

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 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)
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

Rev. Eric Farrar ~ Hope Reformed Church

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing during the Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Approval of Special Revaluation Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026
Approval of Special Budget Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2026
Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026
Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026
Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026
Approval of Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

C-1 Stefanie Henry, Manager, resigned position Supervising Payroll Clerk, effective February 16, 2026.
C-2 Michel Lapczynski, Public Works, resigned position of Laborer 1, effective February 18, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C-3 Meeting Minutes of the Individuals with Disabilities on 02-09-2026
C-4 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Board of Recreation on 01/05/2026
C-5 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Traffic Safety Committee on 01/15/26

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8081-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8081-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8081-26

Gary Perino thanked the council for amending the speed limit.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public 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 439-33 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)

(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 8082-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8082-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8082-26

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public 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 "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)

(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 8083-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8083-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8083-26

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public 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 9 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 8084-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8084-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8084-26

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 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)

(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 8085-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8085-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8085-26

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends 9 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 8086-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8086-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8086-26

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8087-26

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 "Permit Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots," Article I, Entitled "Residential Streets," More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (McCosh 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 17, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej recused himself.

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8088-26

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 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" (Removes Title of Coordinator Health Projects 3), Section 99-3 Supervisory Officials and Employees (Adds Title of Coordinator Health Projects 3)

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 17, 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 8089-26

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 Gibson and seconded by Councilman D'Amato.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Affordable Housing" (Repeals Article I and Recodifies the Chapter as "Affordable Housing Administration")

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 17, 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 8090-26

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 461-24.2 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Affordable Housing" (Repeals and Replaces in its Entirety)

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 17, 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.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Michael Scaduto reported on a text discussion between his wife Gina Scaduto and the City Manager, stating it was inappropriate and deeply offensive. He feels the messages were vulgar and included body shaming.

Guy Madsen reiterated Mr. Scaduto's statements and asked if the current City Manager is the best the city can do. He feels trust has been broken. He feels the conduct was unbecoming of the highest appointed official in this city.

Dorothy Gilmore spoke out regarding comments that were made about her in the text discussion between Gina Scaduto and the City Manager.

Samantha Bassford spoke out regarding the City Manager's comments, stating they have no place in our city. Residents should feel safe communicating with city officials. She feels the conduct was unbecoming of the highest appointed official in this city.

Keith Bassford spoke out regarding the City Manager's comments that feel it was deeply demoralizing to women, and stated he expects high value from our city officials. We should be listening to the residents and employees and acknowledge harm done. History will remember what the council does tonight.

Pat Caesar requested the policy for parking be changed on McCosh Road to allow residents to have parties and call in to the Police Department.

Pete Tandon commented on several vehicles with tinted windows and license plate covers that the Police Department should address. He feels that Lowry Field and Wienbrock Field are not used, and the city should sell them for revenue generation. He additionally feels the city should sell the Allwood Library. He asked the council to consider the slow speed of trash pick-up with a machine picking up the bins. He asked if the 360-degree camera feed can be put on the live stream. He thinks security should be performed by a private company to assist the officers.

Tarek Alnatur asked if the city is serving the constituents in the best way possible. He feels transformation tables bring leaders and community members together. The key to the process is collaboration. He feels community strength is measured by trust.

Venise Bolden asked about tax information, and a line-item breakdown of projects new and old, and debts, for the 2026 budget.

A resident who called himself “anonymous” spoke about a preschool in town.

Ahmed Abdelbaki thanked the mayor and members of the Planning Board for voting in favor of the mosque.

Gary Perino asked what the status is on the privatization of the crossing guards. He also noted the Zoning Ordinance for parking at houses of worship needs to be changed.

Joseph Siano thanked the mayor, Councilman Latona, Councilman D’Amato, and City Manager De Marzo for attending the relaunch of JK Realty. He noted two events coming up for the public on 3/14, the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies, and there will be a St. Patrick’s Day event from 10AM to 2PM. He is not in support of selling the Allwood Library. He added that international politics should not influence or affect city business.

Judy Gergats stated the allegations against the City Manager are disturbing and she feels it is unbecoming of a city official. She requested a background check and noted the need to be searching for a new City Manager.

Donna Popowich requested support from the community for the Little Free Pantry, and noted the need for cereals, proteins, and canned goods like soups.

Mary Fran Simmons asked the council to consider the women affected and insulted by the comments made by the City Manager. The council has all the information they need to act.

Paula LoBue, via Zoom, asked what the duties of a Holiday Committee member are. She asked what the procedures are and stated she’s been trying to contact Committee members for answers for a couple of months.

A Zoom Caller who called himself “Mark” feels the conduct was unbecoming of the highest appointed official in this city. He also noted the Zoning Ordinance for houses of worship needs to be changed.

Adele Gimon, via Zoom, noted the behavior of the council and conduct during meetings makes other municipalities laugh. She also gave her sympathies to Dotty.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula 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, stated there have been two tort notices filed and he will conference with the legal department in the morning.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced the Arts Center is having an exhibit done by the children in the community on March 4th and March 28th, titled Little Hands Big History which is celebrating the 250th anniversary of America. He commented that the gentleman who remained anonymous had the Board of Education president and a Board of Education member in attendance at the meeting who will bring the matter to the attention of the Superintendent. He is pleased the Little League Parade is resolved by specifying it is under the umbrella of our Recreation Department. He requested it be codified as an ordinance amendment. The city advertised for a consultant to provide interim City Manager duties and conduct a search for a permanent City Manager. Two firms responded, one pulled out, and three individuals responded only to the interim City Manager position. The position was awarded to one individual as an employee position rather than a consultant position. He added that the same thing he said last year still applies, and he is hoping to have this matter resolved and have a national search done for the City Manager position.

After discussion in closed session, Councilman Latona motioned to suspend City Manager De Marzo without pay for 5 days, giving him the option to utilize accrued vacation time or in the form of five (5) unpaid workdays. The motion also included training in professionalism and workplace etiquette within 90 days. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Pino.

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

Councilman Kolodziej motioned, and Councilman D'Amato seconded, putting out an RFP for performing a nationwide search for the position of City Manager.

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

City Manager De Marzo apologized to the council and accepted the penalties they have imposed.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula stated she has no tolerance for harassment of any kind. She feels people do not deserve the type of comments that were made. She feels the punishment for the City Manager was not severe enough. She requested to know if the letter to the County for the Allwood Road project meeting was sent out. The City Manager responded that the letter did go out via email. She agreed with the anonymous speaker about the school. She also agreed with Gary Perino that the Ordinances for Zoning need to be updated. She advised that she read to two schools during Read Across America, and the program is great.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona noted that the Black History Month flag raising was last week, and he stated Dana and Elias did a great job leading it. There was also an interfaith dinner this past week which all religions and backgrounds were invited to and there was a great turnout. He advised that the Revaluation notices went out to all the residents. He asked for an audit of the city's health insurance to make sure anyone who has passed away is removed from coverage. He asked if there is anything that can be done for multiple commercial vehicles parking on the city streets that are owned by the same resident. There is a grant we may be eligible to receive for shared services which he learned from a County Economic Developer. With regard to the Zoning Ordinances, he reminded the public we cannot change the past, we can only fix the future and we are going to keep moving forward. He was speaking with his colleagues on the topic of the rules of order to hopefully add more structure to the meetings. He notified the public the city did go out for bids for privatization of the crossing guards and the council will be making a decision soon. He noted his disappointment in the behavior of the City Manager. He asked for everyone to continue praying for our troops deployed around the world.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino highlighted the Civil Rights Committee on their first flag raising for Black History Month. She participated in Read Across America at School 17 and School 5, and noted it was a great experience and was thankful for the opportunity. This month is the first month of Clifton Behind the Scenes and she is hopeful many will participate. The ECHO youth program is due to begin in April and the registration is open. She addressed the comments made by the public regarding the conversation between a resident and the City Manager. She feels that some of the residents who spoke out tonight and demanded that all women deserve respect should reflect on the treatment she had received in the past from a resident.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D’Amato reflected on 2021 when the council was in a post-COVID state with clear barriers up between all the council members. He feels that the city should have embraced marijuana back then. He congratulated the Civil Rights Committee and praised Dana Williams’ leadership. The Black History Month flag raising ceremony should be a model for what flag raising events should be. He feels the committee has bright days ahead of them and he is very proud. He feels Tarek will make an excellent Councilman. He apologized to the public seated in the chambers and watching from home and the employees of the city for the ugliness of the events this evening.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson responded to some of the public’s comments regarding his recusal from the vote determining the punishment for the City Manager. He advised the public of the background of why he did not participate. The Scaduto family is like family to him, Gina’s daughter assists him multiple times a week. He added that Guy Madsen is also like family to him, and noted the tremendous history between the families. He explained his position on the council and had to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. He asked what will be happening with McCosh Road and if the hours will be changing, or if the permit parking on McCosh Road will be rescinded.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski wished Tom Egan a happy birthday. He stated that the Black History Month flag raising ceremony was a great event. He noted the new Planning Board Planner is working on the Zoning Ordinance changes, and the changes to the Master Plan, that were requested and they are coming soon. He added that Paula LoBue is a great source of resources and a hard worker for the committees and he vouched for her tremendous ability to help out.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 089-26

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE**

**Claims to be paid the meeting of March 3rd, 2026
Meeting of March 3rd, 2026**

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

Current Fund	\$	35,707,659.89
Grant Fund	\$	40,541.65
General Capital Fund	\$	213,863.00
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	2,391,949.50
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	18,152.63
Developers Escrow	\$	6,839.06
Dog Trust	\$	700.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	46,988.75
Trust Other	\$	349,264.34
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	4,087.55
Affordable Housing	\$	8,445.00
Community Development	\$	18,772.00
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	36,764.30
	\$	-

Self Insurance	\$	1,010,058.93
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	1,856.29
Library	\$	100,474.67
General Liability Trust	\$	1,250,768.53
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	36,655.90
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	41,243,841.99

RESOLUTION 090-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 of the Local Budget Law provides for the transfer of funds from appropriations deemed to have an excess, to appropriations where sufficient balances are not available to fulfill the purpose of the appropriation to the end of the fiscal year, providing that no transfers may be made to appropriations for contingent expenses or deferred charges, and no transfers may be made from appropriation for contingent expenses, deferred charges, cash deficit of the preceding year, reserve for uncollected taxes, down payments, capital improvements fund and debt service; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45a and 45.38 of the Budget Law restrict transfers from appropriations excluded from the Cap Law to appropriations within the Cap Law and also between appropriations excluded from the Cap Law except that transfers may be made to debt service; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-59 of the Local Budget Law allows transfers during the first three months of any fiscal year between appropriations of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton that the following transfers are authorized between appropriations in the 2025 appropriation reserve budget and that a certified copy of this resolution adopted by not less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the governing body be transmitted to the CFO.

From:

Tac Collector Salaries	\$ 30,000.00
Legal Salaries	\$ 60,000.00
Clerk Salaries	\$ 60,000.00
Zoning Board Salaries	\$ 60,000.00
Police Salaries	\$250,000.00
Human Services- Salaries	\$ 45,000.00

Total **\$505,000.00**

To:

Road - Other Expenses	\$500,000.00
Finance- Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

Total **\$505,000.00**

RESOLUTION 091-26

2026 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Clifton for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the initial temporary budget was adopted according to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19; and

WHEREAS, any subsequent temporary budgets are required to be classified as emergency temporary budgets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency temporary appropriations amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget as follows:

City Manager - Salaries	150,000.00
City Manager - Expenses	40,000.00
Personnel - Salaries	160,000.00
Personnel - Expenses	100,000.00
Advertising and Postage - Expenses	25,000.00
Municipal Council - Salaries	15,000.00
Municipal Council - Expenses	3,000.00
City Clerk - Salaries	200,000.00
City Clerk - Expenses	85,000.00
Financial Administration - Salaries	180,000.00
Financial Administration - Expense	180,000.00
Management Info Systems - Salaries	85,000.00
Management Info Systems - Expenses	75,000.00
Cable Television - Salaries	45,000.00
Cable Television - Expenses	5,000.00
Tax Assessor - Salaries	200,000.00
Tax Assessor - Expenses	50,000.00
Tax Collector - Salaries	100,000.00
Tax Collector - Expenses	30,000.00
Legal Service - Salaries	300,000.00
Legal Service - Expenses	50,000.00
Engineering Services - Salaries	150,000.00
Engineering Services - Expenses	100,000.00
Economic Development - Salaries	2,000.00
Economic Development - Expenses	2,000.00
Zoning and Planning - Salaries	100,000.00
Zoning and Planning - Expenses	50,000.00
Housing Director - Salaries	150,000.00
Housing Director - Expenses	30,000.00
Insurance - General Liability	1,000,000.00
Insurance - Worker Comp	400,000.00
Insurance - Employee Group Health	10,000,000.00
Police Department - Salaries	2,500,000.00
Police Department - Expenses	500,000.00
Office Emergency Management - Expenses	8,000.00
Fire Department - Salaries	1,500,000.00
Fire Department - Expenses	500,000.00
Building Department (DPW) - Salaries	210,000.00

Building Department (DPW) - Expenses	210,000.00
Roads Department - Salaries	300,000.00
Roads Department - Expenses	100,000.00
Public Works Administration - Salaries	200,000.00
Public Works Administration - Expenses	35,000.00
Recycling - Salaries	400,000.00
Recycling - Expenses	10,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance - Salaries	300,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance - Expenses	235,000.00
Health and Welfare - Salaries	500,000.00
Health and Welfare - Expenses	70,000.00
Human Services - Salaries	135,000.00
Human Services - Expenses	30,000.00
Senior Citizens - Salaries	125,000.00
Senior Citizens - Expenses	10,000.00
Animal Control Shelter - Salaries	75,000.00
Animal Control Shelter - Expenses	25,000.00
Public Playgrounds and Rec - Salaries	300,000.00
Public Playgrounds and Rec - Expenses	50,000.00
Shade Tree - Salaries	250,000.00
Shade Tree - Expenses	25,000.00
Arts Center & Sculpture Park - Salaries	50,000.00
Arts Center & Sculpture Park - Expenses	10,000.00
Maintenance of Parks - Salaries	325,000.00
Maintenance of Parks - Expenses	50,000.00
Electricity	500,000.00
Street Lighting	450,000.00
Telephone	300,000.00
Fuel Oil - Diesel and Heating Oil	200,000.00
Purchase/Lease Autos	250,000.00
Gasoline	300,000.00
Statutory Expenditures - DCRP	30,000.00
Municipal Court - Salaries	325,000.00
Municipal Court - Expenses	100,000.00
Public Defender - Salaries	25,000.00
Library- OE	2,500,000.00
Public Employee Retirement System	2,742,598.00
Police and Fire Retirement System	12,111,760.00
Temporary Budget for Operations	42,934,358.00

RESOLUTION 092-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET -
SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Clifton for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the initial temporary budget was adopted according to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19; and

WHEREAS, any subsequent temporary budgets are required to be classified as emergency temporary budgets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the emergency temporary appropriations amendments are hereby authorized to provide for contracts, commitments, and payments prior to the adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget- Sewer Utility as follows:

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Sewer / Storm Systems - Salaries		750,000.00
Sewer / Storm Systems - Expenses		400,000.00
Sewer Utility Allocations - Other Exp.		150,000.00
Sewer Fees		2,500,000.00
Statutory Expenditures - Social Security		80,000.00
Emergency Temporary Budget for Operations		<u>3,880,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 093-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO DeBLOCK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC FOR C-4 LICENSED SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR SERVICES FOR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for C-4 Licensed Sewer Collection System Operator Services for the City of Clifton is awarded to DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC, for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at a fee of \$1,000 per month, not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the term of the contract.

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

Certification of Funds: Funds are Available for Payment of Services in

Account # 07-201-26-291-503. Subject to the 2026 sewer utility budget being adopted.

RESOLUTION 094-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TEN (10) NEW 2026 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD VEHICLES (WDEE75) FOR CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department has a requested to purchase ten (10) 2026 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen Fleet, 31 Williams Parkway, East Hanover, NJ 07936 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 23-FLEET-34933, Sport Utility Vehicles, Gasoline /Hybrid/ Electric, which expires on June 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Police Department has obtained quotes from Nielsen Fleet for 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles at \$42,876.35 per vehicle, including optional equipment in accordance with the contract awarded by New Jersey State, in a not to exceed total amount of \$428,763.50 for ten (10) of the above vehicles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Municipal Council wishes to authorize the aforesaid mentioned purchases and delegate the power to make the same to the following named official: **Amisha Jariwala, 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 Nielsen Fleet, 31 Williams Parkway, East Hanover, NJ 07936, off the NJ State Contract No 23-FLEET-34933 for a price of \$42,876.35 each unit, and a total not to exceed amount for three units of \$428,763.50;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 are available from account

#04-215-55-980-500-2025 Bond Ordinance #8074-26

RESOLUTION 095-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF VEHICLE EMERGENCY LIGHTS AND OTHER EQUIPMENTS OFF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM NIELSEN FLEET OF EAST HANOVER

WHEREAS, subsequent to approval of Resolution for procurement of ten 2026 Dodge Durango, on March 3, 2026, the City of Clifton needs to upfit ten (10) Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD SUV's (WDEE75) off New Jersey State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department is seeking to install the required emergency lights, sirens, center consoles, prisoners' partitions, weapon retention system and computer mounting equipment necessary for Patrol Usage and other equipment for the aforementioned ten (10) Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles, the cost of which shall exceed the Local Public Contracts Law bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, Nielsen Fleet, located at 31 Williams Parkway, East Hanover, NJ 07936, which was awarded following NJ State contracts, which encompasses the outfitting of the above vehicles; and,

17-FLEET-00719	Consoles and Computer Mounting Equipment necessary for Patrol Usage- Havis Brand	\$126,624.98
17-FLEET-00761	Emergency Lighting, Sirens and Wiring -Whelen brand equipment	\$87,686.50
17-FLEET-00768	Center Consoles, Prisoners Partitions and Weapon Retention System- Setina Brand Equipment	\$65,870.00
Total		\$280,181.48

WHEREAS, the proposed not to exceed amount for the furnishing and installing of the above equipment is \$\$280,181.48, via NJ State Contracts mentioned above; and,

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent has reviewed and verified the above NJ State contracts for upfitting the vehicles with the necessary equipment, and services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Nielsen Fleet, 31 Williams Parkway, East Hanover, NJ 07936, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00719, 17-FLEET-00761 and 17-FLEET-00768, for a total not to exceed amount of \$280,181.48; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds shall be available in the following account number: 04-215-55-980-500- Purchase of Police Cars

RESOLUTION 096-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FURNISHING AND INSTALLING OF
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WITH NETWORKING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR
(10) TEN DODGE DURANGOS FROM SHI, INC. OFF BERGEN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the Resolution, adoption on March 3, 2026 the City of Clifton authorized the procurement of ten (10) Dodge Durango Pursuit Vehicles, the Police department will have a need to install the computer and networking equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department is seeking to install the required computer and networking equipment for the ten (10) vehicles of the aforementioned ten vehicles, the cost of which shall exceed the Local Public Contracts Law bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, SHI, Inc., located at 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873, is a proven vendor, and reputable outfitter/installer, which was awarded Bergen County Cooperative contract BC-BID-24-38 till June 2026, for Computer Equipment and Peripherals - COOP, which encompasses the outfitting equipment and lights; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed not to exceed amount for the furnishing and installing of the above equipment is \$60,347.50, via Bergen County Cooperative Contract BC-BID-24-38; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from SHI, Inc., located at 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset NJ 08873, off the Bergen County Cooperative Contract BC-BID-24-38, for a total not to exceed amount of \$60,347.50.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: funds shall be available in the following account number: 04-215-55-980-500- Purchase of Police Cars

RESOLUTION 097-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY
PRODUCTS THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA BERGEN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE (CK04) CONTRACT AND NEW JERSEY STATE NASPO
CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, via Resolution R262-16 authorized participation in the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (#CK04-BERGEN); and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has a need purchase certain Technology products for departments and vehicles including hardware, software and applications which are necessary for the day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department requests from SHI International for a total amount of \$350,000 off the Bergen County Cooperative BC-BID 24-38 and state contracts 21-TELE- 01506 -Data Communication Products and Services until September 30,2026; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #22-24 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873 and New Jersey State has awarded NASPO contract 21-TELE- 01506 and Bergen County Cooperative BC-BID 24-38; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Bergen County and State Contract, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; 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 award to SHI International Corp for the purchase of the Technology Products is hereby authorized; and
2. The Procurement of Technology Products from SHI International Corp, for a total not to exceed amount of \$350,000 is hereby awarded; and
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number:
 - 01-215-55-980-500 (Purchase of Vehicles)
 - 01-201-25-240-225 (Computer Equipment & Supplies)
 - 01-201-25-240-405 (Maintenance & Repairs)
 - 01-201-25-240-503 (Contractual Services)
 - 01-201-25-240-242 (Other Equipment)

RESOLUTION 098-26

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATION PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT FROM TURN OUT UNIFORMS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF
OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM AND BERGEN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Police Department has need to purchase the Police Uniforms; various multiple products and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Turn Out Uniforms was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 17-FLEET-00751 expiring on May 14, 2026 and other products and equipment off Bergen County Cooperative #24-62 with the term of November 29, 2025 to November 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from Turn Out Uniforms located at 195 Paterson Ave Little Falls NJ 07424, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-Fleet-00751 and BCCPC#24-62; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Turn Out Uniforms

located at 195 Paterson Ave Little Falls NJ 07424, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 17-Fleet-00751 and BCCPC#24-62, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and

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

RESOLUTION 099-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL CLEANING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AMERICAN WEAR UNIFORM OFF OF HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (HCESC) COOPERATIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to utilize American Wear Uniforms, located at 261 N. 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017, to provide uniform rental, cleaning, and management services for Department of Public Works employees for the 2026 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously utilized American Wear Uniforms for uniform services and has found the services to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the above HCESC contract provides for the furnishing of Uniform Rental Services, for a not to exceed amount of \$35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, under a hybrid service model available through said cooperative contract, the City anticipates an estimated annual savings of approximately \$15,000.00 compared to the prior year's contract amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the hybrid model aligns service levels with actual employee usage and provides the following pricing structure:

- Full-Service Rental Program (City laundering): \$7.37 per employee per week
- Lease Program (Employee-laundered): \$4.97 per employee per week; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R616-19, the City is a member of the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term of Effective April 22, 2024 through April 22, 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 Wear Uniforms, located at 261 N. 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07017, based on the contract period and terms outlined in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission contract in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, for the providing of Uniform Rental Services; 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:

Administration Operating Account: 01-201-26-300-207
Sewer Utility Operating Account: 07-201-26-291-207

RESOLUTION 100-26

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY RENTAL EQUIPMENT RELATED TO
SNOWSTORMS FROM FOLEY INCORPORATED FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-
12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton experienced significant impacts from Storm Hernando, resulting in the need for immediate debris removal, roadway clearance, and other storm-related emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) requires additional heavy equipment to properly respond to and mitigate the effects of Storm Hernando; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergent nature of the storm event and the immediate need to protect public health, safety, and property, the City must secure equipment without delay; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to rent the following equipment from **Foley Incorporated** for a minimum period of six (6) months:

- Caterpillar 938 Loader – \$7,500.00 per month (6 months total: \$45,000.00)
- Caterpillar 914 Loader – \$4,500.00 per month (6 months total: \$27,000.00)

WHEREAS, Foley Incorporated was awarded Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Contract ESCNJ 22/23-12 under 65MCESCCPS expiring on August 31,2026 ; and

WHEREAS, the total minimum cost for the six-month rental period is \$72,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Department recommends authorization to rent the above two equipment for six months basis from Foley Incorporated located at 855 Centennial Ave, P.O Box 155,Piscataway NJ 08855, pursuant to ESCNJ 22/23-12 under 65MCESCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury; 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Foley Incorporated located at 855 Centennial Ave, P.O Box 155,Piscataway NJ 08855 , pursuant to ESCNJ 22/23-12 under 65MCESCCPS, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000; and

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

Certification of Funds: Funds are available in Storm Recovery Trust Fund- 15-286-56-004-000

RESOLUTION 101-26

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION R522-25 PURCHASE ROAD
ROCK SALT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON
OFF OF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, pursuant to R522-25, adopted October 21,2025, the City Council authorized the City to purchase Road Rock Salt off Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System ID#38PCCP at \$70.34 per ton; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R522-25 established a not to exceed amount of \$280,000.00 for the purchase of Bulk Road Rock Salt Delivered for the period of December 20, 2025 through April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works advises that due to several significant snowstorms during the 2025–2026 winter season, a greater than anticipated quantity of salt has been required to maintain safe roadway conditions throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the originally authorized not to exceed amount is insufficient to meet the operational needs of the Department for the remainder of the winter season; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, located at 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, was awarded Passaic County Cooperative Contract SB-25-061 titled “Winter Products, Including Bulk Salt, Grits, Bagged Calcium Chloride, Liquid Calcium Chloride and Bagged Magnesium Chloride”, which expires November 30, 2027, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under a State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services approved cooperative purchasing program, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to procure Road Rock Salt in preparation of hazardous road conditions that occur with winter weather; 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 amend R408-22 pursuant to the above and authorize the Purchasing Agent to amend R522-25 for additional amount to procure goods as-needed from Morton Salt, 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606 via Passaic County Cooperative Contract SB-25-061, in an estimated not to exceed amount of \$280,000, for the period of December 20, 2025 through to April 30, 2026 (remainder of 2025-2026 Winter Season).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds shall be available from Storm Recovery Trust Fund #15-286-56-004-000, budget adoption and subsequent year budgetary appropriations considered.

RESOLUTION 102-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO GLOBAL PAYMENTS FOR CREDIT CARD PROCESSING SERVICES – MUNICIPAL COURT VIOLATIONS DEPARTMENT (NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #8-98 dated November 17, 1998, which outlines the Municipal Court’s inability to charge litigants for fees incurred in processing credit card payments; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court of the City of Clifton was the first department within City Hall to implement a credit card payment system, which was established prior to the current administration and negotiated at that time by the former Court Director with Global Payments; and

WHEREAS, the volume of credit card transactions has substantially increased over the years, resulting in a significant rise in processing fees; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that processing fees will continue to increase during 2026, and it is necessary to establish a contract with a “not to exceed” amount of \$60,000.00 to cover such expenses; and

WHEREAS, due to the Municipal Court’s inability to charge litigants for these processing fees pursuant to Directive #8-98, the City is required to enter into a Non-Fair and Open Contract for these services; and

WHEREAS, the services were rendered during **Calendar Year 2026**, and payment is required for Credit Card services; 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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract Global Payments, 10 Glenlake Parkway, North Towers, Atlanta GA 30328-3473 for credit card processing services for the Municipal Court Violations Department for the 2026 calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00

Certification of Funds: funds are available in Account No. 01-201-43-490-503

RESOLUTION 103-26

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PUBLIC MEMBER TO THE RENT LEVELING BOARD COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application of a resident willing to serve as a Member of the Rent Leveling Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Rogers has applied and qualifies as a Public Member and said application was approved by the Mayor and Council at the March 3, 2026 Council Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that Kathy Rogers as a Public Member of the Rent Leveling Board Committee commencing this day and expiring on June 30, 2029.

RESOLUTION 104-26

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 339-12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Clifton regulates parades and special events in accordance with Chapter 339 of the Code of the City of Clifton; and,

WHEREAS, events that require street closures are subject to fees that are set forth in §339-12(A); and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Catholic Charities submitted a request to conduct an Army Tank Pull Competition event at Oak Ridge Park on Sunday, June 7, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm; and,

WHEREAS, this event will require the closure of three intersections for approximately 12 hours; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 339-12(A), the fee for this event is \$4,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned fee shall be due seven (7) business days in advance of the event.

RESOLUTION 105-26

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND APPROVING AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING AND SPENDING PLANS PREPARED BY TRIAD ASSOCIATES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby endorse and approve the Affirmative Marketing and Spending Plans prepared by Triad Advisory Services, Inc. t/a Triad Associates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby directed to transmit and seek approval of same by the Superior Court of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to effectuate the above.

RESOLUTION 106-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND ANTHONY J. FERSCH AND JEAN U. FERSCH (CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2019, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Anthony J. Fersch and Jean U. Fersch, a mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 67 Maple Place, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 11.09, Lot 4); and

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

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

RESOLUTION 107-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:97-3.2, each municipality participating in the Fair Housing Act process is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison responsible for oversight and administration of the City's affordable housing program; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Housing Liaison shall serve as the primary point of contact between the City's, the Administrative Agent, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and the public, in accordance with applicable state monitoring requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that Liana M. Grasso, is hereby appointed as the Municipal

Housing Liaison for the City of Clifton effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Housing Liaison shall have the responsibilities set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:96-3.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:97-3.2, including coordination of the City’s affordable housing activities, communication with the Administrative Agent, and submission of monitoring reports as required by the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, City Clerk, and any other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 108-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR DANTE’S PLACE, LLC T/A DANTE’S

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Dante’s Place LLC, of 955 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from February 17, 2026 through June 30, 2026, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 6:00 pm to 1:00 am

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

3 Piece Amplified Band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

February 17, 2026 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.

9. 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.

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 109-26

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 Contracts ~ Lease for Schultheis Farms to City Green
- CON-2 Litigation ~ Buttimore vs. City of Clifton, Docket No. PAS-L-3194-23
- CON-3 Personnel ~
- CON-4 LATE ITEM – Legal Opinion – Conflicts of Interest

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 March 3, 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 Villa Pizza

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF VILLA PIZZA, LLC
T/A VILLA PIZZA
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT - CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as:
290 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 Deli Mart

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF DIPAN & NEHAN CORPORATION
T/A DELI MART (FORMALLY LISTED AS SHOP MART ON PRELIMINARY APPROVAL)
for permission to conduct a:
RESTAURANT/GROCERY/MILK -
CONINUTED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as:
786 BLOOMFIELD AVE., 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

- L- 3 Munchie Xpress

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF MUNCHIE MART, LLC
T/A MUNCHIE XPRESS

for permission to conduct a: GROCERY - CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as:
553 LEXINGTON AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011

be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L- 4 Manuel Deli Piaget

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR Manuel Deli Piaget, LLC

T/A Manuel Deli Piaget

ADDRESS 401 Piaget Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED Grocery/Milk - Continued Use

FORMERLY OR NEW Village News

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 Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, the meeting was
adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor