

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 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) On Zoom
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, Andrew Oddo; Assistant City Attorney, Thomas Egan; City Manager, Gary DeMarzo; City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi; Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler; and Deputy City Clerk in training Megan Krusznis.

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

Fr. Monteleone - St. Philip's 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 June 3, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

C-1 Victoria Petriella, Public Safety, resigned from position of Police Officer, effective May 29, 2025

C-2 Elijah Grullon, Public Safety, resigned from his position of Police Officer, effective May 29, 2025

C-3 Antonino Intili Jr, Human Services, resigned from his position of Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist Public Health, effective June 1, 2025

C-4 Manuel Ramirez, Public Safety, resigned from his position of Police Officer, effective June 2, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-5 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Cable Advisory Committee on April 23, 2025

C-6 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities of May 19, 2025

C-7 Meeting Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of May 21, 2025

C-8 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Historical Advisory Commission of June 5, 2025

C-9 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Planning Board of May 22, 2025

C-10 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Beautification Committee of June 2, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7997-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7997-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7997-25

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 "Traffic and Vehicles," more Particularly Section 439-13 Thereof, Entitled "Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets" (Prohibits Parking on Both Sides of Urma Avenue at Between Springdale Avenue and Landis Place)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7998-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7998-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7998-25

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 "Traffic and Vehicles," More Particularly Section 439-13 Thereof, Entitled "Parking Prohibited at all Time on Certain Streets" (Prohibits Parking on the North Side of Bridewell Place Starting 560 Feet East of Main Avenue Extending 93 Feet East Thereof)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7999-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7999-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7999-25

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.

Amending Bond Ordinance #7471-18 of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, Finally Adopted September 4, 2018

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8000-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8000-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8000-25

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 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 8 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8001-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8001-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8001-25

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 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends Handicapped Parking Placard Number)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8002-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8002-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8002-25

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" (Deletes 1 Handicapped Space)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8003-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8003-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8003-25

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8004-25

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

An Ordinance Adopting the Clifton HLR Redevelopment Plan - Phase IV, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Plan

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, July 1, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Larry Waxman, 81 Colin Ave, discussed some of his questions for the upcoming meeting for the Allwood Road Rehabilitation Project.

Tom Whittles, CASA, gave a congratulations to Tom Egan for being appointed City Attorney, and stated there was room for the City to grow and fix all old issues.

A resident with the last name Fernandez came up and spoke about the Peruvian Parade.

Eugene Diaz, property owner of Hoffman LaRoche, thanked the Council for moving Ordinance 8004-25 on first reading, he noted the Amazon warehouse application in Nutley has been withdrawn.

Kim Castellano, 59 Mahar Ave., spoke about the programs for the Senior Center members and the wonderful assistance the programs are giving to the Seniors. There are programs for fitness, activities, technology assistance, art, and more. The fundraising is helping 600 Seniors.

Doris Ferro, Senior Center member, expressed concern over the potential dismantling of the program for Seniors on the Municipal campus. The senior citizens need the programs.

Ray Lill, 59 Stevens Road, expressed concern for the Senior program ending. He gave praise to Kim Castellano for all her hard work running Power of One. He also noted for the Council that St. Phillips is having a carnival.

Rosalina, unknown address, came up to speak about the Peruvian Parade.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., 40 trees were removed on Valley Road, will there be any fines assessed? Will there be any fines assessed for people breaking the law regarding Air BnB's in the City? He also noted he would like a dog park.

Joan Jacobis, Senior Center member, asked the Council to keep the Senior Program.

Christopher, a parishioner at Holy Ascension Church, came to speak about an upcoming raffle. Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Avenue, asked the Council to have someone paint new lines in front of the Costco on Main Avenue for safety. His sidewalk complaints have not been addressed. The Delawanna section needs a dog park.

Joseph Holzli, 75 Mountainside Terrace, spoke about 40 trees that were removed from a property on Valley Road.

Keith Bassford, 92 Mountainview Drive, spoke about On3 and Prism development. He asked if any Council member received any money from the organizations. He asked about the legality of the Council voting when there is a belief of conflict of interest.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, Awarded a citizen's award to the Citizens of Clifton. She commented on the outpouring of donation bags for the City Wide Yard Sale, and noted that 90% of the products donated were sold. She went on to note the new very high sewer rate. The City should request more grants for improvements.

Mark Aramando, Maple Road, dialed in on Zoom, asked legal for advice regarding conflicts of interest, and asked why the Council is permitted to vote on health benefits for part time employees.

Alias Ragsdale, campaigned for Clifton Board of Education, complimented Kim Castellano and the work done for the Seniors. The continuation of the program is important for the community.

Marzina (inaudible), dialed in on Zoom and did not state their address, spoke about the unapproved event at the Mosque.

Thomas Heeler, 20 Nelson Street, complimented Kim Castellano and the Senior program. He asked the Council if there is a back up plan for the use of the fields when they are reserved.

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, addressed the public comments. The Senior Center programs are fully active and fully funded. The trees in question on Valley Road are being reviewed. There are going to be aerial shots of the before and after. The Mosque event is under review, and there was enough body camera footage and complaints from neighbors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej spoke about the Municipal Alliance that met last evening and noted the concerns of the public regarding the increase in sewer bills. There is no appointed liaison for the City for Passaic Valley Water. No new meeting for Passaic Valley Water has been scheduled.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson noted for the public that the past is in the past and the City must move forward, and Councilman Gibson congratulated Thomas Egan on his appointment. He addressed some of the public comments.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula thanked Larry Waxman for his questions that he'd like answered during the Allwood Road Rehabilitation Meeting and his list should be provided so the questions can be asked. She noted her disappointment at both groups of Peruvians who aren't able to get along. She asked the City Manager to look up the overgrown grass ordinance, and also asked if there are any fines listed on the Air BnB ordinance.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona congratulated all the upcoming high school graduates. He noted the 4th of July event is on July 6th. He gave a congratulations to Deputy City Clerk Michele Butler on her upcoming retirement. He congratulated Thomas Egan on his appointment as City Attorney. The questions proposed by Larry Waxman are excellent and should be asked at the meeting on June 24th. The City needs to apply for additional grants.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej addressed members of the public and spoke to several questions regarding health benefits and contributions. He congratulated the upcoming graduates. Summer camp specialty camps are now enrolling at www.CliftonRec.com, and the Family Camp Out is August 15th and 16th.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino addressed the second reading of ordinance 7997-25 vote and noted her disappointment that no members of the public came out for any public comments. The Peruvian parade must get along and try to have this event together. The City Manager has come up with a great solution for both hosts. Businesses and non-profits should help each other and work together for the betterment of the community.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato noted the upcoming Allwood Road meeting on June 24th at 7:00PM. The attendance of the public is very important. The Senior Center rumors have now been squashed, the programs are not going anywhere. He stated the Delawanna section does get overlooked, should get some TLC, and he supports a dog park. He noted that he is happy about the speed traps on Chelsea Road and asked if they collect data. Flag raising ceremonies were discussed, and he noted that the City does not sponsor the events and that the organizations ask to raise their flags. The organizations are then allowed to extend their rights. He noted that he will not vote on the budget as presented.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski thanked Fr. Monteleone for the invocation. He agreed with the way his fellow council voted on introduction and on final for the ordinances, giving the public an opportunity to speak. Crossing Guard Joyce Bradley was struck by a vehicle while working, and he sent out his best wishing and hopes she gets well soon. He congratulated Thomas Egan and Michele Butler.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed with no objection to table 307-25, 308-25, 309-25, 311-25, & 312-25.

RESOLUTION 307-25
AWARDING CONTRACT TO DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUNZMAN,
DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C. FOR PROSECUTION OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS
AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to assist on an as-needed basis with the prosecution of disciplinary matters against the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., of 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059, is agreeable to providing legal services for the City of Clifton for the term at the rate of \$175.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract, June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of this contract (in combination with other matters) may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

A contract for professional legal services for outside counsel to assist with the prosecution of disciplinary matters against employees of the City of Clifton, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, David, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. effective June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$175.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and the adoption of a supplementary resolution.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

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

Awarded to: DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.
Services: Prosecution of Disciplinary Matters
Project: Prosecution of Disciplinary Matters Against Employees of the City of Clifton
Amount: \$175.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the contract term
Term: June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026

RESOLUTION 308-25
AWARDING CONTRACT TO DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, COLEY, YOSPIN, KUNZMAN,
DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C. FOR EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to represent the City of Clifton in employment litigation claims filed against the City; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., of 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey is agreeable to providing said legal services for the term at the rate of \$ 175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract, June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

A contract for professional legal services for outside counsel to represent the City of Clifton in employment litigations claims filed against the City, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., effective June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

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

Awarded to: DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.
Services: Legal Counsel
Project: Employment Litigation Claims
Amount: \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the contract term
Term: June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026

RESOLUTION 309-25

AWARDING CONTRACT TO ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of special counsel to perform certain legal services for the City of Clifton in connection with Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC is agreeable to providing said services such as the declaratory judgment action as required by the decision of the New Jersey Supreme Court and also to

approve the City’s spending plan as well as other services in connection with Affordable Housing for the term at the rate of \$160.00 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the term of the contract, June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- I. A contract for professional special counsel services in connection with Affordable Housing, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, effective June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$160.00 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution.
- II. The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.
- III. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.
- IV. The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.
- V. The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**

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

Awarded to:	Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC
Services:	Affordable Housing Litigation
Project:	COAH
Amount:	\$160.00 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the contract term

**RESOLUTION 311-25
AWARDING CONTRACT TO DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP FOR
GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of environmental counsel to perform certain legal services for the City of Clifton in connection with various matters to assist the City’s Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP); and

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, of 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, New Jersey, is agreeable to providing said general environmental counsel services for the term at the rate of \$200.00 per hour not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the term of the contract, June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

A contract for professional general environmental counsel services, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, effective June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

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

Awarded to:	DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP
Services:	Environmental Counsel Services
Project:	Various Sites
Amount:	\$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term
Term:	June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026

RESOLUTION 312-25

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS TO THE LAW OFFICE OF DOUGLAS M. STANDRIFF AND
BOGGIA, BOGGIA, & BETESH FOR SPECIAL TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Council previously awarded contracts to have attorneys available to assist on an as-needed basis with the complex tax appeal litigation in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, contracts are required for one year, at the fees as set forth below with the contract term June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Law Office of Douglas M. Standriff	\$150.00 per hour for partners
Boggia, Boggia & Betesh	\$150.00 per hour for partners

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to have the aforesaid attorneys, Law Office of Douglas M. Standriff of 25 E. Spring Valley Avenue, Suite 330, Maywood, New Jersey, and Boggia, Boggia & Betesh of 71 Mount Vernon Street, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, available to assist the City as needed according to their differing areas of expertise and the complexity of various pending appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a list of the aforesaid professionals be maintained to assist the City with tax appeals according to their respective areas of expertise, on an as-needed basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that aforesaid fees for services for each of the aforesaid professionals shall not exceed \$5,000.00 without the adoption of a supplemental resolution by the Municipal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute any contracts on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution and any resulting contracts shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Clifton.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

Funds are available in

Account Tax Assessor OE Legal Fees

Account # 01-201-20-145-263

A motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and failed on roll call vote for resolution 328-25.

**RESOLUTION 328-25
APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF CLIFTON –
DOMINICK VILLANO V. CITY OF CLIFTON, ET AL.**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to represent the City of Clifton in a lawsuit filed against the City; and

WHEREAS, Mark Tabakin, Esq. of the firm Weiner Law Group LLP of Parsippany, New Jersey, has been approved to represent the City of Clifton by the City's excess insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS, the City requires outside counsel to represent the City in the matter of Villano v. City of Clifton, et al., Docket No. #PAS-L-001827-25; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00, and the duration of the contract is continued, retroactive to June 3, 2025, through the conclusion of the lawsuit being handled; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An agreement for professional legal services for outside counsel to represent the City of Clifton as special counsel is awarded to Weiner Law Group LLP, effective June 3, 2025, the rate to be paid for said services is \$180.00 per hour for partners.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Clifton.

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

Awarded to: Weiner Law Group LLP, Parsippany, New Jersey
Services: Special Counsel
Project: Villano v. City of Clifton, et al., Docket No. # PAS-L-001827-25
Amount: \$180.00 for partners, not to exceed \$100,000
Term: Through conclusion of the lawsuit being handled

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

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D’Amato 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.

RESOLUTION 294-25

TO APPROVE

Claims to be paid the meeting of June 17th, 2025

Meeting of June 17th, 2025

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

Current Fund	\$	16,427,073.53
Grant Fund	\$	11,405.53
General Capital Fund	\$	426,725.79
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	8,644.10
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	11,704.99
Developers Escrow	\$	4,567.50
Dog Trust	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	-
Trust Other	\$	48,027.06
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	220,854.17
Affordable Housing	\$	3,840.00
Community Development	\$	14,761.14
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,543,323.44
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	68,331.23
Library	\$	10,749.56
General Liability Trust	\$	41,581.75
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	20,785.00
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	18,862,374.79

RESOLUTION 295-25
ESTIMATED THIRD QUARTER 2025

WHEREAS, the Clifton School Budget, Clifton Public Library third of a mil Levy, and the Passaic County Budget have all submitted timely as required by the State of New Jersey to the Passaic County Tax Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a mechanism whereby the City’s cash flow will not be adversely affected should the delay in the adoption of any budget, or the certification of any required information required for the issuance of tax bills extend beyond a reasonable time;

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

1. The Estimated August 2025, Third Quarter Tax Bill be issued with an estimated tax rate of \$6.16 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.
2. This Estimated Tax Bill includes the Municipal Open Space Tax Levy established by referendum.
3. Pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67, interest free rate period (10-day grace period) or the 25th calendar day after the date the tax bill was mailed or otherwise delivered maybe charged back to August 1st. After which, interest at the rate of 8% per annum on amounts up to \$1,500 of delinquency and 18% per annum on amounts over \$1,500 of delinquency shall be charged from August 1, 2025.
4. That the reconciled November 2025 Quarterly Taxes are due and payable as originally scheduled on November 1, 2025, with a ten-day grace period, interest to be calculated as of November 1 if not paid prior to the expiration of said grace period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward one certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for the purpose of preparing, printing, and mailing the Estimated Third Quarter Tax Bill for 2025.

RESOLUTION 296-25
FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to reclassify the following payment as follows:

CHECK#	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	FROM	TO
906276	04/02/2025	The Artcraft Group Inc	973.80	15-286-56-015-001	02-213-40-702-001

RESOLUTION 297-25
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY2026 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Engineer, Michael Lardner, is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “MA-2026-Third Street Pedestrian Safety Impro-00183” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Clifton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Clifton and their signatures below constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton on this June 17, 2025.

RESOLUTION 298-25
TO AWARD CONTRACT TO MODEL 1 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES INC., UNDER HGAC
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE FOR ONE (1) NEW 2026 FORD 550 PASSENGER BUS FOR
THE CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is a member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC), a national cooperative, since January 1, 2012 thru present, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10, which allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 279-25 of June 3, 2025, an advertisement was placed in the Herald News on June 8, 2025, to announce the City's interest in utilizing the HGAC national cooperative contract for the purpose of procuring a One (1) New 2026 Ford 550 Passenger Bus, as requested by the Health Officer (subsequently, the required 10-day period has passed with no comments having been submitted); and,

WHEREAS, the term for the HGAC contract BT01-21 for Buses - Shuttle, Transit, Trams & Other Specialty Buses is January 01, 2021, thru December 31, 2025 (Extension 3rd renewal), all pertinent information may be found on the HGAC website at <https://www.hgacbuy.org>; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by HGAC, and the contract which was awarded to Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., and along with associated documentation submitted by both HGAC and Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., the Purchasing Agent finds all is in compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10; and,

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors by the June 17, 2025 comment deadline; and

WHEREAS, this office has reviewed and evaluated the use of HGAC as it relates to charges for services, materials and delivery and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to award said Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., 9225 Priority Way West Drive, RI Suite 300 Indianapolis IN 46240, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to the Houston-Galveston Area Council National Cooperative Request for Bids for Buses - Shuttle, Transit, Trams & Other Specialty Buses (Contract #BT01-21); and,

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

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

1. The City of Clifton is authorized to award said Shuttle, Transit, Trams & Other Specialty Buses pursuant to HGAC contract #BT01-21.
2. The proposal submitted by MODEL 1 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, INC. for the procurement of One (1) New 2026 Ford 550 Passenger Bus for the City's Health Department Outreach Program, for a total not to exceed amount of \$173,408.00 is hereby awarded.
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number: 04-215-55-959-301

RESOLUTION 299-25
AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL , OFF OF A
SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR FORD AUTOMOTIVE
PARTS AND SUPPLIES

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R274-18, adopted June 19, 2018, the City of Clifton is a member of Sourcewell National Cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R280-25 of June 3,2025, an advertisement was placed in the Herald News on June 8,2025, to announce the City’s interest in utilizing the Sourcewell national cooperative for Ford Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies, which was awarded Route 23 Automall , located at 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405-1727; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #080124-FMC for Ford Automotive Parts,Service and Supplies expires on November 14,2028; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Sourcewell, and the contract which was awarded to Route 23 Automall., located at 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405-1727, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell’s Notice to Bidders Titled “Ford Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies” and Contract Award # 080124-FMC for Ford Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10, and finds all is in compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10, pursuant to the proposal submitted, and is in concurrence with the DPW Director to recommend award of the same; and

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors by the June 17,2025 comment deadline; and

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

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

1. The City of Clifton is authorized to award said Ford Automotive Parts, Services and Supplies pursuant to Sourcewell contract number #080124-FMC.
2. The proposal submitted by for the procurement of Ford Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies as described above, for a combined total not to exceed amount of \$35,000.00 is hereby awarded.

Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number:
01-201-26-315-202, Auto Expenses

RESOLUTION 300-25
TO AWARD CONTRACT TO FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES,
OFF OF A SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR
FACTORY MOTOR OEM PARTS FOR FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R274-18, adopted June 19, 2018, the City of Clifton is a member of Sourcewell National Cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R234-25 of May 6 ,2025, an advertisement was placed in the Herald News on July 8,2022, to announce the City’s interest in utilizing the Sourcewell national cooperative for Oshkosh Airport Products and Services Firefighting Apparatus, for a total not to exceed amount of \$30,000 via Sourcewell contract number # 113021-OKC-1, which was awarded to Pierce Manufacturing Inc., 2600 American Drive, Appleton, WI 54914, to be furnished and delivered by the above manufacturer’s authorized dealer, Fire & Safety Services, LTD., located at 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #113021-OKC-1 for Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles expires on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Sourcewell, and the contract which was awarded to Pierce Manufacturing Inc., 2600 American Drive, Appleton, WI 54914, to be furnished and delivered by the above manufacturer’s authorized dealer, Fire & Safety Services, LTD., located at 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield NJ 07080, and the vendor’s New Jersey State required documentation as submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10, and finds all is in compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10, pursuant to the proposal submitted, and is in concurrence with the Fire Chief and DPW Director to recommend award of the same; and

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors by the June 17, 2025, comment deadline; and

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

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

1. The City of Clifton is authorized to award said Pierce Products and Services (Factory Motor OEM Parts) pursuant to Sourcewell contract number #113021-OKC-1.
2. The proposal submitted by Fire & Safety Services, LTD. for the procurement of Pierce Products and Services (Factory Motor OEM Parts), for a total not to exceed amount of \$30,000 is hereby awarded.
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number:
01-201-26-315-202 – Vehicle Maintenance

**RESOLUTION 301-25
TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR
THE MARKETING OF RECYCLABLES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution 091-25, adopted February 04,2025, the City approved the resolution to solicit Request for Proposals for the Marketing of Recyclables for a new contract for 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, in response to the said solicitation, two proposals were received on March 6, 2025, from the following firms: Atlantic Coast Fibers and Recycle City; and; and

WHEREAS, the two responses included one from Atlantic Coast Fibers and another from Recycle City, were determined to be generally comparable in scope and intent; however, it was noted that the proposals were based on different months' market pricing publications, thereby impacting the City’s projected revenue due to inherent volatility in recyclable commodity markets; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works directly negotiated with each vendor and offered each vendor the opportunity to submit a price proposal that was more advantageous to the City based on the same month’s market publication; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Coast Fibers, located at 101 7th Street, Passaic NJ 07055, proposed Marketing of Recyclable services reflective of current market conditions that was deemed most advantageous to the City; and

WHEREAS, a contract for the marketing of recyclables is exempt from public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(s); and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent and DPW Director concur that it would be most advantageous to the City to award a contract to Atlantic Coast Fibers, located at 101 7th Street, Passaic NJ 07055, for a contract period of June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2027, with an option to extend from June 1, 2027 to May 31, 2028; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, to award a contract to Atlantic Coast Fibers for the contract period as described above in accordance with the terms of their proposal.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: the City does not incur direct costs with this contract, however, if the prices on the market drop ,the rebates shrink and may turn into fees.

RESOLUTION 302-25
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT TO TRIAD ADVISORY SERVICES INC. (TRIAD ASSOCIATES) TO SERVE AS
THE CITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PLAN FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a Licensed Administrative Agent to perform professional services in connection with the implementation and oversight of its Affordable Housing Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a qualified Administrative Agent to perform such functions on its behalf, including but not limited to income certification, affordability control monitoring, and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, Triad Advisory Services Inc. (Triad Associates), located at 1301 W. Forest Grove Road, Suite 3A, Vineland, New Jersey 08360, possesses the necessary licenses, qualifications and experience to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to award a professional services contract to Triad Associates pursuant to the non-fair and open process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Triad Associates has completed and submitted the required Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure forms, which certify that Triad Associates has not made any reportable contributions in violation of the law, and such documents are on file in the Office of the City Clerk as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

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

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Triad Advisory Services Inc. (Triad Associates) to serve as the City's Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing compliance for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
2. The contract is being awarded pursuant to the non-fair and open procedures of the Pay-to-Play law, and notice of this action shall be published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
3. A copy of this Resolution, the executed contract, and all related certifications shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be made available for public inspection.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

Funds are available in Account

18-286-56-850-800 – Reserve for COAH

RESOLUTION 303-25
APPROVING INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (CHIP) LOANS

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton currently makes available loans of up to \$10,000 under the Clifton Home Improvement Program (“CHIP”); and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Clifton Public Housing Agency has recommended the increase of the maximum loan amount to \$20,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Clifton Housing Department, within its Clifton Home Improvement Program, approves the increase in the maximum CHIP loan amount to \$20,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CHIP Program Manual shall be amended to reflect this increase in a form to be approved by the Law Department; 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 the CHIP program.

RESOLUTION 304-25
APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND 1607-1617 MAIN AVE., LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and 1607-1617 Maiv Ave., LLC, the Developer of Block 9.09, Lots 9 & 11, 1607-1617 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, is hereby authorized and approved; and

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

RESOLUTION 305-25
AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO
MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH
REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, a professional services contract for redevelopment counsel services of the former Hoffman La Roche property was awarded to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, for the one year period from June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution and an additional \$5,000 was authorized September 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, have provided satisfactory redevelopment counsel services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$30,000.00 , for a total not to exceed \$40,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$40,000.00 for redevelopment counsel services through June 4, 2025, by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is authorized and approved.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCOUNT
 Redevelopment of Hoffman La Roche Escrow
 Black Prince Distillery
ACCOUNT # 15-286-57-014-007
ACCOUNT # 15-286-57-014-009

RESOLUTION 306-25
APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL TO HANDLE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION
REGARDING A COMPLAINT BROUGHT UNDER THE CITY’S POLICY PROHIBITING
SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to perform an independent investigation of a complaint brought under the City’s policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving an employee of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, Hatfield Schwartz Law Group LLC is hereby appointed as independent investigation counsel at the rate of \$185 per hour for partners and \$150 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$15,000, to perform the investigation and render a report; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An agreement for professional legal services for outside counsel to perform independent investigation services of a complaint brought under the City’s policy prohibiting sexual harassment and discrimination involving an employee of the City of Clifton, the rate to be paid for said services is \$185 per hour for partners and \$150 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$15,000.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

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

Awarded to: Hatfield Schwartz Law Group LLC
Services: Independent Investigations
Project: Complaint brought under City’s sexual harassment and discrimination policy
Amount: \$185 per hour for partners and \$150 per hour for associates, not to exceed \$15,000
Term: June 19, 2025 through June 18, 2026

RESOLUTION 310-25

AWARDING CONTRACT TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH REDEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the Council previously awarded contracts for the provision of legal services in connection with the redevelopment of properties, and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, at 75 Livingston Avenue, Second Floor, Roseland, New Jersey, is agreeable to providing said legal services for the term at a rate of \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract, June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract (in combination with other matters) may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. A contract for professional redevelopment legal counsel services, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, effective June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution.
2. The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.
4. The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.
5. 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 professional services contract without competitive bidding pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)*. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Services: Redevelopment Counsel Services
Project: Various Properties
Amount: \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the contract term
Term: June 5, 2025 through June 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION 313-25
RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH LABRIOLA FOR SERVICE
ON THE CLIFTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey, on behalf of the City and all its citizens, do hereby formally and officially extend to

JOSEPH LABRIOLA

their sincere thanks and appreciation for his contribution of time and talent to the good and welfare of the City of Clifton through his 35 years of dedicated service from the years of 1990 to 2025 on the **CLIFTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**; and

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

**RESOLUTION 314-25
AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SPUNTINO OF CLIFTON, LLC T/A
THE SPUNTINO WINE BAR & ITALIAN TAPAS AT 70 KINGSLAND ROAD**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Spuntino of Clifton, LLC t/a Spuntino Wine Bar & Italian Tapas, 70 Kingsland Road, Clifton, New Jersey (PMU Zone) is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday - Hours 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year's Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

One Piece Acoustic Musician or DJ Music Incidental to the Dining Experience to be Played Through a Laptop Computer

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party.

Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a "teen night" for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 315-25

**AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR OCTAVIO PEREZ T/A
PALENQUE BAR AND GRILL AT 283 PARKER AVE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Octavio Perez/Palenque Bar and Grill of 283 Parker Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (PD-1 Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) days per week:
Friday and Saturday - 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
DJ, Karaoke, or Up to Two (2)-Piece Acoustic Band
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. - DJ, Karaoke, or Up to Two (2)-Piece Acoustic Band

2. **OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:**

New Year’s Eve
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

3. **TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT:**

DJ, Karaoke, or up to Two-Piece Acoustic Band

4. **TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:**

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. **SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

6. **NOISE LEVELS:**

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. **OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:**

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. **REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 316-25

**AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR JHONNY OSPINA/COLOSA, LLC T/A
NOCHES DE COLOMBIA AT 1 VILLAGE SQUARE EAST**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Jhonny Ospina/Colosa, LLC t/a Noches De Colombia, at 1 Village Square East, Clifton, New Jersey (PD-1 Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. **NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:**

Three (3) nights per week:
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

2. **OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:**

New Year’s Eve

3. **OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:**

8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT:

DJ; band, 2-piece amplified; singer/duo

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

**RESOLUTION 317-25
AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR LA FORTALEZA COCINA &
FOLKLORE, LLC T/A LA FORTALEZA**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of The Fortaleza Cocina & Folklore, LLC t/a La Fortaleza of 590 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (BC Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week: Monday, Thursday and Saturday

Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

New Year’s Eve

Cinco De Mayo

Tequila Day (July 24th)

Establishment’s Anniversary Day (October 4th)

Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

3. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

Singer - Monday and Friday

3 Piece Mariachi Band - Thursday

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

In-house security and private security company.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 318-25
AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR GHOST HAWK BREWING COMPANY,
LLC T/A GHOST HAWK BREWING COMPANY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Ghost Hawk Brewing Company, LLC t/a Ghost Hawk Brewing Company of 321 River Road, #6, Clifton, New Jersey (BC Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

- Two (2) nights per week: Friday and Saturday
- Sunday Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

- New Year’s Eve - Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

3. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

- DJ, 5-Piece Band, Karaoke or Stand-up Comedian

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

In-house security and private security company.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 319-25

AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR DOHERTY FOOD SERVICE OF CLIFTON, INC. T/A THE SHANNON ROSE IRISH PUB AT 98 KINGSLAND ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Doherty Food Service of Clifton, Inc. t/a The Shannon Rose Irish Pub, 98 Kingsland Road, Clifton, New Jersey (PMU Zone) is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Inside:

Sunday - Hours 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Acoustic Music - Solo or Duo Only

Saturday - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Acoustic Music - Solo, Duo or Trio Only

Four (4) nights per week: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - DJ and/or 3 to 5 piece band

Hours: 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Outdoor Patio:

Tuesday thru Friday - 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve and March 17th

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

Inside: Local Bands, Irish Bands up to 5 pieces, and DJ music

Outdoor Patio: Acoustic Guitar Only - No Amplification

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

Inside: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Outdoor Patio: July 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

- A. In-house and private security company.
- B. On nights that entertainment is provided, licensee is to arrange to have present one (1) off-duty law enforcement officer.
- C. On March 17th when entertainment is provided, licensee is to arrange to have present two (2) off-duty law enforcement officers.
- D. The officers mentioned in B. and C. above may be Clifton Police Officers, Clifton Special Police Officers or Passaic County Sheriff’s Officers. Such officer(s) must be hired through the Clifton Police Department to patrol, provide security and maintain order of outside area of premises.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party.

Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 320-25

AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR F & Z FOODS, INC. T/A EL DORADO RESTAURANT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of F & Z Foods, Inc. t/a El Dorado Restaurant, of 255 Parker Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (PD-1 Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Four (4) nights per week: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Hours: 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

Monday, Friday & Saturday - DJ Music or Karaoke
Tuesday and Thursday - Up to Four- Piece Band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21

RESOLUTION 321-25

**AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MADIN S. BAWWAB, MRM
LEBANESE CUISINE, INC., D/B/A /BEIRUT LEBANESE CUISINE AT 1543 MAIN AVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Madin S. Bawwab, MRM Lebanese Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a /Beirut Lebanese Cuisine, of 1543 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

One (1) night per week:
Saturday
Hours: 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

New Year’s Eve

3. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

Two-piece band

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21

RESOLUTION 322-25

AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR WISKI, LLC T/A DINGO’S DEN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Wiski, LLC t/a Dingo’s Den, of 615 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Five (5) nights per week: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve, and, in lieu of standard entertainment nights/hours, but only upon seven (7) days’ advance written notice to the City Clerk, licensee may substitute an alternative night. Such alternative nights may not exceed more than five (5) nights per year.

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT (one of the following at permitted times):

DJ Music, Comedy, Acoustic

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

On nights when live musical instruments are used an off duty Police Officer is to be hired to patrol/police/maintain order of outside area of premises.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

RESOLUTION 323-25
AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2025 1ST
QUARTER TAXES AND THE 2025 2ND QUARTER TAXES ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS
BLOCK 3.03 LOT 28, 56 VAN RIPER AVE, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Jose Rosario is the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 3.03 Lot 28, 56 Van Riper Ave and has been declared 100% disabled as of February 3, 2025 by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS Jose Rosario took up primary residence in the property located at Block 3.03 Lot 28, 56 Van Riper Ave, effective June 8, 2010; and

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

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Jose Rosario is entitled to the cancellation and refund of a portion of the 2025 first quarter property taxes and the 2025 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$3,042.83 on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, wishes to grant the application, and hereby approves the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of June 6, 2025, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 2025 first quarter property taxes and the 2025 second quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$3,042.83 on the subject property and;

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

1. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of the 2025 first quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,192.46 and the 2025 second quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,850.37 for a total refund in the amount of \$3,042.83; and
2. To cancel the remaining 2025 property taxes on the subject property; and

To keep the subject property 100% tax exempt 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.

RESOLUTION 324-25

ENABLING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO ACCEPT GREEN ACRES GRANTS TO FUND THE NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$1,400,000 and an Urban Parks grant of \$500,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#1602-23-017, 1602-23-UPG Nash Park Improvements

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

1. The City of Clifton is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Nash Park Improvements, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$349,500 and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 325-25

ENABLING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO ACCEPT GREEN ACRES GRANTS TO FUND THE MAIN MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$1,400,000 and an Urban Parks grant of \$750,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#1602-24-029/#1602-24-UPG Main Memorial Park Improvements

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

1. The City of Clifton is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as Main Memorial Park Improvements and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$292,000, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 326-25

APPOINTING ACTING CITY MANAGER

BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas Egan, First Assistant Municipal Attorney, is hereby appointed as Acting City Manager when Gary DeMarzo, City Manager, is absent due to illness, vacation or other absence, commencing immediately.

RESOLUTION 327-25

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 Civil Service Title Appointments
- CON-2 Contract Negotiations - Police Chief

- CON-3 Employment Background Check - City Manager
- CON-4 Developer Agreement 1607-1617 Main Ave., LLC Block 9.09, Lots 9 & 11
- CON-5 Complaint of Violation of the City’s Harassment Policy
- CON-6 NH - Police Officer - Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 02/24/14
- CON-7 SS - Police Officer Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 06/24/2021
- CON-8 JD - DPW Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 07/18/2015
- CON-9 RS - DPW Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 08/18/2022
- CON-10 SA v. City of Clifton, et al. Docket No. PAS-L-3491-20
- CON-11 SOA Contract Negotiations
- CON-12 Municipal Housing Liaison & Community Affairs Director
- CON-13 DV v. City of Clifton, *et al.* Docket No. PAS-L-1827-25

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 June 17, 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.

RESOLUTION 329-25

AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ADAMS, LATTIBOUDERE, CROOT & HERMAN, FOR PROSECUTION OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, a professional services contract for prosecution of disciplinary matters against employees of the City of Clifton, was awarded to Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, for the one-year period from June 5, 2024 through June 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$5,000.00 was awarded to Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman on September 3, 2024 and an additional \$10,000 was awarded on October 1, 2024 with a not to exceed amount of \$35,000.00 for the term; and

WHEREAS, Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, have provided satisfactory prosecution of disciplinary matter services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$26,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$61,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the contract on June 4, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$26,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$61,000.00 for prosecution of disciplinary matters through June 4, 2025, by Adams, Lattiboudere, Croot & Herman, is authorized and approved.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE IN
ACCOUNT: Personnel Legal Fees
ACCOUNT #: 01-201-20-105-263

RESOLUTION 330-25

APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL TO HANDLE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH WORKPLACE HARASSMENT CLAIM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to perform an independent investigation of an allegation of workplace harassment; and

WHEREAS, _____ is hereby appointed as independent investigation counsel at the rate of \$ per hour, not to exceed \$15,000, to perform the investigation and render a report; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from counsel and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An agreement for professional legal services for outside counsel to perform independent investigation services of an allegation of workplace harassment and retaliation, the rate to be paid for said services is \$ per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

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

Awarded to:
Services: Independent Investigations
Project: Workplace harassment and retaliation
Amount: \$ per hour, not to exceed \$15,000
Term: Through the conclusion of the investigation

Certification of Funds:
Funds are Available in Account Personnel - Legal Fees
Account #01-201-20-105-320

LICENSES

L-1 RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SMEETJYOT, LLC T/A HENRY'S LIQUORS for permission to conduct a: GROCERY-CONTINUED USE, for a period ending January 31, 2026 on the premises known as: 1224 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded by Councilman D’Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 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

June 17, 2025

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor