

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

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

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

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

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

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

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

Pastor Eric Farrar – Hope Reform Church

PRESENTATION

Proclamation ~ FRIENDS of Clifton Public Library 40th Anniversary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Special Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025
Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025
Executive Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

C-1 John Taylor, Public Works, Promoted to Supervisor of Public Works, effective October 16, 2025, at \$75,000.00 annually.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-2 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Committee on Civil Rights on 06/23/2025 & 09/29/2025
C-3 Meeting Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on 08/27/2025 & 09/24/2025
C-4 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Arts Center of 08/25/2025
C-5 Meeting Minutes of PVWC held on 09/2/2025
C-6 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Board of Recreation of 09/29/2025
C-7 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Advisory Beautification Committee on 10/06/2025
C-8 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities on 10/20/25

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8048-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8048-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8048-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 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" (Sets New Maximum Salary Range for Management Information Specialist)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8049-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8049-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8049-25

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 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" (Sets New Maximum Salary Range for Deputy City Clerk)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8050-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8050-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8050-25

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Pino, 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 VI Thereof, Entitled "Confidential Officials and Employees," Section 99-34, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Adds Compensation for Municipal Housing Liaison)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8052-25

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman Gibson and seconded by 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" More Particularly Section 349-1 Thereof, Entitled "Designation of Restricted Streets; Issuance of Permits" (Amends Issuance of permits) and Section 349-3 Thereof, Entitled "Application for Permit; Fee" (Amends Length of Permit from One to Two Years)

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 Monday November 17, 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.

(5-2-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej and Councilwoman Pino voted Nay.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8053-25

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 439-37 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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8054-25

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 5 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8055-25

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 6 Restricted 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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8056-25

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 4 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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8057-25

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 5 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Administration" at Article V Entitled "Division of Law" (Adds Alternate Municipal Prosecutors)

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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8058-25

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 37 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Fire Department," More Particularly Article II Thereof, Entitled "Salaries and Benefits" (Revises Salaries and Benefits for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028)

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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8059-25

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 339 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parades" (Amends Parade Definition, Application Fee, Parade Fee and Penalty Fee)

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 Monday November 17, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Whittles, ASIS International Vice-Chairman, let the council know there is a first responders award luncheon tomorrow in Wood-Ridge at the Fiesta honoring members of the Clifton Police Department.

Nick Valicky noted to the public that Athenia Veterans Hall will be hosting the democratic committee meeting next Wednesday. He advised everyone of the results of Election Day on Tuesday.

Kim Castellano of Power of One announced the Thanksgiving month need for donations, and on Thanksgiving Day a free Thanksgiving Meal will be provided with thanks from the Jewish Center of Clifton, and all are welcome. She thanked Hope Reform Church for allowing Power of One to use their facility for their grief care.

Kaz Plichta advised the Council of a complaint of loud noise, high grass, dust, and idling trucks at all times of the early morning at a bakery on Parsons Road.

Bart Ciervo commented on the idle vehicles around town between DPW and the Police Department and stated it's a waste of gas and bad for the environment. He asked if council members will need to pay back funds for family plans under the health insurance. He believes the country is being taken over by illegal immigrants.

Guy Madsen complimented Councilman Gibson's service to the city. He asked the mayor to use the gavel when meetings get out of control.

Gary Perino complimented the Clifton Police Department officer who handles animal control. He complimented the staff in the City Hall and mentioned several employees by name who helped him.

Donna Popowich thanked all of the residents who have donated to the Little Free Pantries. She commented that there are definitely issues in the city, however we should not sell land. She presented a citizen of the month award to Gary Perino for raising funds for the Little Free Pantries.

Henry Cholozewsky added an additional comment regarding the bakery complaint on Parsons Road and asked the Council for more quality-of-life enforcement.

Prem Tandon asked why Pilot Fiber is allowed to come into Clifton. He feels the permit parking should be a 12-month period, and suggested the idea of parking permits for the transit areas.

Ahmed Abdelbaki criticized the Council on their vote regarding the health benefits. He also spoke in favor of the Palestinian community in Clifton.

Joseph Holzli complained about tree removals on Valley Road.

Richard Albion spoke to the fees the city is proposing and compared it to the fees that could be collected by having the council members pay back their family health insurance fees. He asked when the ordinance was updated. He also asked how many other council members accepted family benefits and who they are. He requested the council hire an outside investigator.

Matt Ward stated the council's responsibility is to the people of the city. He criticized the adoption of the 2025 budget and advised the council to pay attention in 2026.

Gina Scaduto stated that Councilwoman Pino's interference had her husband fired.

Cameron Hebron read the Immigrant Trust Act support resolution into the record and Halima Twan, Erphan Coaja, Jeff Hoey, Stephanie Oguerdo, David Joseph, Colin Brio, and Kayla Dunlevy all spoke regarding support of the Immigrant Trust Act and asked the council to pass the resolution of support.

At 9:15 PM Councilman Gibson left the dais.

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 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, responded to Mr. Holzli's concern about the trees on Valley Road, Parsons Road is an active case within Quality-of-Life. He explained the role of the City Manager and the Council for the public. He advised the public that the Local Board of Utilities will be able to answer questions regarding allowing Pilot Fiber to put their lines throughout Clifton.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej asked the public to pay attention to the way the council votes. He believes the council is stalling approval of the Immigrant Trust Act by asking for the opinions of the Chief of Police, and that there is a moral duty to approve it. He appreciated hearing the positive comments about the staff in City Hall. He advised the public of upcoming events including the Salute to Veterans event November 6th, a nature hike hosted by the Passaic County Board of Commissioners Saturday November 8th from 9-11am, a learn how to make your own pizza workshop at Uno's Pizzeria on November 15th, and other events posted to Clifton Recreation website. He asked for one of the Passaic Valley Water representatives to attend a meeting. He noted the ordered revaluation and asked for information of when the inspections will begin.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino noted Clifton behind-the-scenes will be November 13th, she thanked the public for attending the last event and thanked Mike Solomon for his help. She noted family birthdays on the record. She congratulated candidates who won their race during Election Day on November 4th. She congratulated Friends of Clifton Library on their 40th anniversary. Paterson FMBA provided a volunteer opportunity to the ECHO youth program, which she thanked them for. She noted the diversity in the city and welcomed the public to embrace it. She asked the civic organizations who participate in the flag raising ceremonies to be aware of the upcoming changes to be introduced for the flag raising ceremonies.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato apologized for arriving late to the meeting. There will be a Cornucopia of Kindness food drive that will be held at JK Realty's office on November 8th from 11am-3pm. The Third River clean-up has begun and there is debris being cleared away. There will be no news on the larger project with the Army Corp of Engineers until after the Federal Government re-opens. He asked the City Manager to check on the bakery on Parsons Road, which the City Manager replied he will keep the council updated on the status. The e-bike situation should be addressed as it has become more than a quality-of-life issue, and he asked for the city attorney's attention to the ordinances passed by other municipalities in the state. He lastly commented on his support of the Immigrant Trust Act resolution, and he cited the fourth amendment of the United States Constitution prohibiting unlawful search and seizure.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula thanked Councilman D'Amato for mentioning the Third River clean-up, and noted she would like a written report or email on the status to advise the residents. She asked for an item to be added to the next meeting to increase the parking fee for developments that are short on parking spaces. The city needs to be able to fund building parking garages. Additionally, another item was requested to be put on the next meeting's agenda to discuss the sidewalks. The City Manager will be giving an update on the furlough plan on November 17th. The revaluation in the city will be affecting all residents. She requested a list of past council members who received family benefits. The bakery on Parsons Road was mentioned again, and she reminded the public there is an ordinance for nuisance in the city and they shouldn't have to wait for the County to come out with a tool to measure the noise level. She noted selective enforcement for the recycling program, and there should be consistent enforcement or no program at all.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona congratulated the newly elected leaders across the state. The unclaimed funds event at City Hall last week gave back over \$100,000, and he thanked the administration and all departments for participation and getting residents to sign up for the state rebate programs. The Veteran's Day parade is Sunday November 9th, 1:00 PM Athenia Veteran's Post to City Hall. He noted that fellow colleagues Councilwoman Pino and Councilman Gibson's birthdays are coming up on the 15th. He complimented the staff and administration at the high school for volunteering their time to give out all 3,500 meals. He noted the time change with Daylight Savings Time ending and advised the public to be aware of traffic and pedestrians. He discussed the recent tragedy in Paterson, and the public needs to change the batteries in their smoke detectors regularly. He plans to discuss the budget, grants, efficiencies, restructuring, RFP's, layoffs and furloughs in the next few weeks. The trees and sidewalks need to be on an agenda for December. He reiterated some of the public comments about the Police Department awards and Election Day. He asked for the discussion about finding solutions for the budget crisis to be put on the next meeting. He noted his request for the Chief of Police's input on the Immigrant Trust Act.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated the Friends of Clifton Library, and the Election Day winners. He noted his opposition to layoffs and furloughs. He also sympathizes for the public and added his support for the Immigrant Trust Act. The Veteran's Day Parade is Sunday at 2:00 PM and he hopes the public comes out to support our veterans.

RESOLUTIONS

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

**RESOLUTION 535-25
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS TO BE PAID THE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025**

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

Current Fund	\$16,372,009.29
Grant Fund	\$91,011.66
Open Space Trust	\$-
General Capital Fund	\$2,160,708.14
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$2,220,747.34
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$39,710.00
Developers Escrow	\$9,376.25
Dog Trust	\$1,974.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Police Extra Duty	\$92,684.50
Trust Other	\$132,047.61
Section 8 Public Housing	\$113.31
Affordable Housing	\$660.00
Community Development	\$24,416.12
Payroll Agency	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Affordable Housing	\$-
	\$-
Self Insurance	\$1,099,258.09
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$-
Library	\$92,029.23
General Liability Trust	\$167,881.97
Workers Compensation Trust	\$47,019.22
Trust Escrow	\$-
Reserve for Housing	\$-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$22,551,646.73

RESOLUTION 536-25

RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANT APPROPRIATION BALANCE

WHEREAS, there exists Grant Appropriation Balances that are no longer valid as grants have expired in the Grant Fund of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to close said grants and remove these grants from the records of the City of Clifton’s Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has researched these balances to confirm the validity of the grants below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the following grants be closed and all financial records be canceled thereby closed from the records of the City of Clifton; and

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Grant Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-213-40-702-018	NJ Dept Health – Local Health Capacity	\$13,121.00
02-213-40-702-021	MOU PCHD Childhood Lead Poisoning	\$49,227.63
02-213-40-705-092	Station House Adjustment Program	\$ 45,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk’s Office send a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the City Auditors and the Finance Office.

RESOLUTION 537-25

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXTENDED GRACE PERIOD OF THE 4TH QUARTER, 2025 TAX PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON OCTOBER 1, 2025

WHEREAS, during an extended federal government shutdown, P.L. 2019, c. 491 authorizes municipalities to adopt an extended property tax grace period applicable to a property taxpayer (or their spouse/civil union partner/domestic partner) who is either:

- An employee of a federal government agency who is furloughed because of a shutdown, and 1) receives unemployment benefits during the shutdown, or 2) who works during a shutdown but is not paid because of the shutdown; or
- A contractor whose pay is received through a contract with a federal government agency but whose payment is delayed or diminished because of a shutdown, provided that the contractor receives unemployment benefits during the shutdown.

WHEREAS, A municipality may adopt a resolution extending the grace period for the above-referenced qualifying individuals to on or before the date upon which the next property tax installment payment is payable. For example, for the November 1 property tax installment, the grace period would extend to February 1. However, a municipality can only apply the extended grace period if the federal shutdown is greater than 21 days in duration and the shutdown either 1) remains in effect as of the property tax installment due date; or 2) concludes less than 14 days prior to the property tax installment due date. This extended grace period only applies to property taxes and not to local assessments or other municipal charges.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector shall forward the resolution to the Division no later than the third business day following adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the Tax Collector to extend the grace period for the above qualifying individuals with proof of such criteria if the federal shutdown is greater than twenty one (21) days in duration and the shutdown either 1) 1) remains in effect as of the property tax installment due date; or 2) concludes less than 14 days prior to the property tax installment due date. This extended grace period only applies to property taxes and not to local assessments or other municipal charges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector shall forward the resolution to the Division of Local Government Services no later than the third business day following adoption.

RESOLUTION 538-25

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER
2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, transfers between budget appropriations are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2025 Sewer Utility Budget Appropriations are expected to be insufficient to meet the expenditure requirements through the end of the fiscal year, and certain 2025 budget appropriations are expected to have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds thereof affirmatively concurring) that the transfers as listed between 2025 Municipal Budget Appropriations be made in the Sewer Utility:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount – From:</u>	<u>Amount – To:</u>
Sewer System Salaries Exp.	07-201-26-291-101		\$ 25,000.00
Sewer Auditing Expense	07-201-20-135-334	\$ 25,000.00	
Total Transfer Amount:		<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 539-25

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER
2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, transfers between budget appropriations are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2025 Municipal Budget Appropriations are expected to be insufficient to meet the expenditure requirements through the end of the fiscal year, and certain 2025 budget appropriations are expected to have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds thereof affirmatively concurring) that the transfers as listed between 2025 Municipal Budget Appropriations be made in the Current Fund:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount – From:</u>	<u>Amount – To:</u>
City Manager – S&W	01-201-20-100-101	\$ 40,000.00	
City Manager – OE	01-201-20-100-320		\$ 10,000.00
City Clerk – S&W	01-201-20-120-101		\$ 40,000.00
City Clerk – OE	01-201-20-120-210		\$ 40,000.00
Financial Admin – OE	01-201-20-130-503		\$ 40,000.00
Tax Collector – OE	01-201-20-150-224		\$ 10,000.00
Economic Dev. – S&W	01-201-20-170-102	\$ 40,000.00	
Engineering – OE	01-201-20-165-224	\$ 35,000.00	
Zoning & Planning – S&W	01-201-21-180-106	\$ 50,000.00	
Fire Dept – OE	01-201-25-265-600		\$ 60,000.00
Building Dept – OE	01-201-26-290-405	\$ 50,000.00	
Roads Dept – S&W	01-201-26-292-109		\$ 50,000.00
Roads Dept – OE	01-201-26-292-219	\$ 50,000.00	
Public Works Admin – S&W	01-201-26-300-101	\$ 20,000.00	
Vehicle Maint – S&W	01-201-26-315-101		\$ 20,000.00
Vehicle Maint – OE	01-201-26-315-202	\$ 50,000.00	
Health & Welfare – S&W	01-201-27-330-102	\$150,000.00	
Health & Welfare – OE	01-201-27-330-316		\$ 15,000.00
Senior Citizens – S&W	01-201-27-336-101	\$ 25,000.00	
Animal Control – S&W	01-201-27-340-101		\$ 15,000.00
Electric and Nat. Gas	01-201-31-440-261		\$200,000.00
Street Lighting	01-201-31-435-275		\$150,000.00
Telephone	01-201-31-440-268		\$100,000.00
Sanitation – OE	01-201-32-465-503	\$200,000.00	
Total Transfer Amount:		<u>\$750,000.00</u>	<u>\$750,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 540-25

**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 \$568,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Routes to School Program, 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 \$568,000.00

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:
New Jersey DOT FY2025 Safe Routes to School - \$568,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$568,000.00 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:
New Jersey DOT FY2025 Safe Routes to School - \$568,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval through the State’s FAST Portal.

