

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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 2026, which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on November 20, 2025, and was additionally advertised in the Record on November 20, 2025. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting 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) arrived at 8:00 PM
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

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

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

Father Joseph DeMarzo ~ St. Andrew's Church

Gary Perino brought a point of order to the attention of the council prior to business and requested clarity on whether Councilwoman Pino is classified as a full-time employee. City Attorney Tom Egan and City Manager Gary De Marzo responded that the Councilwoman is an elected official, and in the user-friendly budget council members are listed under the umbrella of employees. The determination was made that she will not be required to recuse herself from proceedings, as all council members are listed as part-time.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing during the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Matthew Failla, Public Safety, Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator, retired effective February 1, 2026.
- C-2 Kenneth Mascuch, Public Safety, Resigned position of School Traffic Guard, effective January 19, 2026.
- C-3 Darvin Chaclan-Hernandez, Public Safety, Hired as Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective February 2, 2026, at \$45,000.00 annually.
- C-4 Margaret Morse, Manager, Resigned Position of Communications Manager, Effective February 6, 2026.
- C-5 Christopher Peltyszyn, Human Services, Resigned position of Keyboarding Clerk 1, effective February 6, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-6 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Cable Advisory Committee on 12/03/2025
- C-7 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Historical Advisory Commission on 12/04/2025
- C-8 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Civil Rights on 12/22/2025 and 02/02/2026
- C-9 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Commission on 10/8/2025, 11/19/2025, 12/10/2025 and 1/14/2026
- C-10 Meeting Minutes for the Advisory Board of Health for 10/14/2025, 12/9/2025, and 1/13/2026
- C-11 Meeting Minutes for the Hazardous Materials Control Board of 10/15/2025, 11/19/2025, and 12/17/2025
- C-12 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities on 01/12/2026 & 02/09/2026
- C-13 Meeting Minutes of the ABC Board on 1/14/2026

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8077-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8077-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8077-26

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled “Salaries and Compensation,” More Particularly Article IV Thereof, Entitled “Officials and Employees not Represented by a Bargaining Unit,” and More Particularly § 99-18 Thereof, Entitled “Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed” (Removes the Title of Clerk Part-Time, Adds Public Agency Compliance Officer and Amends Salary Range for Clerk 2 Part-Time and Clerk 3 Part-Time)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8078-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8078-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8078-26

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 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 Titles of Chief Code Enforcement Officer, Code Enforcement Officer Trainee, Legal Secretary, Legal Secretary 1, Principal Payroll Clerk,

Personnel Aide, Senior Purchasing Assistant, Assistant Purchasing Agent, And Registered Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Public Health Part-Time)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8080-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8080-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8080-26

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, 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 the Code of the City of Clifton to Add a Chapter Entitled "Cost Share Sidewalk Repair Program (Creates Regulations Regarding Sidewalk Repair Program)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8081-26

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 Kolodziej and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," More Particularly Section 439-33 Thereof, Entitled "Speed Limits Established" (Amends Speed Limit to 25 MPH on Both Sides of Delawanna Avenue (County Road 610) from Main Avenue to River Road)

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 March 3, 2026, 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 8082-26

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Parking on Residential Streets," More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Rescinds Permit Parking on Larkspur Lane from Urma Avenue to Pershing Road)

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 March 3, 2026, 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 8083-26

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 9 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8084-26

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 Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8085-26

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon a Motion made by Councilman D'Amato and seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8086-26

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 Kolodziej and seconded by Councilman Gibson.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Towers" More Particularly Article I Entitled "Official Towers" (Revises Storage Requirements and Establishes Penalties for Violations of the Ordinance)

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 March 3, 2026, 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 Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman D'Amato and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of Boy Scouts Troop 123, Kyle, Angelo, Joseph, and Arjun, invited the council and the residents to participate in the team pancake breakfast on March 1, 2026 at Athenia Veterans Post from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm. The tickets are \$10 each.

Tom Whittles announced he is running for city council. He asked the current council members to reflect on what they've done over the last three years.

Guy Madsen complimented the Boy Scout troop for coming up and speaking. He noted that Jersey's Best Meatball was awarded to Clifton's Lucci's, and he asked the council to do a proclamation. He believes DPW did a terrible job during the January snowstorm, and the city should have activated OEM. He believes we should be searching for the best candidate for the office of the City Manager role. He noted the health benefits are under review at the Attorney General's office.

Pat Caesar requested council change the ordinance affecting parking on McCosh Road from Woodlawn Avenue to Maclean Road to have signage stating permit parking from 9 am to 5 pm. She asked for a longer response time to letters sent out by the police department in case residents are away. She also requested the ability to call in to the police department if a resident is having a party to prevent residents from having to obtain temporary parking passes for one day.

Gary Perino thanked the legal team, the mayor, and the city manager for their opinions. He praised the Police Chief and the department for their hard work solving a case. He asked who is responsible for clearing the tracks. He asked if the crossing guard privatization is just a discussion or if it is in motion. He believes it is a sin that Councilman D'Amato is not running this November.

James Lasgar thanked the council for amending the speed limit on Delawanna Avenue.

Ahmed Abdelbaki thanked the DPW employees for their work putting together the Ramadan crescent for the lighting ceremony. He believes the expectation for DPW to plow curb-to-curb is unrealistic. He feels Clifton will do better without hate and bigotry in the city, and he is proud of the students who recently walked out in protest of ICE.

Donna Popowich noted the live feed has been cutting in and out and asked if it can be checked. She thanked the council for reducing the speed limit on Delawanna Avenue. The CFO made a great presentation last week regarding the budget. She requested anyone clearing out unopened food to please donate to the Little Free Pantry.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and passed on roll call vote to close the public 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, noted the city currently does not have a contract for the crossing guards and the consideration is privatization.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilman Kolodziej reported that the Municipal Alliance Board met and discussed traffic control on Colfax Avenue where the ramp from the high school comes down. They asked for a marked police vehicle be placed there to assist with traffic. They requested placing cameras on buses, and placing “no parking when roads are snow covered” signs between the existing “no parking during drop off” signs. There was additional comments made to make Washington Ave coming off of Paulison a one-way in front of School 3. There is a pending Senate Bill requiring school districts to participate in the PILOT agreement discussions and that the new agreements will guarantee funding to the school districts. There was a discussion about the Christopher Columbus Middle School tunnel with the NJ DOT grant, which should be near completion in 2028. The Alliance thanked the Board of Education for assistance with snow removal. The next meeting is April 13th.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson reported there is activity at the corner of Dwight and Pershing Road and there are driveways being blocked, and he would like to know what is happening. He added the council should investigate the parking conditions in Montclair Heights.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked if the letter expressing the displeasure of the council for a lack of public meeting went out to the County regarding the Allwood Road project, and if it has not been sent, she made a motion to send one which was seconded by Councilman D’Amato. She requested a report for how many summonses were issued during the January snowstorm for un-shoveled sidewalks and another report for number of summonses issued in 2025 by our Quality-of-Life department. Zoning Ordinances, specifically for houses of worship, need to be updated. She asked for an update on when the Zoning Committee will be meeting next. She requested to know why OEM was not activated during the last storm, and what the procedure is for activation and who is authorized to activate it.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona acknowledged the warmer temperatures and stated there will be an after-action report for the storm. He felt the lack of activating OEM and lack of communication during the storm was atrocious. He felt the county performed worse than the city. On February 28th there will be a flag raising for Black History Month. He stated that the meeting has been going very well tonight and is proud that our July 4th fireworks will be on July 4th. He noted his appreciation for a new planner for the city and also noted there will be progress on the items the council has been requesting. He asked the public to support the Boy Scouts on their Pancake Breakfast. He congratulated all the potential candidates in the upcoming council election. He wished everyone a happy Ramadan and wished Dorothy a happy 98th birthday.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino reminded the Clifton residents and organizations working to fundraise that her office is in possession of tricky tray baskets that are ready to be donated. Please contact her at her council email address. The Clifton Behind the Scenes initiative is coming up next month and asked everyone to tune in or sign up. She advised the public that the spring semester youth program is currently accepting applications. She believes the Pizza Bowl event was well organized and was happy to have purchased tickets to attend and support the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej explained the functions of the office of OEM. He believes the response from DPW during the last snowstorm was due to poor financial decisions made by council. The current council needs to address and fix some of the financial errors of the past and move forward. He also feels we need more revenue generators for 2026. The discussion about revenue generators needs to happen at the next budget meeting.

Councilman D’Amato

Councilman D’Amato wished everyone a happy first night of Ramadan and noted the Crescent lighting event was wonderful. He shared a personal friend’s health diagnosis and the fragility of life. He asked the City Manager to request the Army Corp of Engineers attend a meeting regarding the Third River Project. He expressed interest in having a World Cup streaming event. Lastly, he noted an alternative method to provide storage to qualified non-profits in the city, and asked if community partners can loan space to the non-profits in need.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski wished everyone a happy Chinese New Year and a happy Ramadan. He thanked Gary Perino for being respectful at the microphone. He announced that Nellie Pou called and is getting Clifton two grants for Holster Park. He announced that old friends getting together for events is not collusion. Our form of government is strong city manager and the city manager is responsible for day-to-day operations, and the council is responsible for policy and budgets.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were passed during the Work Session and moved during the Regular Meeting, unless otherwise noted below.

RESOLUTION 061-26

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE**

Claims to be paid the meeting of February 17th, 2026

Meeting of February 17th, 2026

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

Current Fund	\$	18,770,834.74
Grant Fund	\$	41,462.32
General Capital Fund	\$	190,578.50
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	190,572.21
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	42,603.26
Developers Escrow	\$	21,920.79
Dog Trust	\$	2,652.87
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	36,445.50
Trust Other	\$	293,057.43
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	213,569.99
Affordable Housing	\$	1,155.00
Community Development	\$	-
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	36,371.78
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,475,879.83
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	95,741.66
General Liability Trust	\$	22,209.67
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	96,156.88
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	21,531,212.43

RESOLUTION 062-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES
PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS
AT SURGENT PARK**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton – an Urban Aid Community -- desires to further the public interest by obtaining total funding in the amount of \$1,806,000, in the form of a \$1,806,000 matching grant and, if available, a \$0.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project, which will take place in an Overburdened Community Subject to Adverse Stressors: *Improvements at Surgent Park* at a cost of \$1,806,000;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. Raymond Grabowski or the successor to the office of Mayor of the City of Clifton is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0.00;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 063-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR ON-
CALL EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR SERVICES**

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 on-call emergency sewer repair services throughout the City of Clifton; and

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 064-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS TO BE DISPLAYED ON JULY 4, 2026

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 requires that a municipal governing body authorize the display of fireworks within its boundaries as a precondition to such display in accordance with the above statute; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Clifton's desire to conduct such a display on the night of July 6, 2025 (with no rain date) at Clifton Stadium at Main Memorial Park, Route 46 and Piaget Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey with Serpico Pyrotechnics LLC located in 133 Orchid Court Toms River NJ 08753 for not to exceed \$20,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic hereby authorizes the display of such fireworks upon satisfaction of all statutory requirements with regard to same by the approved contractor.

RESOLUTION 065-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
WILD GEESE CONTROL SERVICES 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to maintain Geese Control Services at the following locations:

- Nash Park
- Oak Ridge Park
- Albion Park
- Latteri Park
- Zelenka Park
- Main Memorial Park
- Clifton City Hall
- Mt Prospect Park

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited for the purpose of providing environmentally safe Canada Geese control services with the use of border collies. The following two vendors submitted the quotes:

	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
1. Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC	\$1,560.00	\$18,720.00
2. Birds Beware, Inc.	\$1,570.00	\$18,840.00

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from Birds Beware. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted quotes, it is recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible vendor Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC. in the amount of \$18,720.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council, that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for Geese Chasers North Jersey be awarded to the lowest respondent, Geese Chasers North Jersey LLC., P.O.Box 282, Great Meadows NJ 07838 in an amount not to exceed \$18,720.00. Term of contract shall commence March 1, 2026, and end on February 28, 2027; and

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available upon adoption of the 2026 budget in account number 01-201-28-375-503.

RESOLUTION 066-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF INFORMAL QUOTATIONS FOR A FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION AT ANZALDI PARK FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Recreation Department desires to provide food and beverage concession services (including the sale of both drinks and food) at Anzaldi Park for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4(d), the governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution, commence the procurement of a concession; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 et seq., the City may award a concession contract, the award of which shall be based upon the fees paid to the City and such other factors as may be deemed to be most advantageous to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to solicit proposals through informal quotations for said concession services in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the successful concessionaire shall be responsible to supply, install (if applicable), maintain, stock, and service the concession operation at no cost to the City, except for those minimal administrative costs associated with administering the contract; and

WHEREAS, no additional cost shall be incurred by the City other than those costs associated with the administration of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the provision of concession services will benefit park patrons and enhance recreational activities for the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Recreation Department, in coordination with the appropriate City officials, is hereby authorized to solicit informal quotations for a food and beverage concession at Anzaldi Park in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4(d) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of the concession contract shall be made to the respondent whose proposal is determined to be most advantageous to the City, price and other relevant factors considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION 067-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SPLASH PAD FOR NASH PARK FOR CITY OF CLIFTON VIA SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is allowed to participate in inter-local purchasing systems per N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 which was enacted into law permitting agencies to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R274-18, adopted June 19, 2018, the City of Clifton is a member of Sourcewell, formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), a national cooperative, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City’s interest in participating with the Sourcewell national cooperative for **Aquatic Play Solutions and Cooling Solutions**, which was awarded to Vortex Aquatic Structures International, 3500 South Dupont Highway Suite EP-101, Dover DE 19901; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Sourcewell’s website at <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/101625-VOR> ; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcewell contract #101625-VOR, for **Aquatic Play Solutions and Cooling Solutions** which expires on December 17,2029; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Vortex Aquatic Structures International, 3500 South Dupont Highway Suite EP-101, Dover DE 19901, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcewell’s Notice to Bidders Titled “Playground, Water Play and Aquatic Equipment, Site Amenities, and Outdoor Fitness Equipment with related Accessories and Services#101625-VOR for Aquatic Play Solutions and Cooling Solutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending March 3,2026.

Comment Period ends: March 3,2026

RESOLUTION 068-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO LAN ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH THE NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional engineering services for Construction Management Engineering in connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor recommends that a contract for Construction Management Engineering Request be awarded to LAN Associates in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated November 11, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$72,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and upon the recommendation of the Recreation Department, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to LAN Associates for the provision of said services, in the amount not to exceed \$72,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.*; and

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

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to be not to exceed \$72,000.00, and the duration of the contract is until completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional engineering services contract for Engineering Design Services in connection with the Nash Park Improvements Project is hereby awarded to **LAN ASSOCIATES**, in accordance with its proposal dated November 11, 2025, in the amount not to exceed \$72,000.00, and shall not exceed that amount except upon the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; 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 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 contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:11-5(1)(a). The contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: LAN Associates, Midland Park, New Jersey
Services: Engineering Design Services
Project: Nash Park Improvements Project
Cost: Not to exceed \$72,000.00
Term: Until completion

RESOLUTION 069-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MULTIPLE PRODUCTS FROM
ATLANTIC TACTICAL OF NJ OFF OF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING
PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a FOR CLIFTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department has a requested to purchase multiple products including ammunition and related items like firearm and range equipment; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Tactical Inc., 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA 17070, has been assigned NJ State Contract No. T0106/17-FLEET-00732 - Law Enforcement Firearms Equipment and Supplies; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Atlantic Tactical Inc., 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA 17070, which has been assigned NJ State Contract No. T0106/17-FLEET-00732, at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds shall be charged accordingly as expenses occur with presentation of properly executed Purchase Order based on budget adoption.

RESOLUTION 070-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARDING CONTRACT
FOR LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES
TO LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES – (POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, , the Police Department and the Municipal Court require language interpretation and translation services to ensure effective communication with callers and defendants, as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department solicited proposal from qualified service provider and received proposal from one vendor **Language Line Services**; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Language Line Services offers the following rates:

- Spanish interpretation at \$1.85 per minute
- Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, and Vietnamese interpretation at \$1.95 per minute
- All other languages at \$1.95 per minute; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating proposal, it has been determined that Language Line Services provides a more cost-effective solution due to its per-minute billing structure without excessive minimum charges; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the business entity disclosure certification has been received from Language Line Services. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby, along with the determination of value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for Interpretation and Translating Services is hereby awarded Language Line Services - One Lower Ragsdale Drive, Building #2 Monterey CA 93940 in an amount not to exceed a total of \$30,000 ; 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.

RESOLUTION 071-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SPECTROTEL HOLDING
COMPANY, LLC. FOR TERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATION PHONE LINES FOR
THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton MIS Department has conducted a comprehensive review of the City's voice and data telecommunications services over the past year; and

WHEREAS, prior to consolidation, the City maintained separate telecommunications services with Verizon at a cost of approximately \$9,600.00 per month and Windstream at a cost of

approximately \$10,400.00 per month, for a total monthly cost of \$20,000.00, exclusive of taxes, regulatory charges, and fees; and

WHEREAS, the MIS Department has proposed this modernized services into a single, unified voice and data solution with Spectrotel Holding Company LLC at a cost of \$13,500.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation results in an estimated annual savings of approximately \$78,000.00, while modernizing the City's telecommunications infrastructure and reducing operational complexity through vendor consolidation; and

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the Spectrotel Holding Company LLC, and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and,

WHEREAS, the total value of the contract is determined not to exceed \$162,000.00, and the duration of the contract is for twelve (12) months; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the non-fair and open contract for internet and related services and equipment be awarded to Spectrotel Holding Company LLC, located at 3535 State Highway 66 Bldg 7, for the total not to exceed amount of \$162,000.00; and,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the invoice be kept on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk; 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 072-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES FROM LAWSON PRODUCTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR CITY OF CLIFTON VIA OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is allowed to participate in inter-local purchasing systems per N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 which was enacted into law permitting agencies to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements with other states; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is a member of the Omnia Partners (formerly U.S. Communities), a national cooperative, since January 1, 2012 thru present, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and LFN 2012-10, which allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton seeks permission to advertise the City's interest in participating with the Omnia Partners National cooperative for Educational Software Solutions and Services for vendor management, which was awarded to Payment Works through Carahsoft Technology Corporation., located at 11493 Sunset Hills Road Suite 100 Reston Virginia 20190; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Omnia Partners website at <https://www.omniapartners.com/suppliers/lawson-products/public-sector/contract-documents> ; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Omnia Partners contract #R240804, for Industrial Supplies from Lawson Products which expires on March 31,2027; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Lawson Products , located at 1 Henoch Ave, Clifton, NJ 07013, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Omnia Partners Notice to Bidders Titled “Education Service Center for Maintenance, Repair and Operations & Related Services, available through OMNIA Partners.” and Contract Award #R240804 ; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton authorizes the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a comment period ending March 3,2026

Comment Period ends: March 3,2026

RESOLUTION 073-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC. OFF OF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR MAINTENACE AND REPAIRS TO GASOLINE FUELING SITE AT CITY HALL TO MEET NJDEP REGULATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the City of Clifton has a need to modify the gasoline fuel site at City Hall to meet the new NJDEP Regulation deadline of December 31,2026 in the City; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Contract No. 42264 under T-0849 -Above Ground Fuel Tanks associated equipment installations and Tank Removal and Services was awarded; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been extended until August 28, 2026; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned services above from Fairfield Maintenance Inc., 414 Fairfield Road, Fairfield New Jersey, 07004, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 42264 under T-0849, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 from January 1,2026 through December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for each department and division usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

RESOLUTION 074-26

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY’S OFFICIAL TOWERS UNTIL APRIL 30, 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article I of Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton, the Municipal Council shall appoint persons or entities engaged in the business of furnishing adequate and proper wrecking, towing, storage and emergency repair services to motor vehicles within the limits of the City, with the exception of motor vehicles on toll roads, when requested to do so by the City who meet all the requirements as set forth in Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton to qualify as an Official Tower on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Essex County Recovery Bureau, Inc., Nicolette Towing, Telp Motors and New Trimble Auto Body were appointed as the City's Official Towers effective March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 425(2)(C) of the Code of the City of Clifton, the terms of appointment of the Official Towers was to expire on February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has directed that the terms of the current Official Towers be extended until April 30, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the terms of appointment of the City's current Official Towers be extended until April 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Official Towers shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Municipal Council and shall comply with all applicable city ordinances, State statutes and Administrative Code regulations dealing with towers.

RESOLUTION 075-26

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.)
FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON FOR 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Amisha Jariwala is hereby appointed and designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O) for the City of Clifton for the year 2026, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2*.

RESOLUTION 076-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AND EXECUTION OF A SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN RISK MANAGERS, INC., AN ACRISURE PARTNER
AGENCY, FOR ADMINISTRATION OF LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM
CLAIMS FOR PERIOD 1/1/26 - 12/31/26**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires services for the administration of liability self-insurance claims for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, after soliciting proposals through the City's broker of record, the Municipal Council wishes to award a renewal contract to Bergen Risk Managers, Inc. An Acrisure Partner Agency, for the provision of said services, in accordance with its proposal dated February 6, 2026, which provides the best and most cost effective service for the City; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is below the bid threshold and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding; 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 therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is determined to be \$33,350, and the duration of the contract is for a period of one (1) year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for liability self-insurance claims service administration, for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, is hereby awarded to Bergen Risk Managers, Inc., an Acrisure Partner Agency, in accordance with its proposal dated February 6, 2026, for a price of \$33,350.00; 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.

RESOLUTION 077-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
VIP SERVICE LIMO, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Murad Alshawabkeh the owner and operator of VIP Service Limo, LLC, 29 Notch Road, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Murad Alshawabkeh, the owner and operator of VIP Service Limo, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

VIP Service Limo, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Murad Alshawabkeh

Approved Vehicles:

2021 Chevrolet Suburban 1GNSKD3MR164860

Approved Parking Location:

29 Notch Road, Clifton, NJ

RESOLUTION 078-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
GMS LUXURY TRANSPORTATION, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Jhonatan A. Mesa the owner and operator of GMS Luxury Transportation, LLC, 80 E. Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Jhonatan A. Mesa, the owner and operator of GMS Luxury Transportation, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

GMS Luxury Transportation, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Jhonatan A. Mesa

Approved Vehicles:

2023 Chevrolet Wagon Suburban 1GNSKCKD8PK249938

Approved Parking Location:

80 E. Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011

RESOLUTION 079-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
AKS LUXURY RIDE, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Serguei Akimov the owner and operator of AKS Luxury Ride, LLC, 21 Barrister Street, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Serguei Akimov, the owner and operator of AKS Luxury Ride, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

AKS Luxury Ride, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Serguei Akimov

Approved Vehicles:

2024 Cadillac Wagon 1GYKPCRS4RZ712475

Approved Parking Location:

21 Barrister Street, Clifton, NJ 07013

RESOLUTION 080-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
GIO RIDES, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Eduardo Romero the owner and operator of GIO Rides, LLC, 29 Harrison Place, Apt. 2F, Clifton, NJ 07011; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Eduardo Romero, the owner and operator of GIO RIDES, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

GIO Rides, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Eduardo Romero

Approved Vehicles:

2023 Chevrolet Wagon Suburban 1GNSKFKD4PR181042

Approved Parking Location:

29 Harrison Place Apt 2F, Clifton, NJ 07011

RESOLUTION 081-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
ASAP LIMOUSINE, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Gideon Terer the owner and operator of ASAP Limousine, LLC, 832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Gideon Terer, the owner and operator of ASAP Limousine, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

ASAP Limousine, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Gideon Terer

Approved Vehicles:

2023 Chevrolet Wagon Tahoe 1GNSKSKL7PR407719

Approved Parking Location:

832 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013

RESOLUTION 082-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
THOVAMAX LIMO CORP.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Camilo A. Pareja Quintero the owner and operator of Thovamax Limo, Corp., 95 Boll Street, Clifton, NJ 07014; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Camilo A. Pareja Quintero, the owner and operator of Thovamax Limo Corp. in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

Thovamax Limo Corp.

Owner and Operator:

Camilo A. Pareja Quintero

Approved Vehicles:

2023 Cadillac Escalade 1GYS4JKL2PR243223

Approved Parking Location:

95 Boll Street, Clifton, NJ 07014

RESOLUTION 083-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –
LEONARDO CRUZ, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Leonardo Cruz, the owner and operator of Leonardo Cruz, LLC., 134 Avondale Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Leonardo Cruz, the owner and operator of Leonardo Cruz, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

Leonardo Cruz, LLC

Owner and Operator:

Leonarde Cruz

Approved Vehicles:

2021 Chevrolet Wagon Tahoe 1GNSKSKD7MR148928

Approved Parking Location:

134 Avondale Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013

RESOLUTION 084-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF 2026 LIMOUSINE LICENSE –

CLIFTON TAXI LIMO & CAR SERVICE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License Renewal Application from Said Y. Saleh, the owner and operator of Clifton Taxi Limo & Car Service, LLC, 76 E. Emerson Street, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of Limousine License from Said Y. Saleh, the owner and operator of Clifton Tax Limo & Car Service, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

Said Y. Saleh

Owner and Operator:

Clifton Taxi Limo & Car Service, LLC

Approved Vehicles:

2021 GMC Yukon XL 1GKS2GKD4MR357800

Approved Parking Location:

76 E. Emerson Street, Clifton, NJ 07013

RESOLUTION 085-26

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ACTION CLIFTON COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Sidra Habal to become a Member of the Action Clifton Committee (Montclair Heights Section);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Sibra Habal is hereby appointed as a Member of the Action Clifton Committee commencing this day.

RESOLUTION 086-26

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT – MATTHEW FAILLA SUPERVISING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2026, Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator, Matthew Failla, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Public Safety Telecommunicator on December 2, 1988 and his retirement will conclude an 37 year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

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

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

**MATTHEW FAILLA
SUPERVISING PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR**

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

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

RESOLUTION 087-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLIFTON PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY TO
UTILIZE THE SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET RENT RULE AND TO CHANGE THE
PAYMENT STANDARDS FOR THE SECTION 8 VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR 2026**

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WHEREAS, ON April 6, 1976, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (42 USC 1437 F), adopted a resolution establishing the Clifton Public Housing Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Public Housing Agency administers the Section 8 Voucher Program and the purpose of this Agency is to make available certain federal funds to aid the housing needs of certain low- and moderate-income citizens of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Voucher Program has established payment standards used in computation of rental assistance payments; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) regulations, the payment standards should be periodically updated and changed to reflect changes in the H.U.D. published fair market rents; and

WHEREAS, Federal Register Document 2016-27112 Filed on 11-15-16 and Final Rule Docket FR-5855-F-03 effective 1-17-17 has established a Small Area Fair Market Rent Rule entitled: Department of Housing Urban Development - Establishing a More Effective Fair Market Rent System; Using Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program Instead of the Current 50th Percentile FMRs; and

WHEREAS, as per notification from HUD on August 11, 2017, HUD exercised its authority under 24 CFR 888.113 (c)(4)(iii) to suspend the Small Area FMR designation for two Federal Fiscal years and will become effective at the beginning of FY 2020 instead of 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2017 the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ordered HUD to implement the mandatory components of the Small Area FMR rule on January 1, 2018 therefore making the PHA's previously subject to the Small Area FMR's required to implement the SAFMR's beginning January, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Public Housing Agency is desirous to update and implement the published **2026** Small Area Fair Market Rents pertaining to the multiple zip codes within the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the following chart depicts the published Fiscal Year FY2023 Advisory Small Area FMR's for Passaic County defining Small Areas using Zip Codes within the metropolitan area and are effective as of February 1, 2025.

ZIP Code	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bd
07011	\$1,720	\$1,960	\$2,250	\$2,740	\$3,500
07012	\$1,730	\$1,970	\$2,260	\$2,760	\$3,520
07013	\$1,810	\$2,060	\$2,360	\$2,880	\$3,670
07014	\$2,000	\$2,280	\$2,620	\$3,200	\$4,080
07015	\$1,610	\$1,840	\$2,110	\$2,570	\$3,280

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Clifton Public Housing Agency, pursuant to the guidelines of H.U.D., to change the current payment standards to reflect the 2026 SAFMR's as listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Public Housing Agency will also implement the new Small Area Fair Market Rents to the 2026 payment standards as listed in the chart above; and

WHEREAS, the new payment standards are equal to the H.U.D.'s latest published Small Area Fair market rents for Bergen and Passaic counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesaid new payment standards shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 088-26

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 Pending Litigation ~ Rader v. City of Clifton, PAS-L-156-24
- CON-2 Potential Litigation ~ City Manager Reimbursement and Council Health Benefits Issues
- CON-3 *(LATE ITEM TBD - Bid Due 2-17-26)* Personnel ~ School Crossing Guards
- CON-4 *(LATE ITEM TBD)* Litigation ~ Buttimore vs. City of Clifton, Docket No. PAS-L-3194-23
- CON-5 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 February 17, 2026 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 Yemeni Honey & Perfume

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR YEMENI HONEY & PERFUME CORP.
T/A YEMENI HONEY & PERFUME
ADDRESS 351-353 CROOKS AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW HONEYBEES & NUTS
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-2 Donia 1

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF DONIA 1 LLC
T/A DONIA 1
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as:
213 PARKER 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 Yummy Baking Co

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR 363 LAKEVIEW CLIFTON, LLC
T/A YUMMY BAKING CO
ADDRESS 363 LAKEVIEW AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY/BAKERY - CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW FITZGERALD HARP N BARD
ZONE
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 Thrive Cafe

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
FOR THRIVE CAFÉ, LLC
T/A THRIVE CAFÉ
ADDRESS 245 PARKER AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT - NEW
FORMERLY OR NEW NEW
ZONE
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 Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, the meeting was adjourned
at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor