

**CITY OF CLIFTON  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 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:

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

Also present were 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**

Father Monteleone ~ St. Philip's Church

**PRESENTATION**

Proclamation ~ Extra Mile Day - November 1, 2025

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025  
Executive Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025  
Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- C-1 Angelo Diianni, Regulatory Affairs, hired as Code Enforcement Officer Trainee, at \$33.43 hourly, effective September 16, 2025.
- C-2 Omar Fernandez, Public Works, Retired position of Truck Driver Heavy, Effective October 1, 2025.
- C-3 Joshin S. Smith, Public Safety, retired position of Police Lieutenant, effective October 1, 2025.

**COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES**

- C-4 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Arts Center Advisory Committee & The Inc. Board on February 26, 2025
- C-5 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Senior Advisory Committee on June 27, 2025
- C-6 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Cable Advisory Committee on July 23, 2025

- C-7 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Board of Recreation on August 25, 2025  
C-8 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities on September 15, 2025

## **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

### **A. Adoption of Ordinance 8032-25**

### **B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8032-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8032-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, 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 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 1 Handicapped Space)**

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

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### **A. Adoption of Ordinance 8033-25**

### **B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8033-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8033-25

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 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)**

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

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### **A. Adoption of Ordinance 8034-25**

### **B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8034-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8034-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, 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 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)**

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

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**A. Adoption of Ordinance 8035-25**

**B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8035-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8035-25

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 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)**

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

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**A. Adoption of Ordinance 8036-25**

**B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8036-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8036-25

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 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)**

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

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**A. Adoption of Ordinance 8037-25**

**B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8037-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8037-25

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 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)**

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

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**A. Adoption of Ordinance 8038-25**

**B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8038-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8038-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman D'Amato, 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 273 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Housing Standards" (Adds Article V "Bed Bug Control")**

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

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**A. Adoption of Ordinance 8040-25**

**B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8040-25**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8040-25

Henry Cholewczynski asked what the update to the ordinance is. Councilwoman Pino replied that the health insurance for the council will be removed. The City Manager stated for the record there will be little to no savings for the city. Councilwoman Pino requested her council members grandfather the current administration, and have the ordinance take effect for the next

administration. Mayor Grabowski stated that it feels retaliatory to remove benefits before the end of the council term. Councilman D’Amato noted the effect will be on all members.

With no one else 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", More Particularly Article I Thereof, Entitled "Municipal Council" (Eliminates Eligibility for Health Insurance)**

(4-2-1-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej and Mayor Grabowski voted Nay. Councilwoman Pino abstained.

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES**

**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8041-25**

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 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" (Lincoln Place)**

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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8042-25**

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 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)**

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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8043-25**

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 D’Amato 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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8044-25**

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" (Adds 11 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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8045-25**

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" (Deletes 2 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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8046-25**

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 6 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 21, 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.

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**A. Introduction of Ordinance 8047-25**

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

**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" (Adds Compensation For Community Affairs Director And Municipal Housing Liasion And Sets New Maximum Salary Range For Deputy City Clerk And Management Information Specialist)**

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

Mayor Grabowski called for a 5-minute recess. Councilman Gibson left the dais at 8:59 PM.

The meeting resumed at 9:05 PM.

**FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Ray Lill spoke to his payments regarding his personal insurance. He asked if new officers will be furloughed. We will have an influx of residents, and our officers are at the heart of our society.

Gary Perino asked the council if they ran for office for health benefits or to make the city better. He again asked if there was a statewide or federal vetting process for the former City Manager. He asked if the city can crack down on electric bikes and advised that Florham Park has an ordinance that can be reviewed. He also supports a dog park in Delawanna.

Eric Babula advised the council and the public that there is no barrier fence at Chelsea Park to stop children from running towards the street. He advised there is a petition circulating to put a fence up.

Gerard Scorziello advised the council the city's budget has a grid lock problem; Clifton needs positive growth and new opportunities. The city needs Data Centers.

Iris Reyes advised the public that early voting will be at the Library even though it is closed for renovations, it will be open during early voting hours from October 25<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nick Veliky praised the council for the healthy discussions tonight. He also spoke of the candidates for the upcoming gubernatorial election.

Prem Tandon gave recommendations to the council for items D-2 and D-4. He recommended the council offer more dates and increase the fees for D-2 and appoint an officer to give out tickets regarding D-4.

Bart Ciervo noted there is construction happening on Delawanna Avenue and there has been no code enforcement officers coming out. The sidewalks are still broken and need to be fixed.

Delawanna Avenue has a speeding problem, and he asked for speed bumps installed. He asked for a dog park in Delawanna. He condemned the behavior of the council.

Henry Cholewczynski condemned the behavior of the council and noted that Councilman Gibson and Councilman Latona are entitled to benefits due to their years of service to the city.

Donna Popowich announced that the Clifton Little Free Pantry is serving the Clifton residents. She thanked the residents for their donations. Supply for the pantry will be restored with donations for the next month. October 12 there is a unity vigil, October 13 at 5pm will be the Italian flag raising, and October 18 there is a flag raising for food insecurity.

Faith Webb, Via Zoom, asked the council if they ran for office for the health benefits, and condemned their behavior. She applauded the efforts of Tom in the City Health Department in regards to programs for the special needs community. She mentioned Food Brigade and St. Peter's Haven for anyone with food insecurities.

Kaitlyn (no last name disclosed), Via Zoom, condemned the behavior of the council.

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, made no comments this evening.

### **COUNCIL PRIVILEGE**

#### **Councilman Latona**

Councilman Latona advised the public that the Columbus Day Italian flag raising ceremony is coming up. He commended the length of service of two employees. There are several upcoming events in the city. He noted Councilman Gibson's 50+ years of service to the city. There are upcoming ordinances that will be put on for first reading. Closed Caption will be coming for the televised portion of the council meetings. On October 27<sup>th</sup> the State will be having an unclaimed fund event at City Hall 2PM-4PM. He advised the public that early voting will begin soon and reminded everyone to go out and vote.

#### **Councilwoman Sadrakula**

Councilwoman Sadrakula announced that there are several things that should and will be addressed in the future, including the fence on Chelsea Road, the Air BnB's, and the electric bike risks throughout the city. The speeding needs to be studied in Delawanna. The meeting tonight was extremely inappropriate, and the behavior was uncalled for. She also requested the council review the document listed as a late item under Discussion Items and motioned for the board to rescind her censorship which Councilman D'Amato seconded. Councilman Kolodziej asked for the documentation, and to table the item until the documentation is provided.

#### **Councilman Kolodziej**

Councilman Kolodziej noted the sidewalk tree replacement program should be done as a loan with a forgiveness program the way CHIP is done, and should be funded through the operating budget. He noted the lack of permanent bump outs in the contract being awarded tonight for the Third Street project. There has been an increase in the sewer connection fees, and the economic development committee has not met in years. He is certain that the funding that was put aside for the dog park several years ago will not be enough for the costs today. He responded to several public comments. He congratulated former employee Dee Bartlett, the new CFO in Montclair. He reminded the public to apply for the ANCHOR, Senior Freeze, and the Stay NJ programs.

#### **Councilwoman Pino**

Councilwoman Pino commented on the reasons she believes that she was interrupted while speaking on the removal of health benefits subject. She noted that when she was voted into office, she was entitled to the medical benefits.



**Councilman D’Amato**

Councilman D’Amato highlighted that today is the two-year anniversary of the attacks. He extended his sympathies to the Jewish community. He asked the community to be good to each other. Sunday there will be a vigil for victims of all forms of violence. There will be a clothing drive on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11-3. The Third River clean-up has begun, and it won’t completely fix the problem, but it should provide relief to the area prone to flooding. He noted that he intends to give administration phase 1 of his 3-year plan, with a focus on infrastructure. He noted that he will not be swayed on his vote.

**Mayor Grabowski**

Mayor Grabowski noted CHIP program was started 50 years ago, and he read on the record the types of relief they provide to residents, and how it benefits local contractors and businesses. He asked the public to reach out to the Housing Department with questions. There are active projects in the city that will soon be bringing revenue in. Councilman Latona requested to have applications for CHIP, PSE&G, ANCHOR, and any additional cost savings for residents at the event on October 27<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLUTION 477-25  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS TO BE PAID THE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2025**

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

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Current Fund               | \$29,877,579.46        |
| Grant Fund                 | \$161,727.22           |
| Open Space Trust           | \$-                    |
| General Capital Fund       | \$849,565.16           |
| Sewer Utility -Operating   | \$1,149,502.12         |
| Sewer Utility-Capital      | \$23,154.99            |
| Developers Escrow          | \$167,353.31           |
| Dog Trust                  | \$16,140.32            |
| Revolving Loan Fund        | \$-                    |
| Police Extra Duty          | \$74,738.50            |
| Trust Other                | \$154,171.66           |
| Section 8 Public Housing   | \$46,961.17            |
| Affordable Housing         | \$712.50               |
| Community Development      | \$54,208.14            |
| Payroll Agency             | \$-                    |
| Tax Title Lien Redemption  | \$-                    |
| Affordable Housing         | \$-                    |
|                            | \$-                    |
| Self Insurance             | \$2,988,613.36         |
| Fire Dedicated Penalties   | \$210.00               |
| Revolving Loan Fund        | \$-                    |
| Tax Title Lien Redemption  | \$-                    |
| Unemployment Trust Fund    | \$13,475.99            |
| Library                    | \$538,446.34           |
| General Liability Trust    | \$203,957.56           |
| Workers Compensation Trust | \$132,319.07           |
| Trust Escrow               | \$-                    |
| Reserve for Housing        | \$-                    |
| Federal DOJ Forfeiture     | \$-                    |
| <b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>        | <b>\$36,452,836.87</b> |

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**RESOLUTION 478-25**  
**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                |
|---------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 906591  | 05/21/2025 | CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ<br>INV# 9002446911 | 2,103.06 | 02-213-40-702-021 | 01-201-27-330-320 |
| 906637  | 06/04/2025 | CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ<br>INV# 9002446914 | 1,660.31 | 02-213-40-702-021 | 01-201-27-330-320 |
| 906726  | 06/18/2025 | CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ<br>INV# 9002446915 | 1,740.82 | 02-213-40-702-021 | 01-201-27-330-320 |
| 906917  | 07/16/2025 | CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ<br>INV# 9002446916 | 1,700.56 | 02-213-40-702-021 | 01-201-27-330-320 |
| 906910  | 07/16/2025 | CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ<br>INV# 9002446917 | 1,861.56 | 02-213-40-702-021 | 01-201-27-330-320 |

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**RESOLUTION 479-25**  
**2025 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, requires that each municipality to annually adopt a Cash Management Plan designed to assure the deposit, investment and proper disbursement of local funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, does hereby adopt the following Cash Management Plan:

**A. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following institutions are designated as permissible depositories for the deposit of City funds:

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CAPITAL ONE                  | KEARNY BANK                    |
| BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.        | PNC BANK, National Association |
| M&T BANK                     | PROVIDENT SAVINGS BANK         |
| BOILING SPRINGS SAVINGS BANK | INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK         |
| BNY MELLON                   | SPENCER SAVINGS BANK, SLA      |
| WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.       | TD BANK, N.A.                  |
| US BANK                      | VALLEY BANK                    |

All depositories must conform to the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA") and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all City funds on deposit.

**B. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS**

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15, into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest-bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Debt Service and Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with Federal and State statutes regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the City, shall be deposited in regular, non-interest-bearing checking accounts unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise. Grant funds shall be deposited in accordance with regulations of the granting government or agency.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of services provided, an agreement between the City and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge.

**C. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

The City may purchase those investments permitted in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, and Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2017-24 and Resolution R531-18, which include:

United States Treasury Bonds, Notes and Bills  
United States Government Agency and Instrumentality Obligations  
Bonds and other obligations of the City of Clifton  
Bonds and other obligations of the Clifton Board of Education  
Commercial Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit  
New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund  
Savings Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit  
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund (NJ/ARM)

The City may purchase other obligations approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of Treasury for investment by local units.

Investments shall be limited to a maturity of not more than one year unless a longer term is permitted by applicable Federal or State regulations. Allowable investments with maturities which extend beyond the end of the City's fiscal year shall be permitted only if interest accrued on the investment is credited to the City at the end of the fiscal year for the purpose of realizing budgetary revenue.

The purchase of Certificates of Deposit shall be made based on the availability of funds for investment and the analysis of projected cash flows. Bids for Certificates of Deposit will be solicited of at least three designated depositories only if the amount available for investment is \$100,000 or greater. Telephone bids will be solicited by the Chief Financial Officer, or designated staff member. Bidders shall specify the principal amount, interest rate and maturity of the investment. A check or wire transfer will be made available to the winning bidder on the same business day the bid is awarded. Where the return on a proposed investment does not exceed the cost of making such an investment, the Chief Financial Officer will not make the investment. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the discretion to award an investment to the depository wherein the funds reside, should that institution's quoted interest rate be less than other quoted rates, and the differential in interest rates is not more than twenty-five (25) basis points (0.25%), providing that the term of the investment is thirty (30) days or less. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the discretion to reject all bids.

**D. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed by the City Council, except that the Chief Financial Officer shall have the authority to make disbursements prior to receiving the approval of the Municipal Council in extreme emergencies where the safety of the public is jeopardized. In addition, the following disbursements may be made prior to receiving approval of the Municipal Council:

|                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| County Taxes                  | Petty Cash Reimbursements          |
| County Open Space Taxes       | Postage                            |
| Debt Service                  | Purchase of Investments            |
| Insurance Premiums            | Salaries and Wages                 |
| Interfunds                    | School Taxes                       |
| Public Library Tax Levy       | Self-Insurance Payments            |
| Payroll Withholding Amounts   | Special Improvement District Taxes |
| Passaic Valley Sewer Payments | State of NJ Pension Obligations    |
| Public Utility Payments       | Health Care Claims                 |

- Manual Checks as approved in writing by the City Manager

For disbursements relative to payroll tax withholding, the City Council may authorize the use of a servicer to take possession of local unit funds and execute the disbursements of the City to the taxing authorities. Tasks to be performed by the servicer may include report preparation, calculation of withholding and direct deposit of payroll disbursements.

The Chief Financial Officer is designated the “approval officer” responsible for authorizing and supervising the activities of the servicer. In cases where the servicer takes possession of local unit funds for payment of payroll claims, the approval officer is charged with ensuring that payments are made on a timely basis by regularly securing third party confirmation of such.

Disbursements shall be executed via electronic wire transfer of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, or designated staff member, when that method of payment will result in a financial benefit to the City in the form of increased investment income.

All disbursements of funds held by the City, either electronic or by check, will require two (2) authorized signatures or approvals before any disbursement can be completed.

**E. PETTY CASH FUND / EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENTS**

Reimbursements for expenditures through the Petty Cash Fund shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Fund shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Individual reimbursements from the Petty Cash Fund shall not exceed \$45 per item. The following Petty Cash Fund is maintained:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Recreation | \$200 |
|------------|-------|

All other properly documented petty cash expenditures will be reimbursed to an employee on their semi-monthly paychecks, as a non-taxable reimbursement.

All employee expenditure reimbursements will be reimbursed on their semi-monthly payroll checks. These approved reimbursements will also be a non-taxable reimbursement.

**F. BONDING**

The following officials shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

|                         |                          |                               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Chief Financial Officer | Tax Collector            | City Treasurer                |
| Court Administrator     | Municipal Court Judge(s) | Deputy Court Administrator(s) |

Staff members of the Department of Finance and Tax Collection not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond.

**G. P-CARD PROGRAM**

The City of Clifton currently has P-Cards (Purchase Cards) program with Bank of America. The Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) is designated the “Program Manager” is compliance with Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2018-13. Individual City Credit Cards are not authorized to be issued or used by any employee under the auspices of the City of Clifton.

**H. CLAIMANT CERTIFICATION**

Per City of Clifton Ordinance 7640-21, authorized by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs with Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2018-13, purchase orders below the State authorized quote threshold, and vendors with contracts of file with the City’s Legal Department do not require a signature from the Vendor. All Department Head must sign off on all other requirements of a purchase order in compliance with applicable Purchasing Laws.

**I. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)**

The Local Fiscal Affairs Lawn (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.5) has authorized Municipalities to pay vendor’s electronically, in lieu of paper checks. Local Finance Notice (LFN) 2018-13 gives guidance on such policies required to protect the City. The Finance Office created a policy for EFTs, and shall be authorized to utilize EFTs as necessary (Resolution R438-20)

**J. COMPLIANCE**

The Cash Management Plan of the City of Clifton shall be subject to the approval of the City's Legal Counsel and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of City funds shall deposit them as instructed by this Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If, at any time, this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulation of the State of New Jersey, or any department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

**K. BANK SIGNATURES**

All Bank Accounts with the City of Clifton require a minimum of two signatures to issue payment. Authorized City Employees are:

1. Chief Financial Officer – Joseph Kunz
2. City Manager – Gary DeMarzo
3. City Treasurer - Edith Mayton
4. City Comptroller – Jyoti Sharma

The exception to this rule is the Police Department’s Forfeiture Fund, which requires both:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Police Chief

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**RESOLUTION 480-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$200,000.00 from the Passaic County Open Space Grant Award for Washington Park Playground and wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$200,000.00

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:  
Passaic County Open Space – Washington Park Playground- \$200,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$200,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:  
Passaic County Open Space – Washington Park Playground- \$200,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 481-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$24,951.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officers (NJACCHO) for Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant amendment (07/01/2024 to 03/31/2026) and wishes to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to include these amounts as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$24,951.00, Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:  
NJACCHO Sustaining Local Public Health (07/01/2024 to 03/31/2026) - \$24,951.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$24,951.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:

NJACCHO Sustaining Local Public Health (07/01/2024 to 03/31/2026) - \$24,951.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 482-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$105,203.00 from the County of Passaic for providing Senior Transportation Services for elderly and residents with disabilities and wishes to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of

Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$105,203.00 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:  
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:  
Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Grant -\$105,203.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$105,203.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:  
Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Grant -\$105,203.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 483-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received notice of an award of \$64,788.00 from the State of New Jersey Department of Health and wishes to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the correction and /or insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$64,788.00 Which is now available as a revenue from:

|                                                                      |                                                                                               |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Miscellaneous Revenues: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated |                                                                                               |                    |
| With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the                    |                                                                                               |                    |
| Division of Local Government Services:                               |                                                                                               |                    |
| State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:              |                                                                                               |                    |
| <u>Department</u>                                                    | <u>Department Code</u>                                                                        | <u>Amount</u>      |
| Health Department                                                    | Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026 –<br>Outbreak Preparedness (OP)               | \$22,254.00        |
| Health Department                                                    | Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity<br>2026 –Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) | \$42,534.00        |
| Total                                                                |                                                                                               | <b>\$64,788.00</b> |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$64,788.00 be and the same is hereby correctly appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations: (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:  
  

|                   |                        |               |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Department</u> | <u>Department Code</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|

|                   |                                                                                               |                    |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Health Department | Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2026 –<br>Outbreak Preparedness (OP)               | \$22,254.00        |
| Health Department | Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity<br>2026 –Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) | \$42,534.00        |
|                   | Total                                                                                         | <b>\$64,788.00</b> |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 484-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton will receive \$12,704.40 from the 2023 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and wishes to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$12,704.40

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of the  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with Appropriations:

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2023 Grant \$12,704.40

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$12,704.40 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by Revenues:

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2023 Grant \$12,704.40

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 485-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and



**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton will receive \$10,618.20 from the 2024 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and wishes to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$10,618.20

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2024 Grant \$10,618.20

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$10,618.20 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2024 Grant \$10,618.20

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 486-25**

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2025 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received a \$17,500.00 grant from the County of Passaic for the Clifton Police Station House Adjustment Program 2025, and seeks to amend the 2025 Municipal Budget to reflect this amount as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 for the sum of \$17,500.00

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Clifton Police Station House Adjustment Program 2025 \$17,500.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$17,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Clifton Police Station House Adjustment Program 2025 \$17,500.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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**RESOLUTION 487-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2025 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER TAXES, AND THE 2025 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 23.03 LOT 11, 37 LOCKWOOD DR, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Shalon B. Moore, the owner of a single-family residence located at Block 23.03 Lot 11, 37 Lockwood Dr. has been declared 100% disabled as of June 27, 2025, by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

**WHEREAS** Shalon B. Moore 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 Shalon B. Moore is entitled to the cancellation and refund of a portion of 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 June 27, 2025, and hereby authorizes the cancellation of 100% of the taxes and refund of a portion of the 2025 second quarter property taxes and the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property in the amount of \$3,219.21.

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

1. To cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of the 2025 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$127.76 and the 2025 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$3, 091.45 for a total refund in the amount of \$3,219.21 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.

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**RESOLUTION 488-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR  
THIRD STREET SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS  
(NJDOT STATE AID)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**: that the contract for the **THIRD STREET SIDEWALK AND CURB IMPROVEMENTS (NJDOT STATE AID)** be and the same is hereby awarded to **GRANADA CONSTRUCTION of Newark, New Jersey**, the low bidder meeting the specifications at a grand total bid price of **\$340,795.80**, in accordance with bids received on **September 23, 2025**, and recommended by communication dated **September 24, 2025** to the Mayor and Council; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are authorized and directed hereby to execute such contract, upon approval by the Law Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton. The appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is:

Grant: 02-213-40-700-733 \$339,500.00

Capital: 04-215-55-973-403 \$1,295.80

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**RESOLUTION 489-25**

**RESOLUTION RELEASING GUARANTEES FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS:  
1128 SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATES LLC, 635 BRIGHTON ROAD  
BLOCK 42.16, LOT 6**

**WHEREAS**, 1128 Springfield Associates LLC (the Developer) originally posted with the City of Clifton First Indemnity Bond No. FP0025855 in the amount of \$22,710.00 for public improvements and privately owned buffer landscaping for the facility located at 635 Brighton Road, designated as Block 42.16, Lot 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton Engineering Department has inspected the site improvements and finds that the Developer has satisfactorily completed all the work in accordance with the approved plan, and is acceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has submitted to the City of Clifton Maintenance Bonds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Developers Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the site improvements at 635 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey, Block 42.16, Lot 6 are accepted, the City Engineer is hereby directed to return the Performance Bond and all escrow funds to 1128 Springfield Associates LLC.

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**RESOLUTION 490-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1  
RAVINE PARK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS  
JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2023, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R-480-23 awarding a contract to **JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO.** of CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for the **RAVINE PARK SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS** in the amount of \$705,908.00; 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 **JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO.** in the amount of \$44,500.00 a 6.30% 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 \$44,500.00 an 6.30% INCREASE; and

**WHEREAS**, the total contract amount is now **\$750,408.00.**

**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.

Capital Account: 08-215-55-949-103

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**RESOLUTION 491-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR AND STAIR CHAIRS FOR CITY OF CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENTS OFF THE BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the City has, and continues to have, a need to purchase medical supplies, which are available off of the Bergen County Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Association (11BCCP), the DLGS approved sister cooperative under Bergen County (CK04), from which a contract for First Responder Emergency Medical Equipment and Supplies, BC-Bid-24-15, was awarded to, Stryker Sales Corporation - Medical Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the above contract, BC-Bid-24-15, where quotes for First Responder Emergency Medical Equipment and Supplies may be obtained from Stryker Sales Corporation , via Bergen County, for the term of July 1, 2024 through to June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton Fire Department requires the procurement of defibrillators and stair chairs to ensure that two newly acquired ambulances are fully equipped to operate safely, effectively, and in compliance with emergency medical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, defibrillators are critical lifesaving devices in the treatment of cardiac emergencies, including ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia, and their immediate availability can mean the difference between life and death; and

**WHEREAS**, stair chairs are essential equipment for safely transporting patients in multi-story buildings or confined spaces, reducing the risk of injury to both patients and EMS personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton intends to purchase two (2) defibrillators and two (2) stair chairs from **Stryker Sales Corporation, 2825 Air view Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI 49002**, under **Bergen County Cooperative Contract BC-BID-24-15**, for a total amount of **\$18,461.72**; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned procurements as needed from the above named awarded contractors off the Bergen County’s NJCPA Cooperative Contract No. BC-Bid-24-15, through to June 30, 2026; and

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:** Funds are available in 04-215-55-977-301 (**Portable Battery Stair Chairs – EMS**)

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**RESOLUTION 492-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FORM PRINTING AND STATIONERY FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

**WHEREAS**, the current contract for Form Printing and Stationery expires December 31, 2025, with no further statutorily compliant extension options available; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has an ongoing need for the above goods and services, and as such the City Purchasing Agent requests to advertise for and receive bids for the providing of the aforementioned; 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 goods and 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 last Municipal Council meeting in October, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

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**RESOLUTION 493-25**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO GHA TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF FIREWALLS FOR CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOR NETWORK SECURITY SYSTEMS  
OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2028**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton requires the purchase of two (2) new Meraki MX95 Firewalls for the Police Department to replace the existing units which became dysfunctional due to a power outage, and whose warranty expired in June 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of two firewalls is necessary to ensure system redundancy, so that if one fails, another can be used as a backup to maintain uninterrupted network security for the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department obtained two (2) written quotations for the identical Meraki MX95 Firewalls, as follows:

- SHI- 300 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873: \$20,480.02
- GHA Technologies, PO Box 29650, Phoenix, Arizona 85038: \$18,990.47;

**WHEREAS**, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44-a-20.4 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the business entity disclosure certification has been received from EMSL Analytical, Inc. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the determination of value; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, City of Clifton hereby awards a contract to **GHA Technologies**, in the amount of **\$18,990.47**, for the purchase of two Meraki MX95 Firewalls for the Clifton Police Department, for the contract term of **October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028**; 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.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:** funds for this purchase were appropriated in Capital Ordinance O7394-14 and are available in Account No. 04-215-55-977-503.

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**RESOLUTION 494-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT  
FOR WASHINGTON 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 Washington 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 IT 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 \$157,907.95, in accordance with the ESCNJ cooperative contract No. 24/25-01, pursuant to the contract award thereof.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:**

Funding is available from the following accounts:

# 02-213-40-707-120 - Washington Park Playground Grant - \$157,907.95

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**RESOLUTION 495-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND SAFETY  
SURFACING FOR WASHINGTON 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 Washington 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: **Amisha Jariwala, QPA** upon the terms and conditions hereafter stated; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Rubbercycle LLC, located at 1985 Rutgers University Boulevard, Lakewood, NJ 08701, in an amount not to exceed \$124,696.80, 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:

# 02-213-40-707-120- Washington Park Playground Grant- \$42,092.05

# 04-215-55-963-701- Park and Playground Updates - \$10,982.52

# 04-215-55-978-704 – Playgrounds – Normandy, Surgent, Washington - \$71,622.23

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**RESOLUTION 496-25**

**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 Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorized bids to be solicited for City Hall Fueling Station Improvements a second time, with the return date of September 23, 2025 but the bids received substantially exceeded the project cost estimates; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid from T. Slack Environmental Service of Kenilworth, New Jersey was \$832,800.00 (approximately \$100,000 more than the prior low bid) 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 T. Slack Environmental Service is rejected because it substantially exceeds the estimated costs and anticipated appropriation 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, City Manager and City Attorney, or their designees, to engage in negotiations with interested companies as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)(b).

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**RESOLUTION 497-25**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO BE  
“EXTRA MILE DAY” IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton, New Jersey, is a community that acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Clifton is a city that chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges the mission of the Extra Mile America Foundation to create 550 Extra Mile cities and states in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2025 to be “Extra Mile Day in the City of Clifton,” and we urge all our citizens to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country or the world a better place.

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**RESOLUTION 498-25**

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –  
OMAR A. FERNANDEZ - TRUCK DRIVER HEAVY**

**WHEREAS**, September 30, 2025, Truck Driver Heavy, Omar A. Fernandez, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed as a Laborer 1 on August 4, 2014 and his retirement will conclude an 11 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

**OMAR A. FERNANDEZ - TRUCK DRIVER HEAVY**

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 **OMAR A. FERNANDEZ**.

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**RESOLUTION 499-25**

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –  
JOSHIN S. SMITH - POLICE LIEUTENANT**

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2025, Police Lieutenant, Joshin S. Smith, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed as a Police Officer on March 13, 2003 and his retirement will conclude an 22 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

**JOSHIN S. SMITH - POLICE LIEUTENANT**

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 **JOSHIN S. SMITH**.

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**RESOLUTION 500-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO APPLY FOR AND  
OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
AFFAIRS RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
DISABILITIES (ROID) GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS** the City of Clifton desires to apply for and obtain a FY26 ROID grant Application No. 2026-05157-0355 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$10,000.00 to expand services and programming related to the arts, sports and



education for individuals with disabilities through the Clifton Inclusive Wellness and Enrichment Initiative.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,**

- 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2. Recognizes that a 20% match is required; and
- 3. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Clifton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

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**RESOLUTION 501-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND D.I.A.L (DISABLED INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND LIVING) AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 51 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2025 THRU JULY 31, 2026, CONTRACT NUMBER B-25-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and D.I.A.L. (Disabled Information, Awareness and Living), as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2025 thru July 31, 2026, contract number B-25-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 51  
Certification of Funds:

Funds are available in Account #\_17-201-20-118-202

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**RESOLUTION 502-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND BOTANY VILLAGE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 51 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026, CONTRACT NUMBER B-25-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Botany Village Special Improvement District, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, contract number B-25-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is:  
Community Development Block Grant Yr. 51  
Certification of Funds:

Funds are available in Account #17-201-20-118-205

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**RESOLUTION 503-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND FAMILY LITERACY  
PROGRAM AT CLIFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL #17 OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 51  
FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2025 THRU JULY 31, 2026, CONTRACT  
NUMBER B-25-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Family Literacy Program at Clifton Public School #17, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for Year 51 funding for the period August 1, 2025 thru July 31, 2026, contract number B-25-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

Certification of Funds:

Funds are available in Account # \_\_\_\_ 17-201-20-118-206

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**RESOLUTION 504-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CLIFTON, N.J., INC. AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF  
CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 51 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2025 THRU JULY  
31, 2026, CONTRACT NUMBER B-25-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, N.J., Inc., as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2025 thru July 31, 2026, contract number B-25-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$55,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 51

Certification of Funds:

Funds are available in Account # \_ 17-20-201-118-203

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**RESOLUTION 505-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND ST. PETER'S HAVEN AS  
GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 51 FUNDING FOR PERIOD  
AUGUST 1, 2025 THRU JULY 31, 2026,  
CONTRACT NUMBER B-25-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and St. Peter's Haven, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2025 thru July 31, 2026, contract number B-25-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$18,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 51.  
Certification of Funds:

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**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; and

- 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 October 7, 2025 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

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**WHEREAS**, Pilot Fiber NJ LLC (“Pilot Fiber”), seeks to place telecommunication facilities aerially on utility poles or in an underground conduit in the Public Rights-of-Way within the City of Clifton for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 48:3-19 required Pilot Fiber to obtain the consent of the City of Clifton for the joint use of any existing utility poles; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:30A-124(a) provides that a municipality may not impose any fees, taxes, levies or assessments in the nature of a local franchise, right of way, or gross receipts fee, tax, levy or assessment against telecommunications companies but that a municipality may impose reasonable fees for actual services made by any municipal, regional or county governmental agency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Clifton and its citizens to grant consent to Pilot Fiber; and

**WHEREAS**, the consent granted is for the non-exclusive use of the Public Rights-of-Ways for the purpose of owning, constructing, installing, operating, repairing and maintaining a telecommunications system subject to the terms and conditions of the attached Use Agreement with Pilot Fiber.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Clifton, that the City of Clifton is hereby authorized to grant Pilot Fiber a non-exclusive use of the Public Rights-of-Ways for the purpose of owning, constructing, operating, repairing and maintain a telecommunications system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

## **LICENSES**

L-1        Socotra Mediterranean Restaurant

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
FOR ME CUISINE LLC  
T/A SOCOTRA MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT  
ADDRESS 429 PIAGET AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE  
FORMERLY OR NEW AURORA RISTORANTE  
ZONE B-D  
PERMITTED YES  
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO  
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.  
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-2        Brothers Fried Fish

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
FOR BROTHERS FRIED FISH & CHICKEN LLC  
T/A BROTHERS FRIED FISH  
ADDRESS 290 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER/GROCERY  
FORMERLY OR NEW MI BARRUNTO NJ PERUVIAN ANTOJITOS  
ZONE B-C  
PERMITTED YES  
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO  
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.  
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-3        Dera Pastry House

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL  
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF DERA GROUP LLC  
T/A DERA PASTRY HOUSE  
for permission to conduct a:  
RESTAURANT/BAKERY/MILK-CONTINUED  
USE  
for a period ending January 31, 2026 on the premises known as:  
1076 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of  
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-4 Casa Peru

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
FOR CASA PERU LLC  
T/A CASA PERU  
ADDRESS 1239 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE  
FORMERLY OR NEW AJI LIMON DEL FOGON  
ZONE B-C  
PERMITTED YES  
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO  
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.  
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

L-5 Quick Foods

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
FOR AS CLIFTON LLC  
T/A QUICK FOODS  
ADDRESS 50 MARKET ST CLIFTON, NJ 07012  
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER/GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED  
USE  
FORMERLY OR NEW QUICK CHEK  
ZONE B-C  
PERMITTED YES  
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO  
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.  
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-6 Iconic Convenience & Smokes

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL  
FOR ICONIC CONVENIENCE & SMOKES LLC  
T/A ICONIC CONVENIENCE & SMOKES  
ADDRESS 311 CROOKS AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY  
FORMERLY OR NEW NEW  
ZONE B-C  
PERMITTED YES  
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO  
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.  
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-7 Mountainside Inn

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL  
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF MOUNTAINSIDE INN CORP.  
T/A MOUNTAINSIDE INN  
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE  
for a period ending January 31, 2026 on the premises known as:  
509 HAZEL ST CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of  
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, the meeting  
was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

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Raymond Grabowski, Mayor