RESOLUTION 541-25

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
907568	10/22/2025	Marie Lupo PO 63245 INV#9/30/25,10/4/25	320.00	01-201-27-330-503	02-213-40-702-021
907523	10/08/2025	Marie Lupo PO 62953 INV# 9/8/25-9/22/25	320.00	01-201-27-330-503	02-213-40-702-021
907524	10/08/2025	Marie Lupo PO 62737 INV# 8/26/25 & 8/29/25	160.00	01-201-27-330-503	02-213-40-702-021
907276	09/03/2025	Marie Lupo PO 62386 INV# 7/30/25-8/8/25, 8/14/25	360.00	01-201-27-330-503	02-213-40-702-021
907086	08/07/2025	Marie Lupo PO 61986 INV# 7/14/25-7/17/25	360.00	01-201-27-330-503	02-213-40-702-021
27793	10/08/2025	Language Line PO 62714 INV#11667754 INV#11702773	375.70	01-201-27-330-269	02-213-40-702-021
27893	10/22/2025	Language Line PO 63162 INV# 11729146	153.00	01-201-27-330-269	02-213-40-702-021
27564	08/20/2025	New Jersey Department of Env. Protection PO 62093 INV#2500606960	224.00	01-201-27-330-328	02-213-40-702-021

RESOLUTION 542-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2025 3RD QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 56.03 LOT 6, 105 BRIGHTON RD, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, Daro Melendez has made an application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for an exemption on the dwelling of a 100% permanent totally disabled veteran for the property located at Block 56.03 Lot 6, 105 Brighton Road; and

WHEREAS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. as amended by P.L.2019, c.413; N.J.A.C. 18:28-1.1 et seq, the Tax Assessor has approved the exemption and because Mr. Melendez occupies 100% of the dwelling the disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption on 100% of the property; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Veteran Affairs determined an effective date of the 100% Permanent & Total Disability of July 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS in reference to any retroactive refund, pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32, the governing body of each municipality, at its discretion, may return all taxes collected on property which would have been exempt had proper claim in writing been made at the time of the exemption; and

WHEREAS by virtue of the approved 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran exemption, Daro Melendez is entitled to the cancellation of a portion of the 2025 third quarter property taxes on the subject property, and at the governing body’s discretion, to refund a portion of the 2025 third quarter taxes in the amount of \$2,183.33; and

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

- 1. To cancel the property taxes for the 2025 fourth quarter and to cancel and refund the pro-rated portion of the 2025 third quarter property taxes for a total refund of \$2,183.33.
- 2. To keep the subject 100% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

RESOLUTION 543-25

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R530-25 AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN PROPERTIES AND BILL PROPERTY OWNERS AND COLLECT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY CITY OF CLIFTON FOR EMERGENCY ORDER CLEAN-UPS

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

WHEREAS, an amendment is required on the address and total amount of the lien approved at the October 21, 2025 Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton took emergency clean-up action on the properties and expended funds from its revolving lien account, **inclusive of \$150 Administrative Fee**, as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>	<u>Total Lien</u>
56 5 th Avenue Blk 9.09, Lot 30	\$ 662.89	\$ 150.00	\$ 812.89
43 Christie Avenue Blk 2.11, Lot 20	\$ 662.89	\$ 150.00	\$ 812.89
206 W. 3 rd Street Blk 16.09, Lot 17	\$ 601.29	\$ 150.00	\$ 751.29

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that R530-25 be hereby amended and that the Tax Collector is authorized to lien the properties as set forth above, and to take whatever action is necessary to accomplish reimbursement from the property owners for the current expenditures and any expenditures incurred in the future.

RESOLUTION 544-25

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING

BE IT RESOLVED: that the contract for the **2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING** be and the same is hereby awarded to **VORTEX SERVICES of Freehold, New Jersey**, the low bidder meeting the specifications at a grand total bid price of **\$239,050.00**, in accordance with bids received on **October 21, 2025**, and recommended by communication dated **October 30, 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:

Certification of Funds:
Funds are Available in CDBG Sewer Improvements Yr 50
Account #17-201-20-117-101

RESOLUTION 545-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FURNISHING AND INSTALLING OF
VEHICLE EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF
TOUR COMMANDER VEHICLE OFF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY
OF CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department is seeking to install the required emergency lights and equipment like center command console, rear slide out cabinet for upfitting the new deputy chief tour commander vehicle, the cost of which is under the Local Public Contracts Law bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief obtained two proposals for the same:-

Northeast Communications Inc.	NJSC 83898	\$37,460.52
1075 Emergency Lighting LLC	HGAC AM10-23	\$47,800.00

WHEREAS, Northeast Communications Inc. located at 244 East Union Turnpike Wharton, NJ 07885, is a proven Clifton vendor, and reputable outfitter/installer, which was awarded NJ State contract 83898 and 17-FLEET-00749, for Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies, which encompasses the outfitting equipment and lights; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed not to exceed amount for the furnishing and installing of the above equipment is \$37,460.52, via NJ State Contract 83898 and 17-FLEET-00749; and,

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent has reviewed and verified the above NJ State contract provides the lights, equipment, and services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Northeast Communications Inc. located at 244 East Union Turnpike Wharton, NJ 07885, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00749 and 83898, for a total not to exceed amount of \$37,460.52.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: funds shall be available in the following account number: 04-215-55-971-302

RESOLUTION 546-25

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION R336-25
PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 40-YARD ROOFED ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution R336-25, the City awarded a contract to purchase Two (2) 40 Yard Roll-off Containers from Rudco Products Inc in an amount not to exceed \$17,690.00; and,

WHEREAS, inadvertently it was later determined that the original proposal did not include the required hook combination necessary for compatibility with the City's existing roll-off and hook-lift trucks and cost of \$1,430.00 was omitted from the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the above contract for purchase of Two (2) 40 Yard Roll-off Containers, after including the cost of hook combinations, brings the total not to exceed contract amount to \$19,120.00; and

WHEREAS, even with the added cost, Rudco Products Inc. remains the lowest responsible quote; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution R336-25 and the Contract with Rudco Products Inc. Located at 114 East Oak Road, P.O. Box 705, Vineland, NJ 08360, be and hereby is amended to increase the amount by \$1,430.00, bringing the contract total not to exceed dollar amount to \$19,120.00; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council is authorized and directed to implement and execute the contract amendment, upon approval by the Law Department.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number: 02-213-40-706-002– Recycling Tonnage Grant Account

RESOLUTION 547-25

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PREPARATION OF SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION SPECIFICATIONS TO DeFeo ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS, the professional consulting services to be performed are below the bid threshold under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and accordingly, a contract may be awarded without public advertising for bids in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

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

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from DeFeo Associates and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for the preparation of solid waste collection specifications is hereby awarded to **DeFeo Associates**, of Warren Township, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scope of services shall include the following tasks, billed on a per-task basis as outlined in the DeFeo Associates proposal dated **August 19, 2025**:

1. **Preparation of bid documents** for solid waste collection and disposal, including vegetative waste collection and an option for curbside collection of commingled recycling.
 - *Fixed Fee Charge: \$11,950.00*
2. **Participation in meetings** with the procurement team consisting of City staff and counsel:
 - Prepare materials for draft bid specifications – *\$995.00 per meeting*
 - Review draft bid specifications – *\$995.00 per meeting*
 - Attend pre-bid meeting – *\$995.00 per meeting*
 - Attend City Council or review meetings as required – *\$975.00 per meeting*
 - Attend additional meetings as needed – *\$950.00 per meeting*
3. **Assist in preparation of addenda** and responses to bidder questions.
 - *Fixed Fee Charge: \$4,995.00*
4. **Review of bid submissions** to determine compliance with requirements, investigate bidder responses, and prepare a report of findings.
 - *Fixed Fee Charge: \$4,750.00*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total cost of the contract between **Phase 1 and Phase 2** is **\$31,605.00**, however, in the event that additional unplanned meetings or tasks are required, the contract shall be authorized as a **not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000.00** (if authorized by the City Manager), and invoices shall be paid accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Mayor and City Clerk** are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement on behalf of the **City of Clifton**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this contract are available in the following accounts: **Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Account** – 02-213-40-706-002 (Balance: \$188,631.00) **Clean Communities Grant Account** – 02-213-40-706-001 (Balance: \$204,506.00).

RESOLUTION 548-25

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR DEFLECTION TRAINING FOR CLIFTON
POLICE, FIRE, AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EMPLOYEES TO CORDATA
HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes the ongoing need to provide its first responders and public health personnel with the skills necessary to effectively engage individuals experiencing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the **Deflection Training Academy** offered by **Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc.** provides specialized, dual-certified, cross-sector training designed to enhance deflection and diversion techniques for public safety and health professionals; and

WHEREAS, City staff members who have previously completed this training have found it to be an invaluable resource, with many utilizing these deflection techniques in day-to-day situations to de-escalate and positively resolve encounters involving individuals in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Deflection Training Academy is **\$26,775.00**, as per the price quote provided by Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc.; and

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

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from **Cordata Healthcare Innovations located at 8150 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 210 Cincinnati Ohio 45242**, and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby;

WHEREAS, the proposed training will be fully funded through the City's **Opioid Settlement Funds**, with no additional cost to the taxpayers of the City of Clifton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the **City of Clifton** hereby authorizes the use of **\$26,775.00** from the City's **Opioid Settlement Funds** for the purpose of providing **Deflection Training Academy** instruction to the City's Police, Fire, and Health and Human Services employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Mayor and City Clerk** are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements with **Cordata Healthcare Innovations, Inc.**, to carry out this training initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this contract are available in the following accounts:

Opioid Settlement Funds Account - 15-286-58-001-001

RESOLUTION 549-25

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTION R041-22 CENSURING
COUNCILMEMBER MARY SADRAKULA**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton during the 2019-2022 term adopted Resolution 041-22 censuring Councilmember Mary Sadrakula on January 18, 2022, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, based upon findings made by Retired Judge Ralph C. De Luccia dated December 3, 2021, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council during the 2023-2026 term have reconsidered Resolution 041-22 based upon a report from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs dated September 17, 2025, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby rescind Resolution R041-22.

RESOLUTION 550-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE
BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND THELMA FRANCO (CLIFTON HOME
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2019, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Thelma Franco, a mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 94 Monhegan Street, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 36.10, Lot 5); and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the Clifton Home Improvement Program has advised that the aforesaid mortgages has expired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute Cancellation of Mortgage in a form satisfactory to the Law Department.

RESOLUTION 551-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES
NOVEMBER 2025 AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the following motor vehicles have been abandoned and **WHEREAS**, it is required that the sale of same be approved by the Governing Body of the Municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the following motor vehicles be authorized for sale in accordance with N.J.S.A.: 14 - 157, N.J.S.A. 39: 10A-1 AND N.J.S.A. 40A: 11 - 36 subject to the minimum bid of \$10.00 plus starting bid price as per market value.

E.C.R.B. 65 CLIFTON BLVD 973-773-2929

2016 KIA FORTE	KNAFK 4A69G 54451 83
2015 AUDI Q3	WA1EF CFS6F R0076 76
2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	5NPDH 4AE9D H4018 60
2012 VOLKSWAGEN CC	WVWMP 7AN0C E5030 51
2024 FLY WING SOLANO	HZ2TA BGF3R 10064 16
2023 JLG TANK	L5YT0 KBD5P 11450 32
2006 JAGUAR X-TYPE	SAJWA 51A96 WE906 37
2023 ZHEJANG RAZOR	LUJTC LPR1P A0109 89
2007 FORD MUSTANG	1ZVFT 84N07 52766 94
2024 TAIZHOU ZHILONG SCOOTER	HZ2TB CNFXR 10093 35
2015 HONDA CIVIC	JHMZF 1D48F S0007 22
2024 TRANSPRO MOPED	LLPVG BAA7R 10301 29
2024 BLAZE ROME	H0DTA DFN3R X0845 16

NEW TRIMBLE AUTO BODY 214 TRIMBLE AVE 973-417-0000

2024 WOLF BLAZE 150	H0DTA DFNXR X0844 95
2007 NISSAN VERSA	3N1BC 11E97 L4189 14
2023 FLY WING RAZOR 150	HZ2TB CNF4P 10021 35
2009 NISSAN ALTIMA	1N4AL 21E59 N5240 90
2009 MERCEDES-BENZ 300	WDDGF 81X29 R0576 45
2007 NISSAN FRONTIER	1N6AD 09W57 C4624 46

NICOLETTE TOWING 618 LEXINGTON AVE 973-253-0025

2024 FLY WING 150 SCOOTER	HZ2TB CNF4R 10047 76
2015 BMW 750	WBAYF 8C54F D6545 37

TELEP MOTORS 574 VAN HOUTEN AVE 973-779-0283

2024 FLY WING SOLANA	HZ2TA BGF9R 10054 16
2019 HYUNDAI SONATA	5NPE2 4AF7K H8069 21
2022 BENELLI TNT135	LBBPE A073N BD268 69
2004 FORD F550	1FDAW 56P44 EC067 85
2012 FORD F350	1FT8W 3CT2C EC602 68

RESOLUTION 552-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SERELEM, INC./JUAN
MELENDRES T/A J ALDO’S BAR & PIZZERIA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Serelem, Inc./Juan Melendres T/A Aldo’s Bar & Pizzeria of 40 Highland Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

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

DJ Music Karaoke

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION 553-25

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP, FOR PILOT ANALYSIS

- WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton requires the services of a qualified professional firm to prepare an analysis of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) program; and
- WHEREAS**, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, is an accounting firm authorized by law to conduct a practice as Certified Public Accountants and Registered Municipal Accountants, recognized professions, the practice of which are regulated by law; and
- WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Municipal Council desire to award a contract for the required professional services for the City of Clifton to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, for the purpose of preparing an analysis of a PILOT program at a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be paid from the developer’s escrow account in accordance with proposal dated October 31, 2025; and
- WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional and/or extraordinary unspecifiable services, within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefor without public advertising for bids and bidding in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A:11-5*; and
- WHEREAS**, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A 19:44-A-20.5*; and
- WHEREAS**, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the accountant and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and
- WHEREAS**, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

- I. A contract in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department be awarded to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, for professional services, the fee to be paid for said contract not to exceed \$10,000.00
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- II. The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.
- III. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.
- IV. The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Clifton.
- V. The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

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

Awarded to:	Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ
Services:	PILOT Analysis
Amount:	Not to Exceed \$10,000.00
Term:	Until completion

**RESOLUTION 554-25
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- CON-1 Parade Ordinance (O8059-25)
- CON-2 Employment Status of Municipal Court Personnel
- CON-3 Potential Litigation – Chief Financial Officer
- CON-4 Update of Liability Claims SA v. City of Clifton, et al. Docket No.: PAS-L-3491-25
- CON-5 Civil Service Title Classification Review
- CON-6 Iconic Convenience & Smokes, LLC t/a Iconic Convenience & Smokes License Application
- CON-7 Personnel
- CON-8 Late Item – Appointment of Hearing Officer – Brain W. Kronick, Esq.

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 November 5, 2025 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion held at such closed session can be disclosed to the public on or about the time the matter is concluded.

RESOLUTION 555-25

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR HEARING OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS
AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON NOVEMBER 5, 2025 TO NOVEMBER 4,
2026**

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to authorize contracts to the attorneys listed below to have them available to assist on an as-needed basis with the prosecution of disciplinary matters against employees of the City of Clifton for the term of one year from the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the contracts shall be at the fees as set forth below:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Fees</u>
BRIAN W. KRONICK, ESQ.	\$200.00 per hour

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to have the aforesaid attorney available to hear the disciplinary charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the professional services contract as state above is authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that aforesaid fees for services for each of the aforesaid professionals shall not exceed \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Municipal Attorney and the fees for all of the aforesaid professional shall not exceed \$10,000.00 in the aggregate, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution by the Municipal Council; and

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

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

Certification of Funds:

Funds Are Available in Account Personnel - Legal Fees

LICENSES

L-1 Iconic Convenience & Smokes

This matter was tabled until November 17, 2025.

L-2 Casa Peru

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF CASA PERU LLC

T/A CASA PERU

for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

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

1239 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-3 Villa Pizza

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR VILLA PIZZA LLC

T/A VILLA PIZZA

ADDRESS 290 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW VILLA PIZZA

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-4 Pizza One

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR DMD CLIFTON INC.

T/A PIZZA ONE

ADDRESS 1115 BLOOMFIELD AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07012

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE

FORMERLY OR NEW CASCO VIEJO

ZONE M-1

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 Sushi2box

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR SUSHI2BOX LLC
T/A SUSHI2BOX
ADDRESS 1102 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW DONER JEE
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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor