

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 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) Via Zoom
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

Rabbi Kronenberg

PUBLIC HEARING

2025 Budget Amendment

Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Amended Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION 454-25

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED
2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2025 City of Clifton Municipal Budget was introduced at the July 7, 2025 Meeting of the Mayor and City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Introduced 2025 Municipal Budget was advertised for a Public Hearing and Adoption in the July 21, 2025 edition of The Herald News; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the adoption of the Municipal Budget was held on August 6, 2025, as advertised, for the 2025 Municipal Budget, which includes the Sewer Utility Budget,

WHEREAS, the Amended 2025 Municipal Budget was advertised for a Public Hearing and Adoption in the August 31, 2025 edition of The Herald News; and,

WHEREAS, the User-Friendly Budget Document, as required by the State of New Jersey (NJSA 40A:4-10), was submitted to the State of New Jersey with the Introduced Budget and will be submitted for the Adopted Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton that the statements of Revenue and Appropriations constitutes the local Budget of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2025, as adopted by the Mayor and City Council, by no less than a majority of the full membership of the City Council (4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Copies of the 2025 Municipal Budget be filed through the State of New Jersey's F.A.S.T. portal for the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and one certified copy to the Passaic County Tax Office.

(4-3-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay.

RESOLUTION BUDGET SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2025

RESOLUTION 455-25

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the CITY of CLIFTON, County of PASSAIC, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 93,525,039.00 for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in

Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

- (d) \$ 538,920.00 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 4,964,828.00 Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE

Councilman D'Amato motioned, Councilman Latona seconded approval.

Ayes: Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Mayor Grabowski.

Nays: Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Councilwoman Sadrakula.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues

- Surplus Anticipated 08-100 \$ 10,260,000.00
- Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated 13-099 \$ 27,881,642.00
- Receipts from Delinquent Taxes 15-499 \$ 2,800,000.00

2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11) 07-190 \$ 93,525,039.00

3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:

- Item 6, Sheet 42 07-195
- Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14) 07-191

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY \$ -

4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:

- Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14) 07-191

5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX 07-192 \$ 4,964,828.00

Total Revenues 13-299 \$ 139,431,509.00

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS: XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Within "CAPS" XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

- (a & b) Operations Including Contingent 34-201 \$ 100,797,150.00
- (e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal 34-209 \$ 17,534,620.00
- (g) Cash Deficit 46-885 \$ -

Excluded from "CAPS" XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

- (a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS" 34-305 \$ 7,924,089.00
- (c) Capital Improvements 44-999 \$ 290,650.00
- (d) Municipal Debt Service 45-999 \$ 7,365,000.00
- (e) Deferred Charges - Municipal 46-999 \$ 20,000.00
- (f) Judgments 37-480 \$ -
- (n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3) 29-405 \$ -
- (g) Cash Deficit 46-885 \$ -

(k) For Local District School Purposes 29-410 \$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 50-899 \$ 5,500,000.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13) 07-195
Total Appropriations 34-499 \$ 139,431,509.00

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 16th day of SEPTEMBER 2025. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2025 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 16th day of September 2025, Kathleen Tolosi, Clerk

PRESENTATION

Proclamation ~ Marge Beissel for 50 Years of Service
Proclamation ~ Bob Siluk for 50 Years of Service
Passaic Valley Water Commission Presentation Relating to Water Quality

Executive Director, Jim Mueller, of the Passaic Valley Water Commission gave a presentation for the public, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. There is a deadline for Clifton residents to plan for the line replacement project which will be at the end of this month. The plan is to complete the job and close the project out by the end of 2025. He noted to the council that he is happy to provide them with the locations who did not respond. There is coordination between the Water Commission and the City to determine paving schedules and water main replacements.

Members of the public came up to speak.

Judy Bassford, Mountainview Drive, asked for a refund on her sewer bill due to the water conditions at her property for the last 30 years. There are end-stops on 9 streets in Clifton that all need to be replaced.

Gary Perino, Mt. Prospect Ave., asked for the city website to have contact information for the representatives that residents can contact at Passaic Valley Water Commission.

The Council requested a monthly report be given to give the residents and the council an update. They requested a representative come and speak with the council and share information.

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:

Approval of Special Budget Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2025
Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
Approval of the Executive Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Manuel Irizarry, Public Works, retired from his position of Laborer 1, effective September 1, 2025.
- C-2 John Romanko, Public Safety, retired position of School Traffic Guard, effective September 3, 2025.
- C-3 Maria Cedeno-Torres, Public Safety, retired position of School Traffic Guard, effective September 3, 2025.
- C-4 Frank Librizzi, Finance, resigned position of Assessing Aide, effective September 5, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-5 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Board of Health of 4/8/2025, 5/13/2025 & 6/10/2025
- C-6 Meeting Minutes of Environmental Commission for 4/9/2025 & 6/18/2025
- C-7 Meeting Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on 7/23/25
- C-8 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Historical Advisory Commission on 6/5/25
- C-9 Meeting Minutes of Hazardous Materials Control Board for 4/23/2025 & 5/21/2025

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8029-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8029-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8029-25

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 to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 273 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Housing Standards," More Particularly Section 273-25 Thereof, Entitled "Emergency Orders" (Amends the Administrative Fee)

(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 8030-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8030-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8030-25

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 375 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Sewer Connection Fee" (Increases Connection Fee")

(4-3-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Nay.

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8031-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8031-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8031-25

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 296 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Landscapers"

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8032-25

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 Gibson and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8033-25

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 Latona.

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 7 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8034-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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 Therefore, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 5 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8035-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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 Therefore, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends 10 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 Tuesday

October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8036-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," More Particularly Section 439-27 Thereof, Entitled "Turn Prohibitions" (Amends Prohibited Certain Turns at Lakeview Avenue)

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 October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8037-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Permit Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots," Article I, Entitled "Residential Streets", More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Arthur Street)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8038-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 273 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Housing Standards" (Adds Article V "Bed Bug Control")

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 October 7, 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.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8039-25

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

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" (Revises Eligibility for Health Insurance Coverage and Retiree Benefits)

(4-3-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8040-25

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 Latona and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article I Thereof, Entitled "Municipal Council" (Eliminates Eligibility for Health Insurance)

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 October 7, 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.

(4-3-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Nay.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nick Veliky, Woodlawn Ave., invited the public to the grand opening of the campaign headquarters for the Clifton Democratic Club on Saturday September 20 at 567 Van Houten Avenue. He asked the public if anyone is interested, and of voting age, please run for council and help this community.

Gary Perino, Mt. Prospect Ave., complimented whoever ran the candlelight vigil on Sunday night, they did a great job and it was very heartwarming. He complimented the City Manager and the Legal Department on their performance. He asked for an update on the dog park proposal, and offered to provide suggestions. He stated that animal abuse needs to be stopped and we need to ask the Prosecutor's Office to prosecute. If they won't, we need to have home-rule and we need to run the prosecution of the offenders.

Gerard Scorziello, Pershing Road, asked the council again to consider allowing and attracting additional data centers, who are tremendous contributors to the tax base, and there needs to be reconsideration of the zoning laws.

Kim Castellano, Mahar Ave., advised that the programs for Power of One are back. There is a new grief share program starting, which will be going for 8 weeks. In the past month, the Power of One program has lost two people because of lack of support for the services they provide. She asked again for use of one of the city barns for storage and a resource center. She serves the people of Clifton and would appreciate the support of the Council to help her out.

Tom Whittles, CASA, reminded the public that "In Their Shoes" event will be held at the City Hall grounds on Saturday September 20th from 11am to 2pm in conjunction with the Health Department. There will be 300 pairs of shoes on display representing the lives lost to suicide. It will be a very moving display.

Bart Ciervo, Delawanna Ave, asked if there can be additional park benches at Dunney Park, and he offered to donate one. The sidewalks need to be fixed. The ordinance needs to be fixed. He asked if the council knows anything about the Post Office building in Delawanna. He asked if the city could install rumble strips on Delawanna Avenue.

Richard Acito & Patricia Acito, Howard Ave., Kristine Trella, Howard Ave., and Irene Puleo, Howard Ave., all spoke regarding their neighbor at the corner of Howard Avenue who is feeding pigeons, and it has become a nuisance and health hazard to the neighborhood and the properties surrounding her.

City Manager Gary DeMarzo asked the residents complaining about the pigeons to provide contact information to him so he can address this, as it's the first time a complaint has been brought to his attention.

Tanner Rivera, Trenton Ave., asked the council why the flags were at half-staff and asked why there was a vigil held for Charlie Kirk and not for Melissa Hortman and her spouse.

Ahmed Abdelbaki, Richfield, spoke about a vigil held Sunday, which he believed was a political event marked with hate. He did not have a comment regarding a city matter.

Judy Bassford, Mountainview Drive, reiterated her position on the issue with her water quality. She also thanked the City Manager and the council for the 9/11 ceremony approval. She also acknowledged the individuals who attend each year.

Matt Ward, Sewall Ave., spoke about the budget the council had just approved. He asked how the council plans to bounce back after utilizing almost all the surplus.

Henry Cholewczynski, “Clifton”, stated that pigeons have been a problem and have been for a while. This city is not a 3rd world country, and the residents deserve clean water.

With no one else 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 session.

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, advised the public that the city is working on a dog park and a presentation will be coming soon. Clifton does not own the Post Office building. The wildlife ordinance will be reviewed. He addressed the comments regarding the constitutional right for public assembly. City Attorney Tom Egan commented about the vigil and advised the public this was not a city event, it was organized by the public. Peaceful gatherings have been approved in the past and will not be denied in the future.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson spoke to the events in the past for peaceful assembly. Any member of the public is invited to host a vigil or peaceful assembly on city property. He also thanked members of the public for their thoughtfulness and care.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked the City Manager if the garbage and recycling contract may be discussed. The council needs to update zoning ordinances for parking at houses of worship. The dates are set for the upcoming budget discussions. She spoke to the vigil event on Sunday; it was peaceful and there was no hate.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona thanked Officer Maldonado from our Clifton Police Department for his quick response to the house fire last week. Tuesday, September 23rd there will be a special NJDOT meeting at 6:00 pm, and the forensic audit will also be discussed afterwards. There will be a new procedure coming up for parking permits and asked for it to be on at the next council meeting. He also asked if at the next council meeting someone can revise the carnival and festival ordinance to update the fees. He noted the cost savings thanks to donors and sponsors for Candyland. An improvement for the city which will benefit us greatly is the data centers. He agreed that traffic safety on Delawanna Avenue should be added to the list of streets on the list of streets that need a traffic calming study.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej noted that political violence happens too often and highlighted for the public that no violence is okay. He stated that the city did send a sewer bill to the Board of Education in the amount of \$736,200.82 for 2025. The city is working on bills. Transparency demands government participation. Our capital funds have been cut with the budget adoption.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino congratulated Marge on her 50 years of service, and highlighted John Romanko on his retirement. Clifton Behind The Scenes is coming up soon, September 30th it begins. She thanked all the members of the public for coming out. Hispanic Heritage Month has begun. The Clifton Arts Center has collaborated with Latino Leaders of Clifton and the Peruvian Consulate to present the Great Inca Road, which is an art exhibit from September 17th through October 25th. There will be a Meet-&-Greet this Saturday from 1pm-4pm. The 3rd annual Latino Leaders Carnival begins next week, Wednesday through Sunday. The ECHO Youth program will be attending the ABA Street Fair this Sunday.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato spoke to the issue of violence in our communities and the importance of public figures and leaders to let the public know they will step up and take charge of the situations.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated Marge and Bob on their 50 years of service in the city. He added that violence is not, and will never be, acceptable. No one person is better than anyone else, and every member of the public is welcome to host a peaceful assembly.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were passed during the Work Session and moved as a group during the Regular Meeting.

RESOLUTION 456-25

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of September 16, 2025
Meeting of September 16th, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$16,976,744.29
Grant Fund	\$101,534.08
Open Space Trust	\$-
General Capital Fund	\$10,697,577.22
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$50,806.36
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$691.75
Developers Escrow	\$5,237.16
Dog Trust	\$272.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Police Extra Duty	\$73,202.50
Trust Other	\$67,889.36
Section 8 Public Housing	\$220,816.17
Affordable Housing	\$6,059.57
Community Development	\$50,777.95
Payroll Agency	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Affordable Housing	\$-
	\$-
Self Insurance	\$1,852.95
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$-
Library	\$122,466.64
General Liability Trust	\$52,520.34
Workers Compensation Trust	\$86,010.85
Trust Escrow	\$-
Reserve for Housing	\$-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$28,514,459.19

RESOLUTION 457-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF
THE 2025 1st QUARTER TAXES, THE 2025 2ND QUARTER TAXES, AND THE 2025 3RD
QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 50.06 LOT 22, 24 LORRAINE
DR, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Ryan Gabel, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 50.06 Lot 22, 24 Lorraine Dr. has been declared 100% disabled as of March 12, 2025, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS Ryan Gabel has made an 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 Ryan Gabel is entitled to the cancellation and refund of a portion of the 2025 first quarter property taxes, the 2025 second quarter property taxes and the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, granted the application, and approved the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of September 4, 2025, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 2025 first quarter property taxes, the 2025 second quarter property taxes and the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property in the amount of \$ 5,615.89;

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 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 518.49, the 2025 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 2,456.02 and the 2025 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 2,641.38 for a total refund in the amount of \$ 5,615.89 and cancel the remaining 2025 property taxes on the subject property.
2. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

RESOLUTION 458-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2023 1ST QUARTER TAXES AND THE 2023 2ND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2023 3RD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2023 4TH QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE ENTIRE 2024 PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2025 1ST QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2025 2ND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2025 3RD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 23.03 LOT 3, 69 LOCKWOOD DR, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Iris A. Reyes, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 23.03 Lot 3, 69 Lockwood Dr. has been declared 100% disabled as of January 26, 2023, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS Iris A. Reyes 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, Iris A. Reyes is entitled to the cancellation and refund of a portion of the 2023 first quarter property taxes and the 2023 second quarter property taxes and the 2023 third quarter property taxes and the 2023 fourth quarter property taxes and the entire 2024 property taxes and the 2025 first quarter property taxes and the 2025 second quarter property taxes and the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, granted the application, and approved the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of September 9, 2025, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 2023 first quarter property taxes and the 2023 second quarter property taxes and the 2023 third quarter property taxes and the 2023 fourth quarter property taxes and the entire 2024 property taxes and the 2025 first quarter property taxes and the 2025 second quarter property taxes and the 2025 third quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$ 33,830.27 on the subject property and;

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

3. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of 2023 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$2,254.74 and the 2023 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 3,121.94 and the 2023 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 3,213.80 and the 2023 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 2,963.79 and the entire 2024 property taxes in the amount of \$12,482.03 and the 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 3,183.01 and the 2025 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 3,183.01 and the 2025 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 3,427.95 for a total refund in the amount of \$ 33,830.27 and cancel the remaining 2025 property taxes on the subject property.
4. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

RESOLUTION 459-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2022 4th QUARTER TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2023 PROPERTY TAXES, THE ENTIRE 2024 PROPERTY TAXES, THE 2025 1ST QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES, THE 2025 2ND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND THE 2025 3RD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 55.13 LOT 12, 12 PERU RD, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Gregory Donetz, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 55.13 Lot 12, 12 Peru Rd. has been declared 100% disabled as of October 27,2022, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Donetz 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, Gregory Donetz is entitled to the cancellation and refund of a portion of the 2022 fourth quarter property taxes, the entire 2023 property taxes, the entire 2024 property taxes, the 2025 first quarter property taxes, the 2025 second quarter property taxes, and the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, granted the application, and approved the 100% tax exemption on the subject property as of September 8, 2025, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 2022 fourth quarter property taxes, the entire 2023 property taxes, the entire 2024 property taxes, the 2025 first quarter property taxes, the 2025 second quarter property taxes, and the 2025 third quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$23,745.97 on the subject property and;

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

5. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of 2022 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$1,540.40, the entire 2023 property taxes in the amount of \$7,890.57, the entire 2024 property taxes in the amount of \$8,090.08, the 2025 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$2,022.52, the 2025 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$2,022.52, and the 2025 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$2,179.88, for a total refund in the amount of \$23,745.97 and cancel the remaining 2025 property taxes on the subject property.
6. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

RESOLUTION 460-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR 2025 HUD-CD
SANITARY SEWER LINING**

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

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

WHEREAS, the scope of work in-situ lining of 3,000 linear feet of 8” diameter sanitary sewers; and

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 461-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT CLIFTON POLICE FIRING
RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
INVERIS TRAINING SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, INVERIS TRAINING SOLUTIONS of Suwanee, Georgia, did complete
CLIFTON POLICE FIRING RANGE TARGETING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT project in and for the
City of Clifton for the total amount
of \$134,157.14

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid
in the amount of. \$ 0.00

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT of \$134,157.14

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 **\$13,415.71**; 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 **\$134,157.14** on the claim list.

CONTRACT NO. 25-068

RESOLUTION 462-25

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS D.S. MEYERS ENTERPRISE
WALKING PATHS AT VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, at the August 19, 2025 City Council Meeting, the City Council approved Resolution awarding
the contract for Walking Paths Improvement Project to D.S Meyers Enterprises. on Resolution Number
R428-25; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of this Contract is \$1,366,303.00 Resolution was required to be certified for
funds by the Chief Financial Officer as to the availability of fund prior to being approved; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Office has now reviewed Resolution to assure funding is available for the
\$1,366,303.00; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this Project in the following Grant and Capital Account:

02-213-40-707-101 - \$40,438.60
04-215-55-976-107 - \$539,407.86
04-215-55-978-701 - \$686,456.54
04-215-55-978-702 - \$100,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County
of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Certification of Funds be made part of this approval.

RESOLUTION 463-25

**RESOLUTION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) FOR**

**CIVIC PLUS AGENDA MODULE, NEXT REQUEST FOR OPRA, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
ARCHIVING SOFTWARE**

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, the City of Clifton is a member of TIPS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton intends to participate in TIPS for procurement of Civic Plus Agenda Module, Next Request for OPRA and Social Media Archiving Software under contract #220105 - Technology Solutions Products and Services ; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on TIPS website at <https://www.tips-usa.com/>; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Civic Plus Agenda Module, Next Request for OPRA and Social Media Archiving Software expires on May 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to CivicPlus, LLC pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to TIP's Notice to Bidders Titled "Technology Solutions Products and Services" and Contract Award No. 220105; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Comment Period ends: October 2, 2025

RESOLUTION 464-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING FOR
SPERLING PARK FROM RUBBERCYCLE LLC OFF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT
PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Recreation Department has a need to purchase Playground Safety Surfacing for the Sperling Park, which is available off of New Jersey State Contract; and

WHEREAS, this procurement request is made in accordance with N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a, via New Jersey State Contract 16-FLEET-00131, which expires May 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Rubbercycle LLC, located at 1985 Rutgers University Boulevard, Lakewood, NJ 08701 has been awarded the NJ State Contract No. 16-FLEET-00131; and

WHEREAS, NJ State Contract 16-FLEET-00131 has been awarded to Rubbercycle LLC for a term of May 31, 2017, to May 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, NJ State Contract 16-FLEET has no provision for bond request, and thereby the performance bond is hereby waived; 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: **Qualified Purchasing Agent** upon the terms and conditions hereafter stated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Rubbercycle LLC, located at 1985 Rutgers University Boulevard, Lakewood, NJ 08701, in an amount not to exceed \$220,619.00, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 16-FLEET-00131, pursuant to the above New Jersey State contract.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funding are available from the following accounts:

02-213-40-700-732 – PCOS Sperling Park Grant

RESOLUTION 465-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
FOR SPERLING PARK FROM MARTURANO RECREATION COMPANY, INC
OFF THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE CONTRACT # 24/25-01
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Recreation Department has a need to purchase Playground Equipment, off of the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract # 24/25-01, from Marturano Recreation Company, Inc (MRC, Inc.) for the Sperling Park, which is available off of ESCNJ Cooperative Contract # 24/25-01; and,

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, this procurement request is made in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, via ESCNJ Cooperative Contract # 24/25-01, which expires June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, MRC, Inc., located at P O Box 106, Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762 has been awarded the ESCNJ cooperative contract No. 24/25-01 for a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from MRC, Inc., located at P O Box 106, Spring lake, New Jersey 07762, in an amount not to exceed \$376,752.44, in accordance with the ESCNJ cooperative contract No. 24/25-01, pursuant to the contract award thereof.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funding are available from the following accounts:

02-213-40-700-732- \$ 29,381.00

03-286-56-850-000 - \$347,371.44

RESOLUTION 466-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF GROUND WIRE
AND SYSTEM MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR 135 HAZEL STREET FROM ELECTRONIC
SYSTEM SOLUTIONS, INC. UNDER BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department requires the installation of a ground cable from the basement to the rooftop equipment at 135 Hazel Street to safely carry any faulty currents and to comply with the National Electrical Code; and

WHEREAS, the City also requires the installation of system monitoring equipment consisting of six (6) thermostats, three (3) smoke detectors, and three (3) power supplies to protect its equipment investment; and

WHEREAS, Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. ("ESS"), 141 River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523, has submitted a proposal in the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars \$29,905.00 under Bergen County Cooperative; and,

WHEREAS, Electronic Service Solutions Inc located. was awarded Bergen County Cooperative Contract No. BC-BID-22-35 expiring October 18, 2025; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Electronic Systems Solutions, Inc. ("ESS"), 141 River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523, in an amount not to exceed \$29,905.00, in accordance with the Bergen County cooperative contract No. .BC -BID-22-35, pursuant to the contract award thereof.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funding is available from the following accounts:
04-215-55-971-302

RESOLUTION 467-25

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TRIAD ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR GRANT WRITING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the Council previously adopted Resolution R371-25 on July 15, 2025 authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise Request for Proposals for Grant Writing and Public Relations Consulting Services in accordance with 40A:11-4.1 et seq., the Competitive Contracting process, and to receive and publicly open any responses for the goods and services requested therein; and,

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2025, the Purchasing Agent received and publicly opened the proposals, which were submitted by three firms Triad Associates (50,000.00 annually), Bruno Associates, Inc (50,000.00 annually). and Millenium Strategies LLC (57,000.00 annually); and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, And Legal Attorneys by virtue of such duties, license, and appointment, did a formal evaluation of the submitted proposal and found the documents and content to be responsive and responsible; and,

WHEREAS, Triad Associates, Inc., located at 1301 W. Forest Grove Rd., Ste. 3A Vineland, NJ 08360, has successfully provided the same above services for the City during the last five years: and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 *et seq.*, the competitive contracting process was carried out with all due diligence, and the proposal submitted by Triad Associates. is recommended for award for the above services for a two-year period, from October 1, 2025 through to September 30, 2027 with the option to extend the contract for three (3) additional one-year periods; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for Grant Writing and Public Relations Consulting Services is hereby awarded to Triad Associates, Inc., located at 1301 W. Forest Grove Rd., Ste. 3A Vineland, NJ 08360, in an annual amount of \$50,000.00, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and,

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds will be available in account number:
01-201-20-100-320, pending budget adoption and appropriation of funds.

RESOLUTION 468-25

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CHERYL L.
CAFONE, MS, MBA, RN, CCRN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR THE TERM
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Health Department through the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant requires the services of a public health nurse to assist the department with vaccination clinics, dental clinics, communicable disease investigations and any other services provided by the Nursing division temporarily; and

WHEREAS, quotes were solicited and the quote of Cheryl L. Cafone, price and other factors considered was deemed to be most advantageous to the City; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is below the bid threshold and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to not exceed \$15,000.00 and the term of the contract is September 22, 2025 through March 31, 2026; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a professional services contract is hereby awarded to Cheryl L. Cafone, RN, MSN, MBA, Clifton, NJ for the term commencing September 22, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026, at a fee of \$40.00/hr, not to exceed \$15,000.00 in accordance with her proposal; and

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

RESOLUTION 469-25

RESOLUTION AWARDING EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE CONTRACT TO ACRISURE, LLC. D/B/A POLARIS GALAXY GROUP FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of the City Manager and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, both price and other factors considered, and upon review of the two proposals received, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton wish to authorize the following Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service contract for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, to Acrisure, LLC d/b/a Polaris Galaxy for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B) et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton instead advertised a request for proposals and received sealed proposals from one firm on September 9, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to exceed \$17,500,00 to be paid by the insurance providers in accordance with the proposal from Acrisure/Polaris Galaxy Group and the duration of the contract is through December 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service contract for health insurance broker services is hereby awarded to **ACRISURE, LLC d/b/a POLARIS GALAXY GROUP**, in accordance with its proposal dated September 9, 2025, in the amount of:

15% of environmental impairment insurance premium
5% of excess liability insurance premium
14% of excess worker's compensation insurance premium
15% of property insurance coverage premium
15% of various liability insurance coverage premium

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

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

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The City of Clifton has authorized the following Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service contract pursuant to the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(1)(a)(ii)* and (m) and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B)*. Documents regarding this matter are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Acrisure, LLC d/b/a Polaris Galaxy Group

Services: Provision of Health Insurance Broker Services
Cost: 15% of environmental impairment insurance premium
5% of excess liability insurance premium
14% of excess worker's compensation insurance premium
15% of property insurance coverage premium
15% of various liability insurance coverage premium
Term: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Adopted: September 16, 2025
Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 470-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL APPOINTMENT OF POLARIS GALAXY INSURANCE, LLC, AN ACRISURE AGENCY PARTNER, AS THE INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON (INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES - INCLUDING PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND BOILERS, GENERAL LIABILITY, EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY, AUTO LIABILITY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE, COMMERCIAL CRIME, FLOOD, EARTHQUAKE, TERRORISM, UMBRELLA EXCESS LIABILITY, EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of Polaris Galaxy Insurance, LLC, an Acrisure Agency Partner, of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey as the insurance broker of record for the City regarding the Administration of Self-Insurance Program for Property, Equipment and Boilers, General Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Auto Liability and Physical Damage, Commercial Crime, Flood, Earthquake, Terrorism, Umbrella Excess Liability, Excess Workers' Compensation and Environmental Impairment is hereby renewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be placed on file and made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all required documents in connection with this appointment on behalf of the City of Clifton.

RESOLUTION 471-25

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
MANUEL IRIZARRY, LABORER 1**

WHEREAS, September 1, 2025, Laborer 1, Manuel Irizarry, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Laborer 1 on September 20, 1993 and his retirement will conclude a 32 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

**LABORER 1
MANUEL IRIZARRY**

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 **MANUEL IRIZARRY**.

RESOLUTION 472-25

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
JOHN ROMANKO, SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD**

WHEREAS, September 3, 2025, School Traffic Guard, John Romanko, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a School Traffic Guard on October 24, 2022 and his retirement will conclude a three 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

**SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD
JOHN ROMANKO**

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 **JOHN ROMANKO**.

RESOLUTION 473-25

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
MARIA CEDANO-TORRES, SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD**

WHEREAS, September 3, 2025, School Traffic Guard, Maria Cedano-Torres, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as a School Traffic Guard on October 24, 2012 and her retirement will conclude a 13 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

**SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARD
MARIA CEDANO-TORRES**

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 **MARIA CEDANO-TORRES**.

RESOLUTION 474-25

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CLIFTON PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY’S 2026 ANNUAL
PHA PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO HUD AND APPROVE THE PHA CERTIFICATION OF
COMPLIANCE WITH THE PHA PLANS AND RELATED REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 on October 21, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the QHWRA requires the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton to approve the Clifton Public Housing Agency’s PHA Plan for submission to HUD; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on August 19, 2025 before the Mayor and Municipal Council to receive public comments and at which time no public comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the PHA Plan establishes the basic goals, objectives and policies of the Clifton Public Housing Agency; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the Clifton Public Housing Agency approve the attached “PHA Certification of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby approves the Clifton Public Housing Agency 2026 Annual PHA Plan for submission to HUD and approves the required “PHA Certification of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations” on this the 16th day of September, 2025.

RESOLUTION 475-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR LA BONITA BAR
RESTAURANT, INC. T/A LA BONITA BAR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of La Bonita Bar and Restaurant, Inc. t/a La Bonita Bar of 394 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from September 16, 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
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

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 Music Karaoke

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

September 16, 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 476-25

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 discussed as per the Agenda and the Resolution:

- A. Personnel matters – to be discussed
- B. Contracts / Agreements – to be discussed
- C. Litigation matters –

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 September 16, 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

- CON-1 Personnel
- CON-2 Personnel
- CON-3 Personnel
- CON-4 Contract
- CON-5 Contract

LICENSES

L-1 Honest Restaurant

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR AASO FOOD LLC
T/A HONEST RESTAURANT
ADDRESS 60 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07014
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW HONEST RESTAURANT
ZONE P-MU
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-2 Al Debwany Halal Meat Market

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR AL DEBWANY HALAL MEAT LLC
T/A AL DEBWANY HALAL MEAT
ADDRESS 239 LAKEVIEW CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED MEAT MARKET
FORMERLY OR NEW NEW
ZONE BC
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor