

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

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

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

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

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

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

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

Fr. Monteleone ~ St. Phillip's Church

PRESENTATION

2025 Beautification Awards

Barbara Watterston – 30 Years of Service to the Beautification Committee

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 Council Meeting Regular Minutes of October 30, 2025
Special Council Meeting Executive Minutes on October 30, 2025
Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025
Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

C-1 Donovan Rose, Public Safety, resigned position of School Traffic Guard, effective October 31, 2025.
C-2 Eduardo Garcia, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-3 Klaudia Kopec, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-4 Luke Van Winkle, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-5 Darwin Chaclan-Hernandez, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-6 Shaye McKenna, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-7 Abner Pena, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.
C-8 Matthew Reynolds, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective November 10, 2025 at \$46,310.00 annually.

C-9 Melissa Specer, Human Services, Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Wage Correction, \$89,133 annually, effective July 1st, 2025.

C-10 Jennifer Terwilliger, Human Services, Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Wage Correction, \$82,00 annually, effective July 1st, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-11 Meeting Minutes of the Historical Committee on 09/04/25 & 10/2/25

C-12 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Planning Board on 9/25/25 & 10/23/25

C-13 Meeting Minutes of Clifton Arts Center Advisory Board on 10/27/2025

C-14 Meeting Minutes of Advisory Beautification Committee on 11/3/25

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8052-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8052-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8052-25

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 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)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8053-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8053-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8053-25

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

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

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

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8054-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8054-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8054-25

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 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)

(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 8055-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8055-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8055-25

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.

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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)

(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 8056-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8056-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8056-25

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.

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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)

(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 8057-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8057-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8057-25.

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

(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 8058-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8058-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8058-25

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 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)

(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 8059-25

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8059-25

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8059-25

Gary Perino asked what the definition of a parade is and what the fees are. Councilman Latona requested to consider changing the update to 6 blocks.

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

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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)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8060-25

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 II Thereof, Entitled "Nonuniformed Officials and Employees," Section 99-2, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed; Uniform Allowances" (Adds Title and Compensation for Senior Carpenter)

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 December 2, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Donna Popowich thanked all of the residents who have donated for Feed Clifton Month. There will be a food packaging event at 57 Dalewood Road if anyone has time to come out and volunteer for some community service. Clifton needs more meeting spaces available for committees and civic groups. There was a sound issue this evening on the live stream. Every citizen pays open space tax, the residents need to pay attention to where the funds are going.

Tom Whittles let the council know that Kathy Siano will be receiving an award for volunteer of the year from the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder next Tuesday at Mario's during the CASA meeting.

Joseph Siano congratulated his sister Kathy Siano on her award and congratulated Barbara Watterston. On December 13th from 11AM-4PM the Annual Christmas event will be hosted by JK Realty. He noted the bickering and animosity between the council members, and the inability to effectively govern the city due to personal grudges. He noted the council members that have discussions during a vote are taking up a lot of time during the meetings. He spoke regarding a video posted by Councilwoman Pino and noted that she should not have worn a Clifton embossed shirt.

Bart Ciervo commented on the lack of attention to Dunney Park. He asked if there will be an investigation into health benefits for the council. He asked what open space taxes are.

At 9:05 PM Mayor Grabowski called for a 10-minute recess.

Councilman Gibson left the meeting at 9:15 PM.

At 9:15 PM the council resumed the public portion of the meeting.

Cindy Hoey, Collin Wehr, Tayshal Desai, Stephanie Oviedo, Alex Malinowski, Jeff Hoey, Jose Salgado, Maria Serra, Philistine Houshieh, Kayla Dunleavy, Alan Sambrano, Parker (did not sign in), Ahmed Abdelbaki, Rossy Rodriguez, Richard Mejia, Cameron Hebron appearing on Zoom, and other members of the public from various municipalities in the State criticized the Council and noted their disappointment on the vote regarding the Immigrant Trust Act resolution of support. All members of the public speaking on this topic are supportive of the council voting to pass the Immigrant Trust Act support resolution.

Gary Perino spoke to the laws that run the country, and noted his family are also immigrants and he does not support the council voting yes on the Immigrant Trust Act support resolution. There was a drone show at Garden State Plaza, and recommended the council hire a drone show instead of fireworks for next year's 4th of July. He noted the council members should not make comments on birthdays of their family members, and should not wear the City emblem and commercialize anything for their own profit or venture.

Keith Bassford appeared to criticize the council for going into a recess and the camera turning off for the public watching from home. He believes this is a violation of the open public meetings act. He also spoke

in support of the members of the public coming forward to criticize the council for the vote on the Immigrant Trust Act resolution.

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, made no comments this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Latona reported of a meeting with the Botany Village SID that he and the City Manager attended. There was a productive conversation about parking meters with the residents. There was also a discussion about the need for additional parking and the possibility of future parking garages which would require long-term and grant funding. There was a request for the council to implement an ordinance change for the annual audit to become a review which would cut the costs that are spent each year by about half. December 5th at 6:00 pm is the Botany tree lighting ceremony. There was additionally a request for signs in their parking lots to state when the street sweeping dates are.

Councilman Kolodziej reported the Clifton Arts Center Advisory Board met last Monday and they will be sending a recommendation to clarify the ordinance that organizes and constitutes that advisory board. They also discussed the piece of art that was donated to the city, and they do not have any recommendations in terms of how to appraise it or how to sell it.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino thanked everyone who reached out and wished her a happy birthday and wished Councilman Gibson a happy birthday as well. A food distribution event will be coming up with her office and collaborations with other non-profits, and there will be more information to follow that announcement in the coming days. She re-read the vote on the Immigrant Trust Act resolution of support and advised the public she is the first minority voted in to council, and she understands everyone's frustration. She believes everyone should have access to government and have the right to serve. She requested the status of the 360 Program. City Manager DeMarzo replied there will be no disruption in the system.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato plans to meet with the City Manager to discuss routine city business. He spoke about his feelings as a father and the unfortunate times that we live in. He noted his abstention from the Immigrant Trust Act resolution was because he did not want to be a "Nay" on the record, and an "Aye" vote was forthcoming once more information was received. He spoke about a person putting up antisemitic flyers inside the city hall. There was a long-standing tradition of having budget meetings on Saturdays which left out the Jewish community. He spoke about the fear that his family and his community have constantly and how he must use his position of privilege to speak up for them. He noted his understanding of the bill, and he also noted the memo received from the Police Department that stated no policies would change under this resolution of support and this Bill.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked for an update on the furlough and layoff plan, to which the City Manager responded the final numbers are not done yet. The final discussions with unions need to happen and then numbers can be presented to the board. She requested an update on the Third River clean-up, and the expected completion date. She asked for the sidewalk discussion or ordinance to be on for the next meeting. The zoning ordinances need to be reviewed and updated as needed and she hopes the zoning committee meets soon. She requested to know when the walkway at Dunney Park will be fixed. She spoke to the shortfall of the upcoming 2026 budget; we need to address some of the revenue generators. She suggested the wording "council has taken a recess" be put on the televisions to not confuse residents watching from home.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona advised the public the League of Municipalities conference is this week, and he plans to go to many courses to get as much information as possible to bring back to the council and the administration. He will be requesting a date in December to conduct performance reviews. He also proposed additional meetings during the month to get city business done. The senior community in Clifton needs to be made aware of the programs we offer and how to get around the city safely. He asked for Councilman Kolodziej to distribute information about his plan to fix the sidewalks. He thanked all the speakers for coming out and voicing their opinions. None of the policies in effect right now will change

even if the resolution of support was to be approved and sent to the Attorney General's office.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej addressed some of the public comments. The Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee typically meets between November and February to review proposed projects and make recommendations. Open Space tax can only be used for open space; it is not a slush fund. \$150,000 was paid to a forensic auditor, and they found no criminal activity. He addressed the public who came up in support of the Immigrant Trust Act. The Covid funds used to cover tax increases over the last several years have been exhausted and the surplus had to be utilized to cover the costs of the increases. He fully expects to see the fund balance decrease like other trust funds that have decreased over the last year. The revaluation resets the values set 35 years ago to ensure everyone pays their fair share. Candy Land is on December 13th from 5PM-8PM here at the city hall complex. Entry is \$8 per person if purchasing tickets ahead of time, and \$12 at the door. The Fire Department will be conducting a coat drive, and Power of One will be having a toy drive at the Candy Land event. There will additionally be Story Time with Mrs. Claus at the Allwood Library on December 11th at 4:30PM.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated Barbara on her 30 years of service to the city and complimented her work ethic and dedication to the city. He addressed a public comment a member of the public made about the work session being a private meeting and noted it is not private and the public is invited to attend the work session. He thanked everyone for coming up to the microphone to speak. He commented about the rules of the council and how the public is allowed 5 minutes to speak, when a resident refuses to adhere to the rules the meeting can become chaotic and go off-track so the chair must call a recess to get the meeting back in order.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

During the work session, Resolution 565-25 was motioned by Councilman Kolodziej and seconded by Councilman D'Amato and failed on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 565-25 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY IMMIGRANT TRUST ACT (S-3672/A-4987)

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is home to one of the most diverse populations in New Jersey and the nation, with residents representing a wide range of cultures, languages, and immigration experiences; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have long contributed to the social, cultural, and economic vitality of Clifton, serving as essential workers, taxpayers, small business owners, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between immigrant communities and local government depends on trust, and public safety is strengthened when all residents – regardless of immigration status – feel safe accessing county services, reporting crimes, and cooperating with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the Immigrant Trust Directive (ITD) has enabled our immigrant communities of diverse status to live without fear of interactions with law enforcement, to come forth if they are the victim of a crime, and not be subject to separation from their families; and

WHEREAS, public officials agree that this has kept our communities safer, and reflected the value of our immigrant communities, be they documented, undocumented, Temporary Protected Status, Dreamers, etc.; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's municipalities and state government reserve the right to protect our residents, and maintain the stability of our communities, economy, and society in the way we best see fit; and

WHEREAS, Senators Johnson and Stack, and Assembly Members Park, Collazos-Gill, and Rodriguez have introduced into the State Legislature the Immigrant Trust Act (S3672 / A4987); and

WHEREAS, the Immigrant Trust Act codifies the ITD, ensuring that our state will continue to affirm that no New Jersey resident should fear accessing essential services or contacting law enforcement due to their immigration status, and that protecting privacy and limiting unnecessary cooperation with immigration enforcement are crucial to maintaining public trust; and

WHEREAS, the Immigrant Trust Act affirms that no New Jersey resident should fear accessing essential services or contacting law enforcement due to their immigration status, and that protecting privacy and limiting unnecessary cooperation with immigration enforcement are crucial to maintaining public trust; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities across New Jersey have already passed resolutions supporting the Immigration Trust Act; and

WHEREAS, Clifton has a moral responsibility to stand in solidarity with its immigrant residents, to ensure equal treatment under the law, and to reaffirm its commitment to justice, dignity, and inclusion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby express their strong support for the passage of the New Jersey Immigrant Trust Act (S-3672/A-4987) by the New Jersey State Legislature, and its signing into law by the New Jersey Governor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk of Clifton shall cause a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted forthwith to New Jersey State Senator John F. McKeon, New Jersey State Assemblypersons Rosaura Bagolie and Alixon Collazos-Gill, New Jersey State Senate President Nicholas Scutari, New Jersey State Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, the principal sponsors of the ITA, and New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula to pass Resolution 556-25, which passed on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 556-25
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS TO BE PAID THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 17, 2025

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

Current Fund	\$22,715,641.52
Grant Fund	\$281,009.35
Open Space Trust	\$-
General Capital Fund	\$43,766.88
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$69,041.48
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$-
Developers Escrow	\$125,677.61
Dog Trust	\$8,560.99
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Police Extra Duty	\$37,921.25
Trust Other	\$32,558.83
Section 8 Public Housing	\$209,259.17
Affordable Housing	\$210.00
Community Development	\$12,091.95
Payroll Agency	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Affordable Housing	\$-
	\$-
Self Insurance	\$1,301,615.06
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$10,583.34
Library	\$92,609.02
General Liability Trust	\$6,141.87
Workers Compensation Trust	\$69,311.82
Trust Escrow	\$-
Reserve for Housing	\$-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$25,016,000.14

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman Latona to pass the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 557-25
RESOLUTION FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

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

CHECK #	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	FROM	TO
26931	05/21/2025	GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. INV#409203 For Professional Engineering Services processed through 3/21/25, invoice dated 4/16/25	2,761.04	04-215-55-959-901	02-213-40-700-131
27017	06/04/2025	GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. INV#410920 For Professional Engineering Services processed 3/22/25 through 4/18/25, invoice dated 5/1	13,182.09	04-215-55-959-901	02-213-40-700-131
906901	07/16/2025	GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. INV#412429 For Professional Services processed 4/19/25 through 5/30/25, invoice dated 6/18/25 (Clifton)	6,077.19	04-215-55-959-901	02-213-40-700-131
907160	08/20/2025	GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. INV#415270 For Professional Services processed 5/31/25 through 6/27/25, invoice dated 7/22/25 (Clifton)	1,649.07	04-215-55-959-901	02-213-40-700-131

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

RESOLUTION 558-25

**RESOLUTION NAMING PENSION CERTIFYING OFFICER
AND CERTIFYING OFFICER’S SUPERVISOR**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey amended regulations regarding pension certification, namely Chapter 52, P.L. 2011, (N.J.S.A. 43:3C-15); and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits issued new requirements be established for Pension Certifying Officers and their Supervisors, dated May 26, 2011, effective June 10, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to amend our Certifying Officer based on these new regulations,

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

1. Records Support Technician, Angely Quirino, be named the Certifying Officer for all Pension related matters.
2. The Municipal Treasurer, Edith Mayton, be named the Certifying Officer’s Supervisor for all Pension related matters.
3. That the above action be effective immediately.

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

A motion was made by Councilman D’Amato and seconded by Councilman Latona to pass Resolution 572-25, which passed on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 572-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
TO MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH LAND USE
LITIGATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2025, a professional services contract for land use litigation was awarded to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, for the one year period from February 18, 2025 through February 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution and supplemental funding in the amount of \$13,107.83 for a total not to exceed amount of \$18,107.83 was approved; and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, have provided satisfactory land use litigation services to the City of Clifton and, due to greatly enhanced activity, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$18,107.83; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$10,000.00 , for a total not to exceed \$28,107.83 will be required through the conclusion of the investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$28,107.83 for land use litigation services through February 17, 2026, by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is authorized and approved.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 559-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THE 2025 4TH QUARTER TAXES PAID ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28.02 LOT 1.03 QUALIFIER C00378, 1201 WICKHAM TERRACE, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, Danilo Arias 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 28.02 Lot 1.03 Qualifier C00378, 1201 Wickham Terrace; 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 from the effective date of October 1, 2025.

WHEREAS Mr. Arias was receiving the 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption on his previously owned property located at 9206 Ravenscroft Rd in Clifton (Block 28.02 Lot 1.03 Qual:C0623) since August 1, 2023. Since Mr. Arias cannot receive the exemption for more than one property, the Tax Assessor will remove the 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for property located at 9206 Ravenscroft Rd. Mr. Arias purchased the 1201 Wickham Terrace residence on June 30, 2025 and the effective date of exemption is October 1, 2025. Because Mr. Arias occupies 100% of the dwelling, the disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption on 100% of the property; and

WHEREAS by virtue of the approved 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran exemption, Danilo Arias is entitled to the cancellation of the 2025 fourth quarter property taxes on the subject property, and at the governing body's discretion, to refund of the 2025 fourth quarter taxes in the amount of \$0.00; 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 fourth quarter of 2025 for a total refund of \$0.00.
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 560-25

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

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

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

<u>Address</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>	<u>Total Lien</u>
9 Van Cleve Avenue Blk 8.15 Lot 3	\$ 1,070.11	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,220.11
219 Trenton Avenue Blk 5.10 Lot 36	\$ 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, 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 561-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR
NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

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

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

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes a new splash park, upgrades to the fieldhouse and various site amenities within Nash Park; and

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

Funds will be available, as needed, in accounts:

NJ Green Acres Grant 02-213-40-707-103

NJ Urban Parks Grant 02-213-40-707-104

Capital Budgets: 04-215-55-973-702

04-215-55-973-704

04-215-55-973-706

RESOLUTION 562-25

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT TO CIVIC PLUS.
FOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PRODCUTS AND SERVICES (CIVIC PLUS AGENDA
MODULE, NEXTREQUEST FOR OPRA MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
ARCHIVING SOFTWARE)**

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2018 the Governing Body adopted Resolution Number R463-25 titled “Resolution of Notice of Intent to Award Contract Under a National Cooperative Agreement - The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) for Civic Plus agenda Module, Next Request for OPRA and Social Media Archiving Software”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is a member of The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) which was approved by the Governing Body on June 19, 2018 with Resolution Number R276-18; and

WHEREAS, TIPS published legal notices soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP's) in the following newspapers:

- The Journal Record on January 6,2022 and January 13,2022
- The Pittsburg Gazette on January 6,2022 and January 13,2022
- The Advocate on January 6,2022 and January 13,2022

WHEREAS, Civic Plus Inc.. was awarded a contract for Technology Solutions Products and Service, Contract #220105 for the term of August 20,2025 to August 20,2027; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011 c139 (the "Law" or "Chapter 139") allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) has published LFN 2012-10, a Local Finance Notice detailing guidance to contracting units desiring to purchase under the Law; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied that the procurement conducted by TIPS and the contract awarded to Civic Plus, Inc. with the associated documentation submitted by both TIPS and Civic Plus Inc. are compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10 including a Legal Advertisement of the Notice of Intent in the September 24,2025 edition of the Herald News; and

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors by the October 2,2025 comment deadline; and

WHEREAS, this office has reviewed and evaluated the use of TIPS as it relates to charges for services, materials and delivery and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to award said 5-year open-end lease contract to Civic Plus , Inc. PO Box 737311 as the use of the purchasing agreement shall result in cost savings to the City, considering all factors; and

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

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

1. The City of Clifton is authorized to award said contract pursuant to TIPS contract #220105
2. The proposal submitted by Civic Plus Inc for the Technology Products and Services shall not exceed \$28,651.60 annually plus 5% uplift in year 2 i.e. not to exceed \$30,084.28; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no services and/or goods shall commence prior to issuance of a Purchase Order by the Finance Department.

RESOLUTION 563-25

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO MURRAY PAVING AND CONCRETE LLC FOR REPAIRS TO THE NORMANDY,DUDIAK AND SPERLING PARK BASKETBALL COURT OFF OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has requested a need to repair the Normandy, Dudiak and Sperling Park Basketball Court which was destroyed during a rainstorm; and

WHEREAS, Murray Paving and Concrete LLC, has been awarded a contract under the (ESCNJ) 23/24-28 Job Order Contracting: General Repair and Maintenance Services, as per Bid #ESCNJ 23/24-28, with

a bid term running from June 5, 2024, to June 4, 2026 via the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ); and

WHEREAS, the scope of the repairs will include the following:

- Mobilization to all the equipment to the job site
- Saw Cut perimeter or not disturb areas out of the scope
- Demolish the existing basketball system
- Excavate for footing
- Removal of demoed material
- Pour Footing with the post
- Mill the existing courts
- Removal of millings
- Pave 2” of 15 Asphalt
- Install backboards
- Stripe the Basketball courts
- Restore the area with damaged top soil
- Clean up the job site
- Demobilize

WHEREAS, the above ESCNJ contract provides for the repairs of the Normandy, Dudiak and Sperling Park Basketball Court, for a not to exceed amount of \$159,486.84; 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 from June 5,2024 to June 4,2026; 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 purchase and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha J. Jariwala, Purchasing Agent**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to Murray Paving and Concrete LLC., Inc., 21 Wallace St, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407, based on the contract period and terms outlined in the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey contract in an amount not to exceed \$159,486.84; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no services and/or goods shall commence prior to issuance of a Purchase Order by the Finance Department.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds will be available, as needed, in account:
Basketball Courts- Dudiak ,Normandy and Sperling -04-215-55-978-703

RESOLUTION 564-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC AND CREDIT CARD
ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on March 4,2025, via resolution R125-25 , the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorized proposals to be solicited for Furnishing and Delivery of Electronic and Credit Card Online Payment Services; and,

WHEREAS, four proposals were received on October 28,2025 from 1) AllPaid, Inc., 2) Grant Street Group, 3) Comprise Technologies, Inc 4) Catalis ;and,

WHEREAS, upon review of each proposal by the evaluation committee, AllPaid, Inc. (dba GovPayNet), located at 7820 Innovation Blvd., Ste. 250, Indianapolis, IN 46278, was deemed as most advantageous overall for the City of Clifton, under a unanimous committee consensus,

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee of Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector and Purchasing Agent, found that AllPaid, Inc. had valid New Jersey municipality customer references that when checked, spoke well of the services provided, and they proposed the lowest convenience fees of 2% flat for all online processed payments, with no additional costs to the City of Clifton; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to a review of the committee evaluation, the Purchasing Agent concurs with the Chief Financial Officer’s recommendation to award contract to AllPaid, Inc. for a term of two (2) years, with three (3) additional one-year terms, exercisable at the sole discretion of the City; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council hereby approve and authorize the award of contract to AllPaid, Inc. (dba GovPayNet), located at 7820 Innovation Blvd., Ste. 250, Indianapolis, IN 46278, for the **Furnishing and Delivery of Electronic and Credit Card Online**

Payment Services for a flat concession end-user fee of two percent (2%), in accordance N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized and directed hereby to return the bid bonds placed on deposit with the unsuccessful bids; and,

FUND CERTIFICATION, no funds shall be encumbered or expended by the City for this contract.

RESOLUTION 566-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF THE
2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Workshop and Regular Meetings of the Council will be held in the Municipal Chambers of the Municipal Building, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey on the following dates and times:

Workshop Meetings to begin at 6:30pm
Executive/Closed Meeting to begin at 7:30pm
Regular Meetings to begin at 8:00pm
Unfinished business may be adjourned to the following meeting

January 6, 2026	January 20, 2026
February 3, 2026	February 17, 2026
March 3, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
June 3, 2026 * Weds.	June 16, 2026
July 7, 2026	July 21, 2026
August 5, 2026 * Weds.	August 18, 2026
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 4, 2026 * Weds.	November 16, 2026 * Mon.
December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026

Please note :

- *Meeting is on Weds., 6/3 (Primary Election Tues. 6/2)
- *Meeting is on Weds., 8/5 (National Night Out Tues., 8/4)
- *Meeting is on Weds., 11/4 (General Election Tues., 11/4)
- *Meeting is on Mon., 11/16 (League of Municipalities Tues., 11/17)

RESOLUTION 567-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON THROUGH THE CLIFTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE CLIFTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND AQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, The United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and County LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to the municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for the specialized training on any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both the enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property thru the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Clifton Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for the period, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clifton Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL-A", which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, nonmilitary vehicles, off-road vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, excavation equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies and equipment of a nonmilitary nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Clifton Police Department without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clifton Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire "DEMIL B through Q" property, listed in the attached unredacted portion of the DEMIL inventory sheet if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police for the Clifton Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clifton Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorized requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorizing resolution will expire on December 31, 2026 and continued participation in this program will require annual authorization by the governing body.

RESOLUTION 568-25

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PHOENIX ADVISORS TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140,10, *et seq.* requires every municipality in the State of New Jersey to have a Chief Financial Officer to be appointed by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, §5-5of the City of Clifton Code provides that the Director of the Department of Finance shall be the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.13(f), when a vacancy occurs in the office of chief financial officer following the appointment of a certified municipal finance officer to that office, the governing body or chief executive officer, as appropriate, may appoint, for a period not to exceed one year and commencing on the date of the vacancy, a person who does not hold a municipal finance officer certificate to serve as a temporary chief financial officer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A9-140.10(5)(B), provides that the requirement that every municipality shall have a chief financial officer may be temporarily fulfilled by the appointment of a private entity to perform the duties of a chief financial officer and Phoenix Advisors has submitted a proposal for such Municipal Financial Advisor services; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors located at 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, is a firm duly qualified and licensed under the laws of the State of New Jersey, including holding necessary certifications and credentials for designated personnel in order to provide municipal finance services to perform the duties of the Chief Financial Officer on a temporary basis; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors of 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, New Jersey 08691, is agreeable to providing Chief Financial Officer Services for the City of Clifton for \$15,000.00 per month for a total not to exceed \$180,000.00 for the term of the contract, without a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10(5)(B), a municipality shall not make such appointment or reappointment unless approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs and the Township has made a good faith effort to hire an individual who holds a municipal finance officer certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1971, c413 (C.40A:9-140.1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton have determined that Phoenix Advisors satisfies the requirements necessary to hold the position and will do so on a temporary basis and perform the duties of the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors has agreed to serve and will be operating as the Chief Financial Officer commencing at the time of the vacancy on December 1, 2025, through November 31, 2026; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the estimated value of this contract may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds for this contract are available in Consultant Services Account, Account Number 01-201-20-130-320, and shall not exceed \$15,000 per month for a total not to exceed amount of \$180,000;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Clifton appoint Phoenix Advisors to the position of Temporary Chief Financial Officer for the City of Clifton, and will also serve as Director of the Department of Finance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Clifton in the County of Passaic hereby authorizes the appointment of Phoenix Advisors which shall commence on December 1, 2025 through November 31, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Clifton in the County of Passaic hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the appropriate agreement and documentation in furtherance of this appointment. 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: Phoenix Advisors
Services: Chief Financial Officer Services
Project: Temporary Chief Financial Officer and Director Of Finance
Amount: \$15,000.00 per month not to exceed \$180,000.00 for the contract term
Term: December 1, 2025 – November 31, 2026

RESOLUTION 569-25

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO PHOENIX
ADVISORS FOR THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from Health Full Time Salaries Account #01-201-27-330-101 to Consultant Services Account #01-201-20-130-320 for the payment to Phoenix Advisors for the position of Temporary Chief Financial Officer and Director of the Department of Finance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that the above transfer of funds be and hereby are approved.

RESOLUTION 570-25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR BRAVO FOOD SERVICE
OF CLIFTON, LLC t/a CHEVY'S TEX MEX**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Bravo Food Service of Clifton, LLC t/a Chevy's Tex Mex, of 375 Route 3 East, Clifton, New Jersey (Zone PMU), 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 (2) nights per week: Friday and Saturday
Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve and Cinco DeMayo (subject to issuance of special permits).

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Four (4) Piece Band or DJ Music

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

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 571-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND RESCUE TOOLS FOR THE CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFF THE BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department has, and continues to have, a need to purchase firefighting equipment and rescue tools, 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 sister cooperative under Bergen County (CK04), from which a contract for Firefighting Equipment And Rescue tools , BC-Bid-24-30, was awarded to multiple vendors, including the following: Municipal Emergency Services, New Jersey Fire Equipment Company , Witmer Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the above contract, BC-Bid-24-30, provides a list of contractors from which quotes for Firefighting Equipment And Rescue tools may be obtained, with all due diligence having been performed by Bergen County, for the term of June 4,2025 through to June 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, quote for Firefighting Equipment and Rescue tools is obtained by the City Fire Department for Fire Engine 4, with a not to exceed amount of \$23,422.49 for the term of June 4,2025 through June 4, 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 procurement of Medical Supplies, via the aforesaid Bergen County cooperative contract, and

therefore delegates 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 procurements as needed from the above-named awarded contractors off the Bergen County's NJCPA Cooperative Contract No. BC-Bid-24-30, through to June 4, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Fire Department has obtained written quote from the New Jersey Fire Equipment Company, and that use of this purchase shall not exceed \$23,422.49 for the term of June 4, 2025 through June 4, 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in 04-215-55-973-301

RESOLUTION 573-25
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 Police Chief's Contract Negotiations
CON-2 Legal Opinion – Promotional Salary Waivers
CON-3 Director of Public Works Request for Adjustment in Salary
CON-4 PEJIF – JIF Application
CON-5 SOA Contract Negotiations
CON-6 Update Liability Claims, Joey's Place, LLC v City of Clifton, *et al.*, Docket No.: 2:19-cv-20546
CON-7 Police Officer Worker's Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 06/30/2020
CON-8 Police Officer Worker's Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 12/25/2021
CON-9 Complaint of Violation of the City's Harassment Policy
CON-10 Pending Litigation – Rader v. City of Clifton
CON-11 Personnel

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 17, 2025 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

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

LICENSES

L-1 Abe's

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF ABE'S J LLC

T/A ABE'S

for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT

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

74 LAKEVIEW 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-2 Quick Foods

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF AS CLIFTON LLC

T/A QUICK FOODS

for permission to conduct a:

CATERER/GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED

USE

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

50 MARKET ST CLIFTON, NJ 07012

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 Latona, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor