at a salary of \$145,000.00 in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.
3. This appointment is conditioned upon successful completion of pre-employment testing.
4. Any hours accumulated at the rate set by Resolution No. 220-25 will be paid at the rate set by Resolution No. 220-25 and that amount will be paid at the next pay cycle. That accumulated amount will be reduced from the offered salary.
5. Gary S DeMarzo is waiving his rights to medical benefits and is eligible for the opt out payment of \$5,000.
6. Gary S. DeMarzo shall be entitled to use a City owned vehicle for City business purposes and shall reimburse the City \$0.15 per mile for any personal use of the vehicle.
7. City officials and officers are hereby authorized and empowered to take all action deemed necessary or advisable to carry into effect the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

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

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

R230-25 Resolution Amending Resolution R226-25 Adopted by the Municipal Council on April 15, 2025, Regarding the Cancellation of 64% of the Taxes and Refund 64% of a Portion of the 2024 Fourth Quarter Taxes and 64% Refund of the 2025 First Quarter Taxes for Block 16.06, Lot 2, 240 W. 2nd Street Owned by Disabled Veteran (Amends Resolution R226-25 to Correct Refund of 64% Portion of the 2024 Fourth Quarter Taxes and Total Refund Amount)

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R226-25 ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON APRIL 15, 2025 REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF 64% OF THE TAXES AND REFUND 64% OF A PORTION OF THE 2024 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND 64% REFUND OF THE 2025 FIRST QUARTER TAXES FOR BLOCK 16.06 LOT 2, 240 W 2nd St, OWNED BY DISABLED VETERAN (AMENDS RESOLUTION R226-25 TO CORRECT REFUND OF 64% PORTION OF THE 2024 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND TOTAL REFUND AMOUNT)

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 St. has been declared 100% disabled as of December 16, 2024, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the Municipal Council adopted R226-25 refunding a 64% 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.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, wishes to amend R226-25 to include a corrected 64% refund of the 2024 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$283.74, and the 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$1,734.16 for a total refund of \$ 2,017.90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that R226-25 be hereby amended and that the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To refund a 64% portion of the 2024 fourth quarter property tax payments in the amount of \$283.74 and refund a 64% portion of the 2025 first quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,734.16 for a total refund of \$ 2,017.90.
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.

R231-25 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

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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 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.

R234-25 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Intent for Procurement of Pierce Fire Apparatus Parts and Supplies for City of Clifton via Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT FOR
PROCUREMENT OF PIERCE FIRE APPARATUS PARTS AND SUPPLIES FOR CITY OF
CLIFTON VIA SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City's interest in participating with the Sourcewell national cooperative for Pierce Fire Apparatus Parts and Supplies, which was awarded to Fire and Safety Services located at 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080 a dealer of Pierce Apparatus Inc; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Sourcewell's website at <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/113021-OKC>; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #101520-FMC, for Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles which expires on February 10,2026; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Fire and Safety Services located at 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell's Notice to Bidders Titled "Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles#113021-OKC for Pierce Automotive Parts and Supplies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending May 19,2025.

R235-25 Resolution Authorizing Contract to Electronic System Solutions for the Annual Maintenance and Support for Mobile Radios for Police Vehicles for the Clifton Police Department

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT TO ELECTRONIC SYSTEM SOLUTIONS FOR
THE ANNUAL MAINTENNACE AND SUPPORT FOR MOBILE RADIOS FOR POLICE
VEHICLES FROM FOR CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department has requested annual maintenance and support for Mobile Radios for Vehicles of Police Department; and

WHEREAS, service agreement is obtained from Electronic System Solutions Inc located at P O Box 3051, West Caldwell NJ 07007 in the amount not to exceed \$8,712.00 (monthly \$726.00)

for the term of April 1, 2025, to March 31 ,2026 and is an agreement for the existing Mobile Radios in the Police department with New Jersey State Contract 83905(State Contract Term ending April 30,2026) ; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Electronic System Solutions Inc located at P O Box 3051, West Caldwell NJ 07007 in the amount not to exceed \$8,712.00.

R236-25 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Procurement Card (P-Card) Services to US Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROCUREMENT CARD (P-CARD) SERVICES TO US BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has authorized the establishment of a P-card program and the execution of an agreement for P-card Services with the Bank of America under the state contract 84675 under the umbrella T1654; and

WHEREAS, the State Contract with Bank of America expired on January 31,2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes the critical importance of using the P-cards for certain purchases where Purchase Order are not accepted; and

WHEREAS, the US Bank has the new State Contract for the Commercial Card Services 25-GNSV2-86532 under the umbrella M4022 until December 31,2027; and

WHEREAS, City of Clifton recommends the award of contract to US Bank located at 308 Wingfoot Dr. Marvin, NC 28173; 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 agreement above from US Bank located at 308 Wingfoot Dr. Marvin, NC 28173, off New Jersey State Contract 25-GNSV2-86532.

R237-25 Resolution Authorizing Procurement of Network Equipment for Police Department Technology Upgrade Off Bergen County Cooperative Contract

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF NETWORK EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE OFF BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department has identified the urgent need to upgrade its network infrastructure to enhance reliability, ensure continued support for essential systems, and maintain the integrity of critical operations; and

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WHEREAS, Johnston Communications (JCT)., located at 36 Commerce Street., Springfield, NJ 07081, has been awarded the Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38-Computer Equipment and Peripherals; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38 has been awarded to Johnston Communications (JCT)., for a term ending on June 05, 2026, and has the required peripherals which includes:-

- Body Cam Room IDF (Intermediate Distribution Frame) Networking Hub Upgrades, involving the replacement of four (4) 48-port switches, an uninterrupted power supply (UPS), related components, and necessary labor, with a subtotal cost of \$50,610.37; and
- Additional Network Switch Replacements, including the replacement of two (2) 48-port switches, the installation of one (1) new switch, the replacement of a UPS, and related labor, with a subtotal cost of \$40,759.07; 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 Johnston Communications (JCT)., located at 36 Commerce Street., Springfield, NJ 07081 , in an amount not to exceed amount of \$91,369.44, off the Bergen County Cooperative contract number BC-BID-24-38, pursuant to the same.

R238-25 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Uniforms and Other Law Enforcement Equipment and Supplies from Atlantic Uniform Co., Inc. off the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a for Clifton Police Department

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND OTHER LAW
ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM ATLANTIC UNIFORM CO. INC
OFF OF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:11-12a FOR CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department has a requested to purchase uniforms and other law enforcement supplies from Atlantic Uniform Co Inc; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Uniform Co. Inc., 468 Washington Ave Belleville NJ 07109 , has been assigned NJ State Contract No. T0106/17-FLEET-00763 – Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies; 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 Atlantic Uniform Co. Inc., 468 Washington Ave Belleville NJ 07109, which has been assigned NJ State Contract No. T0106/17-FLEET-00763, at a cost not to exceed \$140,000.00 for the term ending May 2026.

R239-25 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a 2021 Honda CRV Donated to the City of Clifton Police Department from Geico Insurance Company

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A 2021 HONDA CRV DONATED TO

THE CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM GEICO INSURANCE COMPANY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for acceptance of a 2021 Honda CRV, Vin:7FART6H8XME002877, donated to the City of Clifton Police Department from Geico Insurance Company, 4295 Ocmulgee East Boulevard, Macon, Georgia 31295-0001.

R241-25 Resolution Designating the Appointing Authority for the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Civil Service Commission regulations, the City of Clifton must designate an Appointing Authority to, *inter alia*, sign off on all personnel actions including, but not limited to, the hiring, termination, disciplinary, transfers and other employment related actions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to remove Dominick Villano as the designated Appointing Authority for the City of Clifton from the County and Municipal Personnel System; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Gary Demarzo is appointed as the designated Appointing Authority for the City of Clifton in the County and Municipal Personnel System.

R242-25 Resolution for Reappointment of Members of the Hazardous Materials Control Board

RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTROL BOARD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a re-appointment form from the secretary of the Hazardous Material Control Board recommending reappointment and replacement of the following members:

Chemical Ind. – Joseph C. Patti
Industrial Alt. – Chandra Patel

WHEREAS, said members’ terms will expire on August 31, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above reappointment be and are hereby approved for a three-year term, commencing on September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2028.

R243-25 Resolution for Reappointment of Members of the Advisory Board of Health

RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a re-appointment form from the secretary of the Advisory Board of Health recommending reappointment of the following members:

Member - Thomas Garretson
Member – Dan Neczehir

WHEREAS, said members’ terms will expire on September 1, 2025;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above reappointment be and are hereby approved for a three-year term, commencing on October 1, 2025, through September 1, 2028.

R244-25 Resolution Authorizing Ice Cream Peddlers License Renewal

**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 Norberto Berrios owner of R & H Catering, 55 Long Hill Drive, 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 Norberto Berrios, owner of R & H Catering, 55 Long Hill Drive, Clifton, New Jersey, is hereby granted.

Company name:
R&H Catering

Owner:
Norberto Berrios
Helene Berrios

Approved Operator:
Norberto Berrios
Helene Berrios

Approved Vehicle:
1995 Chevy Van 1GBGP322853311012

Parking Location:
156-168 Oliver Street, Paterson, NJ

R245-25 Resolution Authorization Florist License Renewals

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWALS

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

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

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

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

Marycel’s Florist	1080 Main Avenue
Costco Wholesale #306	20 Bridewell Place

R246-25 Resolution Authorizing Games of Skill Operator License Renewals

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

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

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

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

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

Sarina’s Bar	108 Center Street
The Courtside Pub	66 Center Street

R247-25 Resolution Authorizing New and Used Car Lot License Renewal

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW AND USED CAR LOT LICENSE
RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a New and Used Car Lot License Renewals from the businesses listed below; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of a New and Used Car Lot Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Fette Ford	1137 Route 46
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R248-25 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - City Manager Dominick Villano

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
CITY MANAGER - DOMINICK VILLANO**

WHEREAS, May 1, 2025, City Manager, Dominick Villano, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

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WHEREAS, he was appointed as City Manager on February 1, 2010, and his retirement will conclude a fifteen 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 all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his long-time 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

**CITY MANAGER
DOMINICK VILLANO**

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 **DOMINICK VILLANO**.

R249-25 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - City Clerk Nancy Ferrigno

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
CITY CLERK / REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
NANCY FERRIGNO**

WHEREAS, May 1, 2025, City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a City Clerk on March 18, 2023, and her retirement will conclude a twelve-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, she has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge her long-time 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

**CITY CLERK / REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
NANCY FERRIGNO**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **NANCY FERRIGNO**.

R250-25 Resolution of the City of Clifton Accepting Grant Funding from the 2026 Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder and Authorizing Entry into and the Execution of a Grant Agreement for the 2026 Fiscal Year

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE
2026 ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND AUTHORIZING
ENTRY INTO AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2026 FISCAL
YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that a grant in the amount of \$17,312.00, with a city cash match of

\$4,328.00 and in-kind match of \$12,984.00, for the funding period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, is accepted and the entry into and execution of a grant agreement is authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement and any necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton.

R252-25 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the City of Paterson Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, for Provision of Tuberculous Control Health Services for Period January 1, 2025, Through December 31, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
PATERSON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF
HEALTH, FOR PROVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL HEALTH SERVICES FOR
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Health, for the provision of Tuberculosis Control Health Services to assist the Clifton Health Department, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at a cost of \$14,000.00 for the twelve-month period.

R253-25 Resolution of the City of Clifton Accepting Grant Funding from Recreational Opportunities with Disabilities (ROID) and Authorizing Entry into and the Execution of a Grant Agreement

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FROM
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH DISABILITIES (ROID) AND AUTHORIZING
ENTRY INTO AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that a grant in the amount of \$7,362, with a city cash match of 20%, \$1,472, for the funding period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for music therapy, art therapy and equine therapy is accepted and the entry into and execution of a grant agreement is authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement and any necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton.

R256-25 Executive Session

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it essential in the furtherance of the public interest, to discuss, in closed session, as expressly permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the following subject(s), to wit:

- CON- 1 Interim City Manager - Personnel
- CON- 2 Rice Notice - Part-time Health Benefits
- CON- 3 Notice of Tort Claim - DV
- CON- 4 Bid for Clifton City Water Main Extension
- CON- 5 Confidential Investigation - D.I. against M.S.
- CON- 6 Workers' Compensation Claim - MA - FD
- CON- 7 Workers' Compensation Claim - AF - PD
- CON- 8 Developer Agreement - Costco Wholesale Corporation
- CON- 9 Rader v. City of Clifton - Litigation
- CON- 10 S & S Shell, Inc. d/b/a Anthony's Towing v. Mayor & Council of City of Clifton
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CON- 11 Complaint from DJ
CON- 12 FMBA Negotiations
CON- 13 Late Item - Order to Show Cause re Workplace Harassment RD

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 May 6, 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 Damasco Café

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF CAFÉ LEVANTI, LLC T/A DAMASCO CAFÉ for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT/MILK – NEW for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 600 GETTY AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-2 Qahwah House

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR Mocha Yemen Clifton Corp.

T/A Qahwah House

ADDRESS 441 Crooks Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW Qahwah House

ZONE M-3

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 Doner Jee

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF DONER JEE, LLC T/A DONNER JEE for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT - CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 1102 MAIN AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-4 Paris Baguette Clifton

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF EJK PARIS CLIFTON LLC T/A PARIS BAGUETTE CLIFTON for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT/BAKERY-CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 345 ALLWOOD RD CLIFTON, NJ 07012 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-5 Olive Bistro, The

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF Mansour Hospitality, LLC T/A The Olive Bistro, for permission to conduct a: Restaurant - Continued Use for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 1116 Rt 46, 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-6 Lamoon's Thai

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF LAMOON'S THAI RESTAURANT CORP. T/A LAMOON'S THAI for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 64 MARKET ST CLIFTON, NJ 07012 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-7 Crepe Castle

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF CREPE CASTLE N.J. LLC T/A CREPE CSTLE for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as: 852 RT 3, CLIFTON, NJ 07012 be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded by Councilman D'Amato, 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,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor