

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2025

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

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

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

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

Also present were City Attorney, Thomas Egan; Assistant City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; City Manager, Gary DeMarzo; City Clerk, Kathleen Tolosi; Deputy City Clerk, Megan Krusznis.

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

Pastor Eric Farrar - Hope Reformed Church

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing and Public Display City of Clifton, NJ Five Year Consolidated Plan for PY 2025-2029, PY 2025 Annual Action Plan and Citizens Participation Plan Community Development Block Grant Program.

The floor was opened to the public. Seeing that no one wished to speak, the floor was closed.

PRESENTATION

Proclamation Congratulating the Clifton Colts 10U Blue Baseball Team

Proclamation Congratulating The Theater League of Clifton on their 20th Anniversary

Councilwoman Pino ~ Presentation for the Independence Day Celebration

Councilman Latona motioned, and Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded to request RFP's for next year's fireworks on July 4, 2026.

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

An amended motion was made for another date option for July 3, 2026 by Councilman Latona and seconded by Councilman D'Amato. There were no objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - Allwood Road for June 24, 2025

Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025
Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025
Approval of Special Budget Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Barbara Luzniak, Human Services, retired from her position Public Health Nurse Supervisor, effective July 1, 2025. (R381-25)
- C-2 Paul Longendyck, Manager, retired from his position of Clerk 1, effective July 1, 2025. (R382-25)
- C-3 Matthew Priore, Law, retired his position of Municipal Attorney, effective July 1, 2025. (R383-25)
- C-4 Debra Cervini, Public Safety, retired from her position as Legal Stenographer, effective July 1, 2025. (R384-25)
- C-5 Frank Yodice, Public Safety, retired from his position as a Fire Lieutenant, effective July 1, 2025. (R385-25)
- C-6 Michele Butler, Manager, retired from her position of Deputy Municipal Clerk, effective July 1, 2025. (R386-25)
- C-7 Julian Szetela, Public Works, Truck Driver Heavy, hired effective July 1, 2025 at \$43,000.00 annually.
- C-8 Justin Cabrera, Public Safety, resigned from his position of Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective July 3, 2025.
- C-9 Ranmi Miyazawa, Human Services, Promoted to Public Health Nurse Supervisor, at \$82,000.00 annually, effective July 1, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-10 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Board of Recreation on May 19, 2025
- C-11 Meeting Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission on May 21, 2025
- C-12 Meeting Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on May 28, 2025
- C-13 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Committee on Civil Rights on May 29, 2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8005-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8005-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8005-25

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

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

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 the North Side of Underwood Place)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8006-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8006-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8006-25

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

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 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 the South Side of Crooks Avenue)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8007-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8007-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8007-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej 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 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation N.J.S.A.40:4-53 Funding for the Engagement of Special Consultants for a City-Wide Revaluation

(5-1-0-1) Councilman D'Amato. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8008-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8008-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8008-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and passed on roll call vote to close the public 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 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article VI Thereof, Entitled "Confidential Officials and Employees," Section 99-34, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Compensation for Full Time Municipal Attorney Position)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8009-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8009-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8009-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise, and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Salaries and Compensation" at Article VI "Confidential Officials and Employees" at Section 99-44 "Minimum Working Hours" (Creates Full Time Position for the Municipal Attorney)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8010-25

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 Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8011-25

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 Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

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 Numbers)

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

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8012-25

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 Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 9 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 8:00 p.m and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

Mr. Flaum, Esq. has a response to the Council that was presented in the Executive Session, the MOA for the FMBA contract. Item number 8, page 5 of 12, related to the vacation allotted to time strikes the addition of one day after 21 years. Pages 11 and 12 include one word change, the Deputy Chief will be included in the time-off update.

Councilwoman Sadrakula motioned, Councilman D'Amato seconded to ratify the contract.

(5-1-0-1) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Road, spoke about the tax increase being very surprising. She requested the list of sponsors for the July Fourth firework event. She announced that the citizen of the month award is presented to the Boy Scouts troop 21, second to Ricky DiMaria and Joe Ciano, and third to Malmoud (unheard) for their efforts in fixing the ramp outside of Councilman Gibson's home.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., suggested a blood drive for Councilman Gibson. He congratulated the Clifton Police Department on their investigation into fraud and funds being returned back to the City. He noted that revenue for filming is a very good thing. There has been progress on the crack down of Air BNB's.

Judy Bassford, 92 Mountainview Drive, said that she had been discriminated against for her ADA requirements entering the Council Chambers. The public should be allowed to have water in the Council Chambers. The Council should not be discussing items during a vote according to Robert's Rules of Order. She noted that polling the Council is illegal. She finally noted the decorum of Councilwoman Pino being inconsistent.

Keith Bassford, 92 Mountainview Drive, asked the Council to consider the ability for the public to bring water into the Council Chambers.

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

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, addressed the public comments. Rules of the City were being implemented or enforced partially, the rules needed to be fully enforced and then the Council will then have the opportunity to give leniency where they see fit.

Councilman Latona motioned, Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded to allow the public to bring water in the Council Chambers during a Council Meeting. There were no objections.

The forensic audit should be received in the next 48 hours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Kolodziej reported that the Bond Advisory Committee met on Thursday July 10th. Administration and professionals were in attendance. The permanent financing was discussed in regard to the projects included to see if any bonds can be utilized to offset costs. There was an analysis provided to see where the costs were going to land which will be provided to the full council.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona acknowledged Boy Scouts Troop 21 who came together for a great cause. He noted that the performance reviews should start in September before the October meeting. Reverse 9-1-1 should be updated to include new residents. We need to review and increase our sewer fees.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej acknowledged Boy Scouts Troop 21 and asked that the council present a proclamation to the group at the next meeting. Passaic Valley Water Commission was supposed to provide billing details for the Board of Education; can administration reach out for the status. The PILOT program maximum is 30 years. He noted for Clifton Recreation that there are events coming up like National Night Out August 5th and the drive-in movie follows afterwards featuring Moana 2. There are concerts every Sunday in the summer as well. The family camp out will be August 15-16. Sunday August 31st there will be a Food Music and Car show benefiting the Veterans hosting Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino asked the City Manager for an update regarding Candy Land and the 5k, more details are going to be provided to the council at the next meeting. She noted for the record that she has decided to run for Congress. She thanked her constituents for their support.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato noted Bill Gibson means a great deal to him and his family, he thanked the Boy Scouts Troop 21 for their act of service. A proclamation should also be made for JK Realty in collaboration with the preparation of the ramp. He welcomed City Attorney Tom Egan and expressed his gratitude for the open conversations and working relationship with the City Attorney and the City Manager. The project at Rutt's Hut is going to be very economically beneficial for the city. He is happy the water situation in the Council Chambers is resolved.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked the council if there were any other members who would give up their salaries and benefits to benefit the city. She addressed the public's concern for the increase in taxes. She suggested a fruit basket be sent to Councilman Gibson. It was motioned by Councilman Kolodziej and seconded by Councilman D'Amato. She requested a list from the last 3 years of all the contributions to Affordable Housing. The intention of the council in relation to the budget should be to increase the fees for when the city is responsible for cleaning up properties.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated the Clifton Colts, the Theater League, and Troop 21. He sent his condolences out to the family of Barbara Tovey, she was a crossing guard at School 4 since 1984.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej and seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve resolution 361-25 through 363-25.

RESOLUTION 361-25 TO APPROVE CLAIMS TO BE PAID THE MEETING OF JULY 15, 2025

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

Current Fund \$3,831,231.78

Grant Fund	\$60,831.18
General Capital Fund	\$357,796.76
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$97,987.40
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$2,097.85
Developers Escrow	\$8,857.18
Dog Trust	\$179.12
Revolving Loan Fund	
Police Extra Duty	\$74,647.50
Trust Other	\$43,922.45
Section 8 Public Housing	\$222,125.17
Affordable Housing	\$-
Community Development	\$9,164.00
Payroll Agency	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Affordable Housing	\$-
	\$-
Self Insurance	\$1,719,868.31
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$-
Library	\$119,463.33
General Liability Trust	\$21,077.57
Workers Compensation Trust	\$168,913.62
Trust Escrow	\$-
Reserve for Housing	\$-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$6,738,163.22

RESOLUTION 362-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET 3
CLIFTON SEWER UTILITY

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2025 Temporary Budget for the Clifton Sewer Utility was adopted with Resolution R004-25 on January 8, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Temporary Budget Funds are needed to maintain the Sewer Utility prior to the adoption of the 2025 Sewer Utility Budget,

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

<u>Sewer Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sewer / Storm System – S&W	07-201-26-291-101	\$ 100,000.00
Statutory Exp – Employer Taxes	07-201-36-472-300	\$ 10,000.00
Total Temporary Budget Amendment:		<u>\$ 110,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 363-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET 3 – CURRENT FUND
RESOLUTION

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

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

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

See Attached Work Sheets

Total Temporary Budget Increase: \$ 1,281,000.00

(5-1-0-1) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

A motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej and seconded by Councilwoman Pino and failed on roll call vote to approve resolution 366-25 and 367-25.

**RESOLUTION 366-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION CLOSING AND CANCELLING
OUTSTANDING TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE**

WHEREAS, there exists outstanding trust account balance within the City's Trust Account Fund of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the account indicated below is no longer utilized for the original intent and is now considered complete; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that this Trust Fund Account Balance be hereby closed and the remaining balance be zeroed and canceled to the Current Fund's Fund Balance:

15-286-57-015-000 - Housing Reserve - \$1,012,639.52

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Office is authorized to cancel said balance, transfer funds from the Trust Account to the Current Account, and adjust the City's financial records for this cancellations.

**RESOLUTION 367-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION CLOSING AND CANCELLING
OUTSTANDING TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE**

WHEREAS, there exists an outstanding trust account balance within the City's Trust Account Fund of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the account indicated below is no longer utilized for the original intent and is now considered complete; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that this Trust Fund Account Balance be hereby closed, including any interest income earned, and the remaining balance be zeroed and canceled to the Current Fund's Fund Balance:

Fund 23 – Revolving Loan Fund - \$536,720.15

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Office is authorized to cancel said balance, transfer funds from the Trust Account to the Current Account and adjust the City's financial records for this cancellation.

(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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, and failed on roll call vote to approve resolution number 372-25.

RESOLUTION 372-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR CITY HALL FUELING STATION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorized bids to be solicited for City Hall Fueling Station Improvements, with the return date of May 29, 2025 but the bids received substantially exceeded the project cost estimates so the bids were rejected on that basis; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid from Aurora Environmental, Inc. of Union Beach, New Jersey was \$736,780.00 which substantially exceeds the project cost estimates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, the bid from Aurora Environmental, Inc. is rejected because it substantially exceeds the estimated costs and anticipated appropriate for the project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to return any bids bonds placed on deposit with said bids to the respective bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City authorizes the Purchasing Agent to readvertise the project for additional bids.

(3-3-0-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

A motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed on roll call vote to approve resolution 377-25.

RESOLUTION 377-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING A CHIEF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton appointed James P. Sieradzki as Chief Municipal Court Judge on June 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sieradzki was appointed for a three-year term which will expire on August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sieradzki wishes to be reappointed for an additional three year term;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that James P. Sieradzki be and is hereby reappointed as Chief Municipal Court Judge commencing September 1, 2025 for a period of three years expiring on August 31, 2028.

(5-1-0-1) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

A motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula, and failed on roll call vote to approve resolution number 389-25

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR GENERAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

(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 D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to move the group.

**RESOLUTION 364-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN PROPERTIES AND BILL
PROPERTY OWNERS AND COLLECT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
MADE BY CITY OF CLIFTON FOR EMERGENCY ORDER CLEAN-UPS**

WHEREAS, numerous code violations and an emergent health situation existed at the following premises for a long period of time, and despite countless letters, warnings, notices and citations issued to the property owners, the violations and health conditions continued unabated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton took emergency clean-up action on the properties and expended funds from its revolving lien account, **inclusive of \$100 Administrative Fee**, as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>	<u>Total Lien</u>
7 Luisser Street Blk 55.04 Lot 38	\$ 375.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 475.00
585 Mt. Prospect Avenue Blk 65.06 Lot 35	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 700.00
217 Rutherford Blvd Blk 60.11 Lot 2	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
1150 Route 46 Blk 44.09 Lot 1	\$ 900.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place a lien on each property in order to seek reimbursement from each property owner for the funds expended by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the City of Clifton to expend funds in the future for the aforesaid properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to lien the properties as set forth above, and to take whatever action is necessary to accomplish reimbursement from the property owners for the current expenditures and any expenditures incurred in the future.

**RESOLUTION 365-25
CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION 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
24906	07/17/2024	NJ Department of Env. Inv. 240569510	224.00	01-201-27-330-328	02-213-40-702-021

**RESOLUTION 368-25
RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO APPRAISAL SYSTEM INC,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR
REVALUATION OF REAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF
CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with the competitive contracting provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq., for the purpose of retaining a qualified firm to perform the Revaluation of Real and Commercial Properties within the City; and

WHEREAS, proposals were publicly opened on **May 6, 2025, at 11:00 AM** in accordance with the specifications set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the City received one proposal in response to the RFP, which was submitted by:

Appraisal Systems Inc.
264 South Street
Morristown, NJ 07960
Total Proposal Amount: **\$3,200,000**

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the submitted proposal and has determined that Appraisal Systems Inc. meets all of the requirements set forth in the RFP and is qualified to perform the services; 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, the City's Qualified Purchasing Agent, Tax Assessor, Chief Financial Officer, City Manger and Municipal Attorney have recommended the award of the contract to Appraisal Systems, Inc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that a contract for the Revaluation of Real and Commercial Properties be and hereby is awarded to **Appraisal Systems Inc.**, 264 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, in the total amount of **\$3,200,000**, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP.

RESOLUTION 369-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL
CULVERT REPLACEMENT, WEASEL BROOK – SECTION 7

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R089-24 awarding a contract to **STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.** of NEWARK, NJ, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for **CULVERT REPLACEMENT, WEASEL BROOK – SECTION 7** in the amount of \$1,594,985.00; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has requested that a Change Order be made to the contract awarded to **STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.**, in the amount of \$55,000.00 a 3.45% Increase as authorized by Resolution said being necessary for the proper completion of the project job; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of sufficient funds for the amendatory change for which authorization is requested in the amount of \$55,000.00 a 3.45% INCREASE;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is now \$1,649,985.00.

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

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 53710

**RESOLUTION 370-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
CULVERT REPLACEMENT, WEASEL BROOK – SECTION 7
STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.**

WHEREAS, STATE LINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. of Newark, New Jersey, did complete **CULVERT REPLACEMENT, WEASEL BROOK – SECTION 7** project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount of

.....
\$1,649,985.00

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid in the amount of.

.....
\$1,546,400.80

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT

of \$ 103,584.20

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

WHEREAS, the Contractor has posted a Maintenance Bond, for a period of two years, in the amount of **\$164,998.50**; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has inspected the work done and has determined that said work has been properly done and completed, to the best of his knowledge, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract as amended, if amended, and hereby recommends that the said work be accepted;

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

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is authorized and directed to include the said claim totaling **\$103,584.20** on the claim list.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NO. 53710

**RESOLUTION 371-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, BY WAY OF COMPETITIVE
CONTRACTING, FOR GRANT CONSULTING AND PUBLIC RELATION CONSULTING
SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R233-21, adopted May 18, 2021, the City of Clifton solicited and awarded proposals through the competitive contracting process for Grant Consulting and Public Relations Consulting Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the above actions resulted in a contract award with a maximum term of five years, which expires on or about May 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, as per Council's direction we are utilizing Bruno Associates on monthly basis for their services; and

WHEREAS, the City Clifton continues to require Grant Consulting and Public Relation Consulting Services and seeks to obtain the same; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4-1, local contracting units may use competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services, the price of which exceeds the bid threshold; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given to the City's Qualified Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Proposals, by way of Competitive Contracting, for Grant Consulting and Public Relation Consulting Services.

RESOLUTION 373-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE THIRD RIVER DE-SNAGGING OFF BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Contract from which the Bergen County CO OP Bid #24-10 was awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need to purchase one Bobcat MT120 Mini Track Loader with Grapple and 36" bucket for the project of de-snagging the Third River; and

WHEREAS, Bobcat of North Jersey, located at 201 Maltese Drive, Totowa, New Jersey, 07512, has been awarded the Bergen County Cooperative contract number 24-10; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchased above from Bobcat of North Jersey, located at 201 Maltese Drive, Totowa, New Jersey 07512, in an amount not to exceed \$45,615.85, off the Bergen County Cooperative contract number 24-10, pursuant to the same.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funding is available from the following account: 2016 Capitol Bond Ordinance (Recycling Truck and Trailer) Account 04-215-55-954-606.

RESOLUTION 374-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND I.R. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and I.R. Property Management, LLC, the Developer of Block 37.05, Lot 15, 5 Milton 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 375-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND 429 PIAGET, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and 429 Piaget, LLC, the Developer of Block 19.08, Lots 3, 4 & 9, 429-433 Piaget 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 376-25
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
TO THE CITY OF CLIFTON’S MASTER PLAN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY
PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, by Resolution, dated June 26, 2025, the Planning Board of the City of Clifton (“Board”) adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”) to the City’s Master Plan prepared by the City’s affordable housing planner, Nicholas A. Graviano, PP, AICP, JD of Graviano & Gillis Architects & Planners, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council agrees with the Board’s finding that the HEFSP complies with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(3) and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310 in that it is designed to achieve the goal of providing realistic development of affordable housing to meet present and prospective housing needs, with particular attention to low and moderate income housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council further agrees with the Board’s determination that the HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City of Clifton’s Master Plan and that adoption and implementation of the HEFSP is in the public interest and will protect public health and safety and promote the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the City hereby approves and endorses the HEFSP that has been adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is further authorized to immediately post a copy of this Resolution on the City’s website.

RESOLUTION 378-25
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE TENANT MEMBER AND A PUBLIC
MEMBER TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey are in receipt of two applications of residents willing to serve as Members of the Rent Leveling Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, Doriana Mataj has applied and qualifies as an Alternate Tenant Member and Valaida Abraham has applied and qualifies as a Public Member and said applications were approved by the Mayor and Council at the July 15, 2025 Council Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that Doriana Mataj as an Alternate Tenant Member and Valaida Abraham as a Public Member of the Rent Leveling Board Committee commencing this day and expiring on December 31, 2028.

RESOLUTION 379-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMOUSINE LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License renewal application from Osman Taymis the owner of Time Limousine, LLC, 600 Getty Avenue, Suite 211 in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the applicant should only be approved under the provision that 600 Getty Avenue can only be used for office purposes only, not a parking location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for renewal of a Limousine License renewal application of Osman Taymis, owner of Time Limousine, LLC, 600 Getty Ave., Site 211, Clifton be and is hereby granted.

Company name: Time Limousine, LLC

Owner: Osman Taymis

Approved Operator: Osman Taymis

Approved Vehicles:

CAD 2007 ESC 1GYFK66857R381283

MER 2010 S550 WDDNG8GB2AA314676

LIN 2014 MKZ 3LN6L2JKOER821339

Parking Location: 600 Getty Avenue, Suite 211, Clifton

RESOLUTION 380-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SPORTSZONE BAR & GRILL, INC. T/A SPORTSZONE BAR & GRILL AT 593 VAN HOUTEN AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Sportszone Bar & Grill, Inc. t/a Sportzone Bar & Grill, of 593 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:

Three (3) nights per week:

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year's Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

8:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

4. TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT:

Thursday – Karaoke

Friday & Saturday – DJ Music

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 381-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR
BARBARA LUZNIAK**

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Barbara Luzniak, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a Public Health Nurse on July 28, 1997 and her retirement will conclude a 28 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SUPERVISOR
BARBARA LUZNIAK**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 382-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
CLERK 1 - PAUL LONGENDYCK**

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Clerk 1, Paul Longendyck, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Clerk 1 on November 11, 2005 and his retirement will conclude a 20 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his long-time service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**CLERK 1
PAUL LONGENDYCK**

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

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

RESOLUTION 383-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY - MATTHEW PRIORE

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Municipal Attorney, Matthew Priore, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as an Attorney on July 30, 2001 and his retirement will conclude a 24 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his long-time service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY
MATTHEW PRIORE

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

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

RESOLUTION 384-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
LEGAL STENOGRAPHER - DEBRA CERVINI

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Legal Stenographer, Debra Cervini, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a Legal Stenographer on August 16, 2004 and her retirement will conclude a 21 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

LEGAL STENOGRAPHER
DEBRA CERVINI

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

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

RESOLUTION 385-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FIRE LIEUTENANT - FRANK YODICE

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Fire Lieutenant, Frank Yodice, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Fire Fighter on October 23, 1995 and his retirement will conclude a 30 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his long-time service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

FIRE LIEUTENANT
FRANK YODICE

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

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

RESOLUTION 386-25
RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK - MICHELE BUTLER

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Michele Butler, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a Keyboarding Clerk 1 on August 18, 2014 and her retirement will conclude a 11 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK
MICHELE BUTLER

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

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

RESOLUTION 387-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to apply through the Health Department, for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026 Grant from the New Jersey Department of Health for a grant of \$64,788 for the funding period July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, any funds received will be used to strengthen outbreak preparedness/response capacity by reimbursing eligible COVID-19 and other infectious disease-related expenses not covered by any other funding source.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council have reviewed the proposal from the City of Clifton Health Officer and have approved said request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the application for such a grant; and

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

RESOLUTION 388-25
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A 2025-2026 CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION SUB-AWARDEE GRANT FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorizes the Health Department to apply for a grant in the amount of \$229,942 for the funding period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Sub-Awardee Grant from the Passaic County Department of Health; and

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

RESOLUTION 390-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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| A. Litigation / Pending Litigation | – to be discussed |
| B. Personnel / Professionals | – to be discussed |
| C. Contracts / Agreements | – to be discussed |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public shall be excused and excluded from this portion of the Council’s meeting to be held on July 15, 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.

Motion to go into Closed Session

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| CON-1 | FMBA Update |
| CON-2 | DV v. City of Clifton, et al. Docket No. PAS-L-1827-25 |
| CON-3 | Contract Negotiations - Police Chief |
| CON-4 | Civil Service Classifications |
| CON-5 | Inappropriate Dissemination of Confidential Agenda Items |

- CON-6 SS v. City of Clifton, et al. Docket No. PAS-L-3035-17
- CON-7 S&S Shell, Inc. d/b/a Anthony's Towing v. Mayor and Council of City of Clifton, Docket No.: PAS-L-1206-25
- CON-8 Developer Agreement I.R. Property Management, LLC – 5 Milton Avenue, Block 37.05, Lot 15
- CON-9 Developer Agreement 429 Piaget, LLC – 429-433 Piaget Avenue, Block 19.08, Lot 3, 4 & 9
- CON-10 TJ et al. v. City of Clifton et al. Case No.: 23-2550
- CON-11 GD indemnification for current investigation

RESOLUTION 391-25
RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROTOTYPICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH EMPOWER

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton previously adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan and Service agreement provided by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (f/k/a Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company) for the purposes of:

- the desire to attract and retain qualified employees;
- the accrual of tax benefits to eligible employees through participation in a Deferred Compensation Plan as established pursuant to Section 457 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code;
- the fact that there is no cost to the local governmental unit to adopt and administer a Deferred Compensation Plan; and
- the administration of a Deferred Compensation Plan serves the interests of the local governmental unit by enabling it to provide enhanced retirement security to its eligible employees.

WHEREAS, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America has assigned the provision of services to its wholly owned subsidiary, Empower Retirement, LLC, who will continue to provide the same services under Empower's approved Services Agreement. The previously adopted Deferred Compensation Plan remains in full effect and is not being changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Execution of a Service Agreement and Contractor Identification, the CFO (Plan Administrator) is authorized to execute a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC, 21-SA-EMPOWER-110121, and to submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Local Plan Administrator (N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.4), the CFO is hereby designated as the Local Plan Administrator for the administration of the Plan

Statement of Non-Collusion (N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.7), there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of the contractor in the selection of a contractor for the administration of a Service Agreement pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:37-5.7.

Execution of a Service Agreement and Contractor Identified, the CFO is authorized to execute a Service Agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC, and Service Agreement Identifier 21-SA-EMPOWER-110121 and to submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Certification, I, Joseph Kunz, CFO for the City of Clifton, do solemnly swear that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Clifton at a meeting held on July 15, 2025.

LICENSES

- L-1 Be Nice Cafe
- L-2 Honeybees N Nuts

- L-3 Dosas by Kashan
- L-4 Shallal Restaurant and Cafe
- L-5 Yorem Pide
- L-6 World of Knowledge Learning Center, The
- L-7 D & G Grocery

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor