

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 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

Pastor Eric Farrar – Hope Reformed Church

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Workshop Meeting minutes of May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes of May 6, 2025, and Executive Session minutes of May 6, 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 Christian Marra, Public Safety, Hired as Parking Enforcement Officer, effective May 12, 2025, at \$16.00 hourly.
- C-2 Chris Candelaria, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-3 Miguel Aquino, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-4 Elijah Grullon, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-5 Eric Allmendinger, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.

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- C-6 Manuel Ramirez, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-7 Fotis Tsambounieris, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-8 Anthony Pachella, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-9 Luisangel Candelaria, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-10 Luis Angomas, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-11 Victoria Petriella, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-12 Alfredo Leon, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-13 David Konarzewski, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-14 John DeGroat, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-15 Christopher Freid, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-16 Vincent Santana, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 5, 2025, at \$46,310.00 annually.
- C-17 Joseph Chidiac, Public Safety, Hired as Parking Enforcement Officer, effective May 12, 2025, at \$16.00 hourly.
- C-18 Robert Spina, Human Services, resigned position of Recreation Aide, effective May 16, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-19 Minutes of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board of April 9, 2025
- C-20 Minutes of the Clifton Advisory Committee for ADA of April 21, 2025
- C-21 Minutes of the Clifton Traffic Safety Committee of April 17, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7989-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7989-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7989-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, 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.

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.)

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

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7990-25

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7990-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7990-25

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

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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)

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

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7991-25

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7991-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7991-25

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

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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)

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

G. Adoption of Ordinance 7992-25

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7992-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7992-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, 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

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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.

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)

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

K. Adoption of Ordinance 7993-25

L. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7993-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7993-25

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

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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)

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

M. Adoption of Ordinance 7995-25

N. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7995-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7995-25

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

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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)

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

O. Adoption of Ordinance 7996-25

P. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7996-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7996-25

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

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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" (Butler Street))

(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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jane Purdy, 6 Collura Lane, spoke about parking issues on Collura Lane

Ray Lill, 59 Stevens Road, expressed his objection to allowing cannabis in Clifton as a revenue source.

Gary Anolik, Clifton, pointed out that the people of Clifton are kind, wonderful people. He spoke about allowing cannabis within City limits and the influence it might have on children. He spoke highly of CASA and the important work they do.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Place, gave each Council member reading material regarding the 4th Amendment and inspecting resident's trash for recycling violations. He pointed out that the City's Ordinance has mandates for officers to do the inspections. Mr. Cholewczynski suggested reevaluating the City's Engineering Department's skills. He spoke about the importance of enforcing building codes.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., Gary Perino expressed concerns about the city's excessive vehicle fleet, which occupies all parking spaces reserved for visitors, and he was glad the proposed storage unit near City Green was denied by the Planning Board. He emphasized that police and fire departments should have a say in Planning Board applications to ensure community safety and needs are met. Perino also highlighted the need to enforce restrictions on landscapers and construction noise on Sundays to maintain community peace. Additionally, he discussed the importance of enforcing regulations against illegal Airbnb rentals to preserve neighborhood integrity and safety.

Tom Whittles, CASA expressed his gratitude to those who voted against allowing cannabis as a revenue source emphasizing the community's concerns about health and safety. He also highlighted that the health department is actively addressing issues related to smoke shops, working closely with the legal department to enforce regulations and ensure public well-being.

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Carol Urbanowycz, 106 Holster Road, advocates for residents in the Richfield section who are facing ongoing traffic and parking issues.

Councilman Latona left the dais at 9:03p.m.

She emphasizes that managing the city's budget should not fall solely on taxpayers and suggests that the city explore additional revenue sources while also making necessary cuts to ensure fiscal responsibility. Ms. Urbanowycz also believes that discussions about councilmember donations should be kept out of council meetings and focus on relevant issues.

Councilman Latona returned to the dais at 9:05 p.m.

Furthermore, she argues that if the council considers eliminating benefits for part-time employees, it should do so prospectively, ensuring that benefits promised at the time of hiring are honored for current employees, rather than retroactively taking away benefits from those who were already entitled to them.

Ray Robertello, 66 Woodland Ave., invited all to the upcoming Pride Flag Raising ceremony. He thanked Samantha Bassford and Cameron Hebron for volunteering to help organize the event. Mr. Robertello gave a brief history of the Pride Flag raising.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, addressed the council, announcing upcoming city-wide garage sales and Little Pantry garage sales. She expressed appreciation to everyone who contributed pet food to support the Little Pantries, emphasizing the importance of community involvement. Ms. Popowich remarked that nothing meaningful is resolved during City Council meetings and highlighted the need for new revenue sources to support the city's initiatives. She also voiced her opposition to the idea of implementing parking meters, considering them a bad idea. Additionally, she presented a citizen's award to Temporary City Manager Gary DeMarzo in recognition of his efforts and leadership.

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

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, announced that a traffic study is underway for the Pershing Road area.

PRESENTATION

A Presentation was given by Tom Ucao of IMAC regarding the cost savings that would result in the elimination of health benefits for part-time employees.

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked for a list of all part-time employees who receive health benefits. She also suggested that the current Council members that receive health benefits should recuse themselves from any discussions regarding eliminating the benefits.

Councilwoman Pino apologized to Tom Ucao for some Councilmembers behavior toward him.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino announced that the ECHO Kids Summer Camp will be back this summer. Councilwoman Pino left the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato suggested adding discussion item on the next council meeting implementing closed captioning for council meeting broadcasts. He agreed with Henry Cholewczynski's suggestion to keep more work in-house rather than hiring outside contractors and also prioritize setting up a zoning committee meeting. Councilman D'Amato pointed out that the new City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, has demonstrated responsiveness and diligence. He asked that a discussion item to be put on the next council meeting on appointing a full-time city manager. Councilman D'Amato expressed the need to expedite the sidewalk and tree ordinances.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman D'Amato left the dais at 10:09 p.m.

Councilman Gibson read recreation news and events. He expressed his opposition regarding allowing cannabis in the City as a source of revenue. Councilman Gibson highlighted all the challenging work that is done by CASA. He thanked Henry Cholewczynski for the handout regarding the law and recycling enforcement.

Councilman D'Amato returned to the dais at 10:13 p.m.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked to have a Bond Committee and Zoning Committee meeting organized to address community concerns. She asked for an update on the Third River Project. Councilwoman Sadrakula proposed to add to the next Council agenda discussion items to eliminate donations from the agenda and to address issues related to Little Leagues having to pay for lighting and field house improvements. Additionally, she stated she received many complaints about 199 Scoles Ave. becoming a nuisance, functioning as a party venue, raising safety concerns. She is also awaiting an update from PSE&G on when streetlights will be repaired or upgraded to improve neighborhood safety.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona announced local events and news.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 10:20 p.m.

He highlighted that despite efforts to enhance fiscal responsibility, no cost savings were realized in the current budget, prompting him to propose several measures such as implementing a hiring freeze, improving efficiencies, reducing the vehicle fleet, cutting professional service contracts by 50%, extending the 10-year medical retirement plan to 20 years, updating zoning laws, and reducing staff across all levels. He also emphasized the importance of conducting performance reviews and investigating buyouts for higher-salaried employees.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej provided the Arts Center committee update, anticipation for the holiday committee's report on Fourth of July festivities, and ongoing efforts to combat substance abuse through a municipal alliance.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 10:26 p.m.

He expressed concern over increased costs to taxpayers from hiring firms via RFPs and criticized some council members' opposition to legalizing cannabis, which could provide vital revenue. Additionally, he proposed selling older fleet vehicles, raising recreation fees, and offering after-care programs during summer camps to boost revenue. Finally, he emphasized the need to include the city manager search in the next agenda for further discussion.

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Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski pointed out the need to look into the party venue on Scoles Avenue that is affecting the quality of life in the area. He congratulated the Clifton Cheer Team on their honor of winning a gold medal. He announced the City's Memorial Day Parade and celebration.

Councilwoman Pino returned to the meeting via ZOOM at 10:38 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

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

R262-25 Resolution Awarding Professional Design Engineering and Architectural Services Contract to George A. Held , AIA for Fire Department Repairs and Alterations

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL DESIGN ENGINEERING AND
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GEORGE A. HELD, AIA,
FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional Design engineering and architectural services in connection with Fire Department Alterations Project i.e. Repairs to the existing Fire Headquarters at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief recommends that a contract for architectural services be awarded to George A. Held, AIA & Associates in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated November 25,2024, for only Tasks 1-3, in the amount not to exceed \$15,250.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to George A. Held, AIA & Associates, for the provision of said services, in the amount not to exceed \$15,250.00; 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 not to exceed \$15,250.00, and the duration of the contract is until completion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional design Engineering and architectural services contract in connection with the Fire Department Repairs and Alterations Project hereby is awarded to **George A. Held, AIA & Associates**, located at 600 Getty Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, 07011, in accordance with its proposal dated May 14,2025, for Phases I and II and III, in the amount not to exceed \$15,250.00 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.

(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 Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to appoint Sandra Jones as ABC Board Secretary

R265-25 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.

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

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona 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.

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 20, 2025

R229-25 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the May 20, 2025, City Council Meeting

Current Fund	\$	34,418,810.24
Grant Fund	\$	1,061,322.58
General Capital Fund	\$	113,125.43
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	2,269,765.76
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	33,418.25
Developers Escrow	\$	6,411.41
Dog Trust	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	55,020.00
Trust Other	\$	75,412.97
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	267,368.04
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	17,553.92
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Self-Insurance	\$	552,359.56
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	96,266.57
General Liability Trust	\$	5,970.00

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Workers Compensation Trust	\$	20,112.84
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		38,992,917.57

R259-25 Resolution Awarding Contract for Clifton Police Firing Range Targeting System Replacement

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
CLIFTON POLICE FIRING RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED: that the contract for the CLIFTON POLICE FIRING RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT be and the same is hereby awarded to INVERIS TRAINING SOLUTIONS of Suwanee, Georgia, the low bidder meeting the specifications at a grand total bid price of \$134,157.14, in accordance with bids received on April 29, 2025, and recommended by communication dated May 9, 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.

R260-25 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Change Order No. 1 and Final Shafto Street, Getty Avenue and VanWinkle Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND
FINAL SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE
SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2024, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R009-24 awarding a contract to **JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION** of CLIFTON, NJ, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for **SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT** in the amount of \$231,667.80; 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 **JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION**, in the amount of \$2,822.98 a 1.22% 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 \$2,822.98 a 1.22% INCREASE;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is now \$234,490.78.

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.

R261-25 Resolution Authorizing Final Payment Shafto Street, Getty Avenue and VanWinkle Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement John Garcia Construction

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE SANITARY
SEWER REPLACEMENT JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION of Clifton, New Jersey, did complete SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount

Of \$234,490.78

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid in the amount of. \$229,800.97

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT
of \$ 4,689.82

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 **\$23,449.08**; 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 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 **\$4,689.82** on the claim list.

R263-25 Resolution Authorizing to Approve Three Year Hardware and Software Support for Avaya VOIP Telephone System off the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE THREE YEAR HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR AVAYA VOIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM
OFF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING
PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Management Information Systems Coordinator utilizes Avaya Telephone System equipment, specific to telephone services, in order to provide the City with

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state-of-the-art Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) capabilities for improved communications, and operations; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a three-year agreement for hardware and software support for the Avaya system to ensure continued service reliability and security; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were received from two New Jersey State Contract (A80802) vendors Professional Services Group (PSG) and Converge One (C1) with PSG being cost effective proposal as it imposes no additional costs for certificate updates and has received special software discount from Avaya; and

WHEREAS, PSG submitted competitive maintenance renewal quotes as follows:

- Three-Year (36 months) Hardware Support Contract totaling \$91,476.00, billed annually at **\$30,492.00** per year
- Three-Year (36 months) Software Subscription Renewal totaling \$129,665.38, billed annually at **\$43,221.79** per year

WHEREAS, NJ State Contract 80802 has been awarded to PSG located at 63 Union Blvd, Totowa NJ 07512., which expires on January 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 IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from PSG located at 63 Union Blvd, Totowa NJ 07512., in an amount not to exceed **\$221,141.38** for three years (36 months) with the term starting on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 80802, including all equipment, peripheral materials, and installation, and maintenance pursuant to the above New Jersey State contract.

R264-25 Resolution Authorizing Approval of the TRG State Accreditation Processes and Services for the Clifton Police Department from Lexipol, LLC for the Term April 9, 2025, to April 8, 2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE TRG STATE
ACCREDITATION PROCESSES AND SERVICES FOR THE CLIFTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT FROM LEXIPOL LLC FOR THE TERM APRIL 9, 2025, TO APRIL 8,
2026**

WHEREAS, the Clifton Police Department seeks to maintain and enhance professional standards and best practices in law enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, participation in the TRG State Accreditation Program supports the department's commitment to accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Lexipol LLC, located at 2611 Internet Boulevard, Suite 120, Frisco, TX 75034, provides specialized accreditation services and support through its TRG State Accreditation Process designed for law enforcement agencies for the total cost not to exceed \$11,465.95 for term beginning April 9, 2025, and ending April 8, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned Approval of the TRG State Accreditation Processes and Services from Lexipol LLC, located at 2611 Internet Boulevard, Suite 120, Frisco, TX 75034., in an amount not to exceed \$11,465.95 with the term starting on April 9, 2025 through April 8, 2026

R266-25 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Subordination Agreement Between City of Clifton and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Its Successors and/or Assigns), as Their Interest may Appear (Pedro Medina and Margarita Rodriguez)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (ITS
SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS), AS THEIR INTEREST MAY APPEAR (PEDRO
MEDINA AND MARGARITA RODRIGUEZ)**

WHEREAS, in conjunction with a Clifton Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant to Pedro Medina and Margarita Rodriguez, a mortgage loan dated November 10, 2021, recorded May 4, 2022, in the amount of \$10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at Block 53.05, Lot 22, 62 Field Road, Clifton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the said Pedro Medina and Margarita Rodriguez has requested that the City of Clifton subordinate this mortgage to a mortgage given by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (its successors and/or assigns), as their interest may appear, to Pedro Medina and Margarita Rodriguez; and

WHEREAS, such a subordination is within the regulations established for the Clifton Home Improvement Program (CHIP); and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development has no objection to the request of Pedro Medina and Margarita Rodriguez, to subordinate Clifton’s \$10,000.00 mortgage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a Subordination Agreement as set forth above, in a form satisfactory to the Law Department.

R267-25 Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Funds for Professional Services to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC in Connection with Land Use Litigation Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE SANITARY
SEWER REPLACEMENT JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION of Clifton, New Jersey, did complete **SHAFTO STREET, GETTY AVENUE AND VANWINKLE AVENUE SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT** project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount

of
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\$234,490.78

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid in the amount of. \$229,800.97

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT
of \$ 4,689.82

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 **\$23,449.08**; 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 **\$4,689.82** on the claim list.

R268-25 Resolution Appointing a Deputy Municipal Clerk & Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK
AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Megan Krusznis is hereby appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk/Deputy Registrar for the City of Clifton, effective June 2, 2025, at an annual salary of \$85,000.

R269-25 Resolution Approving Changes In Income Requirements For The Clifton Community Development Block Grant Program Beginning June 1, 2025

R270-25 Resolution Awarding Additional Funds to LAN Associates for Engineering Design Services in Connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGES IN INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has been designated an Entitlement City under the current Community Development and Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton was awarded a contract by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided the 2025 “uncapped” income limits effective June 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Clifton Community Development Office approves the changes in income requirements based upon the Uncapped Income Limits as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for gross income and size of family according to the following chart:

<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>
Maximum Income	\$76,800	\$87,800	\$98,750	\$109,700
<u>Size of Family</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>	<u>Seven</u>	<u>Eight</u>
Maximum Income	\$118,500	\$127,300	\$136,050	\$144,850

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same income requirements be used within Designated Neighborhood Strategy Areas and outside Designated Neighborhood Strategy Areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public announcement of these changes be made so that the residents of the City of Clifton are informed of the revised income limits for CDBG eligible activities and programs.

**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

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.

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	Rice Notice - Part-time Health Benefits
CON-2	Confidential Investigation - D.I. against M.S.
CON-3	Rader v. City of Clifton – Litigation
CON-4	S & S Shell, Inc. d/b/a Anthony's Towing v. Mayor & Council of City of Clifton
CON-5	Complaint from DJ
CON-6	FMBA Negotiations
CON-7	Order to Show Cause – FP against MS
CON-8	Jolanta Lejtkowska v. City of Clifton, <i>et al.</i>
CON-9	Samuel Arnowitz v. City of Clifton, <i>et.al</i>

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 20, 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

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L-1 Santos Flowers

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SANTOS FLOWERS LLC
T/A SANTOS FLOWERS

for permission to conduct a: GROCERY

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

453 LEXINGTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-2 Habit Burger & Grill

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR THE HABIT RESTAURANTS LLC

T/A HABIT BURGER & GRILL

ADDRESS 388 RTE 3 W UNIT B-4 CLIFTON, NJ 07014

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT

FORMERLY OR NEW NEW

ZONE PCD

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 Clif Tavern

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF BARONE HOLDINGS INC

T/A CLIF TAVERN

for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT

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

605 CLIFTON 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 Amsterdam 2 Convenience & Smoke Shop

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR AMSTERDAM 2 CONVENIENCE & SMOKE SHOP LLC

T/A AMSTERDAM 2 CONVENIENCE & SMOKE SHOP

ADDRESS 1170 BROAD ST CLIFTON, NJ 07013

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW AMSTERDAM 2 CONVENIENCE & SMOKE SHOP

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-5 Qahwah House

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF MOCHA YEMEN CLIFTON CORP.

T/A QAHWAH HOUSE

for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

for a period ending January 31, 2026, on the premises known as:
441 CROOKS 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-6 Six 10 Convenience Store

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SIX 10 CLIFTON LLC
T/A SIX 10 CONVENIENCE STORE

for permission to conduct a: GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED USE

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

718 VAN HOUTEN AVE 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-7 Queen City Coffee Roasters

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR QCCR CLIFTON LLC

T/A QUEEN CITY COFFEE ROASTERS

ADDRESS 1132 RTE 46 W CLIFTON, NJ 07013

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT

FORMERLY OR NEW NEW

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.

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