

CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 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) Via ZOOM
Councilman D’Amato	(CD) arrived 8:00 PM
Councilwoman Pino	(RP) Via ZOOM
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 Monteleone ~ St. Philip's Church

PRESENTATION

Women's History Month Presentation

The Mayor and City Council members presented women in the Clifton community with Women’s History Month awards for their service to the community. Lizz Gagnon, Judy Bassford, Kathleen Kellaigh, Mary Ann Irizarry, Robin Gibson, Dana Williams, Maura Coleman, and Vivian Semeraro were all awarded.

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:

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026
Workshop Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

C- 1 Jiomara Fuentes, City Manager, Records Support Technician, hired effective March 2, 2026, at \$45,000.00 annually.
C- 2 Miguel Cortes, Public Safety, retired from position as a Firefighter, effective March 1, 2026.
C- 3 Gabriel Crespo, Human Services, hired as Keyboarding Clerk 1, at \$38,000.00 annually effective March 2, 2026.

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked if these positions were open or if they were newly created. She requested a list of positions. Councilman Latona requested a list of positions for 2024 and 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C- 1 Meeting Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission on 01/21/2026
- C- 2 Meeting Minutes of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on 01/21/26
- C- 3 Meeting Minutes for the Clifton Historical Advisory Commission on 02/05/2026
- C- 4 Meeting Minutes of the ABC Board on 2/11/2026

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8074-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8074-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8074-26

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.

Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Automotive Vehicles for the Police Department in and by the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, Appropriating \$800,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$760,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8087-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8087-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8087-26

Pat Caesar thanked the council for updating the ordinance.

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

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled “Permit Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots,” Article I, Entitled “Residential Streets,” More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled “Restricted Streets” (McCosh Road)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8088-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8088-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8087-26

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

(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 8089-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8089-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8089-26

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 7 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled “Affordable Housing” (Repeals Article I and Recodifies the Chapter as “Affordable Housing Administration”)

(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 8090-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8090-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8090-26

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Pino, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to table for the next regular meeting.

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)

(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.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8091-26

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, and upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula and seconded by Councilman Gibson the Ordinance was tabled for the next regular meeting.

An Ordinance Authorizing Extension of Lease Agreement by and Between HR Managing Group, LLC and the City of Clifton, for Property Located at 207 Parker Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8092-26

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 IV Thereof, Entitled "Officials and Employees not Represented by a Bargaining Unit," and More Particularly § 99-18 Thereof, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Adds the Title of Public Health Nurse, Pediatrics (Part-Time), Social Services Assistant (Part-Time), Registered Environmental Health Specialist (Part-Time) and Animal Attendant (Part-Time))

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 April 7, 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 8093-26

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 Amending an Ordinance Entitled "Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Schultheis Farm to City Green, Inc.," (#6928-11) Passed on February 15, 2011, Amending Prior Ordinance (#7103-13) Passed on July 2, 2013 and Amending Prior Ordinance (#7634-21) Passed on March 2, 2021

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 April 7, 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.

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An Ordinance Amending Chapter 317 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Motion-Picture Filming" of the Code of the City of Clifton in Order to Become a Certified Film Ready New Jersey Municipality (Repeal and Replaces the Entire Chapter)

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

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(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

Joe Cupoli praised the clerk's office for their assistance with petitions. He invited the council to the Boys and Girls Club Gala at the Valley Regency on April 16th. He feels the public may lose sight of how available the city council is to them based on the amount of funds that come out of their taxes towards the municipality. He endorsed Tom Whittles' candidacy for council. He also spoke about council health insurance.

Councilman Latona left the meeting at 9:04 PM

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. She suggested the use of stickers for temporary parking passes.

Tom Whittles announced that today would have been his mother's 100th birthday, and he noted he delivered his petitions to the Clerk's Office today.

Samantha Bassford thanked the council for Judy Bassford's award. She noted that freedom of speech was to protect people from government overreach and censorship; it does not protect people in a position of power from accountability. She asked the council to have a dialogue with their own advisory committees.

A speaker who called himself "Mike" presented himself as "Gina's husband" and spoke about how he feels his wife was disrespected by the City Manager. He read out loud for the record an obscene definition from Urban Dictionary. He spoke against the process for the City Manager to sign off on a council person's time sheet. He feels the City Manager should have more remorse and accountability.

Dorothy Gilmore spoke directly to Councilwoman Pino about comments made at a past meeting and online.

Guy Madsen commented on the vote by the council at the last meeting regarding the City Manager, noting that he did not like it. He felt the behavior was unbecoming of a city official.

Harry Maitland feels the State has not been forthcoming with information about the Passaic Avenue renovations by Route 3. He would like to provide advice regarding the traffic backing up at Allwood and asked the city to do a traffic study.

Lizz Gagnon thanked the council for her award. She believes that the City Manager should have been let go for his behavior and feels that he did not apologize to the residents. She noted she was not invited to the last Holiday Committee meeting and asked when the next meeting will be.

Gary Perino complimented the City Clerk on the new agenda design. He noted Robin Gibson was very deserving of her award. He requested the council put a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting in support of Councilman Latona's discharge from the military, and a recognition at the July 4th event for his service to our city and country. He feels anonymous speakers should not be allowed to speak at meetings. He asked who is responsible for the Zoning laws and asked if part-time employees need a supervisor's approval for working times and overtime.

Henry Cholewzynski feels the city has had 30 years of mismanagement and financial problems. He recommended the council reconsider growing facilities for cannabis. He feels there is a lack of code enforcement and quality of life.

Mary Fran Simmons requested on behalf of the residents of Richfield for the council to address the parking and traffic due to the mosque.

Dawn Buzzie advised the council of her complaint regarding the capacity of vehicles in the area of the mosque, and feels the property owners have rights as well. She requested the property owners be invited to the discussion when the council ultimately makes decisions for their neighborhood.

"W. Huber" noted her concern about the vehicles in the area of the mosque, and the need for safety in the neighborhood. People continue to speed, and park illegally, and there is no accountability.

Joseph Swiatek feels the concerns raised about the mosque are all valid and the current issues happening will only get worse. He thinks that the Planning Board preliminary approval now sends the application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He asked who owns the land at the end of Starmond Avenue.

Rob Samarati spoke out against the new mosque expansion due to the occupancy issues, traffic, and parking.

Ahmed Abdelbaki spoke about his support of the new mosque. He also supports freedom of speech and the freedom to protest.

Robert Stolarz spoke out against the new mosque expansion.

Tarek Alnatur proposed a solution for the council to manage budget challenges and build a more efficient, effective, and accountable government for the residents, which is called Lean Six Sigma. It improves performance using data-driven methods and focuses on identifying and eliminating waste, and ensures continuous improvement.

Matthew Mullins wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day, and announced his candidacy for city council.

Eric Babula, via Zoom, called in to follow up on the petition for a fence along the park on Chelsea Road for child safety, and asked about the status.

A resident who called herself "Kaitlyn", via Zoom, spoke about the deficits in the current budget and the decision the council is making to give the committees money.

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

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, had no comments this evening.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato announced his email Cdamato@cliftonnj.org to the residents who would like to contact him. He congratulated the women who were given awards tonight, and feels Clifton is great because of the residents. He announced the Third River clean-up may not be fixed this year based on information received from the Army Corp of Engineers. Triad will be looped in to discuss the project. He announced he approached County Officials about the intersection between Broad Street and Van Houten Avenue and how the traffic can be addressed, and the response was that State Officials need to be brought in on the topic due to the bridge crossing the Garden State Parkway. He is happy about the "Film Ready" status that the city is receiving. He requested the community of Richfield come together to find a solution that everyone can agree on for the parking and traffic situation at the mosque. He complimented the City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk on the consistent praise that he received.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced the spring classes being offered by the Clifton Recreation Department and advised anyone interested to please go to the Clifton Recreation website. The Bunny Bash at Nash Park will be on March 28th from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. The Clifton Heroes Parade Committee is having a fundraiser for the Veteran's Day Parade April 25th at the Athenia Veteran's Post. He asked the City Manager for the surveys for the city easements on Pershing Road and Urma Avenue to review the possibility of widening the roads. He requested the status on the replacement of the CFO, to which the City Manager replied that there is potential for promotion internally. He requested the status on the nationwide search for a City Manager, to which legal responded that our Purchasing Agent is currently working on it. He motioned to place the removal of the City Manager for failure to meet the residency requirement on for discussion at the next meeting with a preliminary resolution prepared, which was seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She congratulated all the women who

were presented with awards this evening. She offered to sit and have a coffee with Ms. Dorothy Gilmore. She clarified that time sheets are all signed off by the City Manager, all council members included. She requested to know if the council is defined as employees, which the City Manager replied that under the user friendly budget the council are listed as part-time employees.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula feels the Planning Board pushed the mosque onto the council, but the Planning Board has not reviewed the Master Plan. There needs to be progress on the update to the Master Plan. She also requested information about the easement on Starmond Avenue to prove ownership. She requested clarity from administration for the ordinance for McCosh Road on what the residents are required to do for parking. The city should investigate corrections for the Allwood Road and Passaic Avenue intersection and offered an idea of a no turn on red signal. She also asked for an update on the Zoning laws. She feels that attendance at a tricky tray and coordinating baskets for donation are not part of the council position.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated the deserving women awarded this evening. He announced the City Planner will have a lot of updates to our Zoning laws requested by council for the next meeting. He is hopeful that a parking plan can be implemented for the area around the mosque and praised Councilman D'Amato's response to come together to find a solution. He noted additional legal advice was provided regarding council health benefits and noted the city is following the law with providing council with health benefits for 30 hours a week of work. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 111-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT AT ROUTE 3 RAMP AT PASSAIC AVENUE AND WARD AVENUE

WHEREAS, a traffic condition exists at the intersection of Route 3 ramp at Passaic Avenue and Ward Avenue, in the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, which requires the operation of a semi-actuated traffic control signal with pedestrian push buttons and areas of presence detection; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the safe movement and conduct of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has indicated its willingness to install a traffic control signal at said intersection; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has proposed a form of Agreement pertaining to maintenance of said traffic signal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given to enter into an Agreement with the State of New Jersey, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the purpose aforesaid, a copy of said Agreement being attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, be and hereby are authorized to execute said Agreement.

RESOLUTION 112-26

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

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

Meeting of March 17th, 2026

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

Current Fund	\$	3,942,046.04
Grant Fund	\$	40,567.65
General Capital Fund	\$	307,723.94
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	35,237.04
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	21,715.85
Developers Escrow	\$	22,293.54
Dog Trust	\$	2,400.80
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	36,303.25
Trust Other	\$	149,220.89
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	238,021.01
Affordable Housing	\$	5,273.75
Community Development	\$	195,876.21
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	38,103.71
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,334,557.91
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	94,920.15
General Liability Trust	\$	66,481.73
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	14,374.56
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	6,545,118.03

RESOLUTION 113-26
Municipal Budget Notice

Section 1.
Municipal Budget of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic for the Fiscal Year 2026
Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2026;
Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published on the official website www.cliftonnj.org on March 19th , 2026;
Also, if applicable, it will be advertised in the following on-line publication of on , 2026.
The Governing Body of the City of Clifton does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2026:
RECORDED VOTE

Ayes – Gibson, Latona, Pino, Grabowski
Nays – Kolodziej, Sadrakula
Absent – D’Amato
Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Council Members of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic , on March 17th , 2026.
A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall , on April 21st , 2026 at 8:00 PM

o'clock at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Sheet 2

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

YEAR 2026
General Appropriations For: (Reference to item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget) xxxxxxxxxxxx
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" - xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes {(Item H-1, Sheet 19)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2)} 123,967,363.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" - xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Municipal Purposes {(Item H-2, Sheet 28)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.3 as amended)} 14,814,920.98
(b) Local District School Purposes in Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29) -
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29) 14,814,920.98
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) Based on Estimated 98.70% Percent of Tax Collections 4,500,000.00
Building Aid Allowance 2026 - \$
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29) for Schools-State Aid 2025 - \$ 143,282,283.98
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) (i.e. Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts from Delinquent Taxes) 40,011,727.00
6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (as follows) xxxxxxxxxxxx
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11) 97,637,629.22
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax (Item 6(b), Sheet 11) -
(c) Minimum Library Tax 5,632,927.76

Sheet 3

RESOLUTION 114-26

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:

Electricity \$ 30,000.00

Total

To:

Street Lighting \$ 30,000.00

Total

RESOLUTION 115-26

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A \$23,980.00 GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON FFY25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) PLANNING & TRAINING (SUB AWARD #2025-04)

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Administration awarded the City of Clifton a grant to fund a 4-day, 32-hour training program in the amount of \$23,980.00, for the funding timeline of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the City of Clifton hereby accepts the \$23,980.00 grant award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division of Administration to fund the FFY25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning & Training (Sub Award #2025-04) from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gary DeMarzo, City Manager, and Michael Rowan, Fire Chief, are hereby authorized to:

- (a) Execute grant agreements; and
- (b) Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and
- (c) Act as the authorized correspondent.

RESOLUTION 116-26

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, DIVISION OF ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE & ADDICTION SERVICES GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF THE ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse & Addiction Services for Grant Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Fiscal Year 2027 awarded the City of Clifton Department of Health in the amount of \$19,469.00 with a cash match of \$4,867.25 and in-kind services match of \$14,601.75 for the 2027 fiscal year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the City of Clifton hereby accepts the \$19,469.00 with a cash match of \$4,867.25 and in-kind services match of \$14,601.75 grant award from the County of Passaic, Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse & Addiction Services for Grant Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for Fiscal Year 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gary DeMarzo, City Manager, and John E. Biegel III, Director of Health and Human Services, are hereby authorized to:

- (a) Execute grant agreements; and

(b) Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

(c) Act as the authorized correspondent.

RESOLUTION 117-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
PATERSON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF
HEALTH, FOR PROVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Health, for the provision of Tuberculosis Control Health Services to assist the Clifton Health Department, for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at a cost of \$14,000.00 for the twelve-month period.
Certification of Funds attached.

RESOLUTION 118-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE
FOR THE PERIOD 4/6/26 TO 4/6/27**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the City's Broker of Record, Polaris Galaxy Insurance Company, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and management for the period beginning April 6, 2026 and ending April 6, 2027 for Crum & Forster, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Crum & Forster Insurance Company
305 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

The subject matter falls within the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B) et seq.* and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution be placed on file and made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all required documents in connection with this matter on behalf 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

The City of Clifton has authorized the provision of insurance coverage pursuant to the exception provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(1)(a)(ii)* and (m) and *N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(B)*. The contract and authorizing resolution is available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Crum & Forster Insurance Company, 305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ
07960

Services: Cyber Liability Insurance

Estimated Cost: \$35,401.00
Term: 4/6/26 - 4/6/27

RESOLUTION 119-26

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND APPROVING OPERATING MANUAL FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REHABILITATION
PROGRAM 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 Operating Manual for the Administration of the Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program 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 120-26

**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 two intersections for approximately 8 hours; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the request of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Catholic Charities to conduct the event on June 7, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to § 339-12(A), the fee for this event is \$2,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned fee shall be payable at least seven (7) business days in advance of the event.

RESOLUTION 121-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE
BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND THERESE Z. BISHARA (CLIFTON HOME
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Therese Z. Bishara, a mortgage in the amount of \$10,000.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 886 Allwood Road #7, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 65.02, Lot 28); 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 122-26

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
MIGUEL A. CORTES
FIREFIGHTER**

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2026, Firefighter, Miguel A. Cortes, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on February 20, 2001 and his retirement will conclude an 25 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

**MIGUEL A. CORTES
FIREFIGHTER**

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 **MIGUEL A. CORTES**.

RESOLUTION 123-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A 2021 JEEP GLADIATOR
DONATED TO THE CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM RAFAEL
VALENZUELA**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for acceptance of a 2021 Jeep Gladiator, Vin#1C6HJTFG7ML520312, donated to the City of Clifton Police Department from Rafael Valenzuela.

RESOLUTION 124-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PAYROLL,
TIME & ATTENDANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
PROPOSALS (RFP) THROUGH COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE IN THE
CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton previously awarded a Competitive Contract for Payroll, Time & Attendance and Human Resource Management System services pursuant to Resolution R399-24,

which is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to continue providing these services and must therefore solicit proposals for a new contract; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4-1, local contracting units may use competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services, the price of which exceeds the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, Payroll, Time & Attendance, and Human Resource Management Systems constitute specialized software and related services appropriate for procurement through the competitive contracting process.

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 RFPs response for the services described herein via Fair and Open process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Bidders shall be published once in the legal newspaper of the City of Clifton, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

RESOLUTION 125-26

This Resolution was tabled.

RESOLUTION 126-26

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF INTENT TO
PROCURE VIA NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
AS-NEEDED HVAC EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR THE
CITY OF CLIFTON BUILDINGS (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)**

WHEREAS, Trane U.S., Inc., was awarded Omnia Partners national cooperative contract Racine County WI Contract#3341 for HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based Solutions and Related Products and Services”, which provides for as-needed maintenance and repairs for Trane HVAC equipment and systems; 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 has previously installed Trane HVAC related equipment at various City facilities, therefore with fleet consideration, the Department of Public Works has requested the City procure maintenance and as-needed repair contract for any repairs of products not under warranty; and

WHEREAS, Omnia Partners (formerly U.S. Communities) awarded the above referenced contract (Racine County WI Contract#3341), to Trane U.S., Inc., 19 Chapin Road, Bldg. B, Suite 200, Pine Brook, NJ 07058, for a term of September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2027, which provides for purchase of HVAC Products, Installation, Labor Based Solutions and related products and services; and

WHEREAS, the contract award and related documentation are available via the following website link: <https://www.Autorization.t.omniapartners.com/suppliers/trane/public-sector/contract-documents> ; and,

WHEREAS, absent comment, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Trane U.S., Inc., 19 Chapin Road, Bldg. B, Suite 200, Pine Brook, NJ 07058, for as-needed parts and

repairs, via the OMNIA Point national cooperative contract number Contract#3341, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to the Racine County, Wisconsin Contract for HVAC Products, Installation, Services and Related Products and Services (Racine Contract #3341), subsequent to a ten (10) day period for public comment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3); and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise the Notice of Intent to Award Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement,

Comment Period ending: April 2,2026.

RESOLUTION 127-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF FORD OEM AUTOMOTIVE PARTS AND SUPPLIES 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 Sourcwell, 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 Sourcwell national cooperative for OEM Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies, which was awarded to Route 23 Automall LLC, 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found on Sourcwell's website at <https://www.sourcwell-mn.gov/cooperative-purchasing/080124-FMC> ; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for Sourcwell contract #080124-FMC, for Ford Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies which expires on November 14,2028; and

WHEREAS, barring comments to the contrary, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to award a contract to Route 23 Automall LLC, 1301 Route 23 Butler NJ 07405, pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to Sourcwell's Notice to Bidders Titled "Ford Automotive Parts and Supplies#080124-FMC for Ford OEM Automotive Parts, Service and Supplies; 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 31,2026.

Comment Period ends: March 31,2026

RESOLUTION 128-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPAIR PARTS FROM FOLEY INC. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the City of Clifton requires the purchase of heavy-equipment parts for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

(ESCNJ), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term extended to August 31,2026; and

WHEREAS, Foley, Inc. located at 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway NJ 08854, is a current approved vendor on the Educational Services Commission 22/23-12 Contract is valid till extended to August 31,2026; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the purchase for the year 2026 shall not exceed the sum of \$40,000; 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, by the City Council of the City of Clifton, that the City of Clifton is hereby authorized to purchase heavy-equipment parts from Foley Inc located at 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway NJ 08854 for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the term of Year 2026, in accordance with the terms of the Educational Services Commission 22/23-12.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in account :
01-201-26-315-202 – Vehicle Maintenance Auto Expense Account

RESOLUTION 129-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HEAVY DUTY TRUCK REPAIR PARTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the City of Clifton requires the purchase of heavy-duty truck repair parts for the year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ), from which the above contract was awarded for a bid term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, At Northern New Jersey dba Allegiance Trucks, located at 525 West Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036, is a current approved vendor on the Educational Services Commission 23/24-04 Contract is valid till June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the purchase for the year 2026 shall not exceed the sum of \$55,000.00; 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, by the City Council of the City of Clifton, that the City of Clifton is hereby authorized to purchase heavy-duty truck repair parts from At Northern New Jersey dba Allegiance Trucks for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 for the term of Year 2026, in accordance with the terms of the Educational Services Commission 23/24-04.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in account :
01-201-26-315-202 – Vehicle Maintenance Auto Expense Account

RESOLUTION 130-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the contract for the **NASH PARK IMPROVEMENTS** be and the same is hereby awarded to **ADP Group Inc. of Paterson, New Jersey**, the low bidder meeting the specifications at a grand total bid price of **\$1,733,900.00**, in accordance with bids received on **March 5, 2026**, and

recommended by communication dated **March 11, 2026** to the Mayor and Council; and

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

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

RESOLUTION 131-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALK, CURBING AND FENCING ALONG THE PLAYGROUND AT DUNNEY PARK FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Department of Public Works is requesting to replace sidewalk, curbing and fencing along the Playground at Dunney Park; and

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited for the above purpose. The following two vendors submitted the quotes:

	Name of Vendor	Cost
1.	Angels Contractors & Suburban Sidewalks	\$24,085.58
2.	Laras Construction	\$26,600.00

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 Angels Contractors and Suburban Sidewalks 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 Angels Contractors and Suburban Sidewalks located at 1 River Drive, Garfield NJ 07026 which is lowest quote and specifications are acceptable to the Director of Public Works; 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Council is hereby authorized and directed to replace sidewalk, curbing and fencing along the playground at Dunney Park to lowest respondent Angels Contractors and Suburban Sidewalks located at 1 River Drive, Garfield NJ 07026 in an amount not to exceed \$24,085.58; 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 in account number Open Space Trust Fund Account (03-201-44-000-000)

RESOLUTION 132-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES TO ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (YEAR 2026-2027)

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton duly advertised for bids for School Crossing Guard Services for the

2026–2027 contract year with an option to extend for two (2) additional year; and

WHEREAS, bid specifications were requested by OPUS Operations and **All City Management Services**; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and publicly opened on February 17, 2026, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received from **All City Management Services**;

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by All City Management Services has been reviewed by the appropriate City officials and determined to be responsive and responsible; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal provides the following pricing structure:

OPTION 1 – Two (2) Year Contract (Fixed Rate)

Year 1 (2026–2027)

Hourly Rate: \$27.77

Total Cost to City: \$699,054.00

Year 2 (2027–2028)

Hourly Rate: \$27.77

Total Cost to City: \$699,054.00 (Weekly Invoice Based on Total Contract

Total contract amount: \$699,054.00

41 weeks :- $699,054 \div 41 = 17,050.10$

OPTION 2 – Two (2) Year Contract with CPI Adjustment

Year 3 (2028–2029)

Hourly Rate: \$28.71

Total Cost to City: \$722,717.00

(Based upon a 3.4% increase in the 2027 New Jersey Consumer Price Index)

WHEREAS, the school operating period generally consists of approximately 180 student days, or approximately forty (40) to forty-one (41) weeks, consistent with the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, the term of said contracts will be renewed and will commence on September 6, 2026 and end on June 20, 2027 and can be extended for two -one-year extensions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby authorizes award under **options mentioned** for the contract term commencing with the 2026–2027 and 2027-2028 school year, with an option to extend for one (2) additional years pursuant to the pricing set forth in the bid specifications and weekly invoice shall be \$17,050.10 with total contract not to exceed \$699,054.00 annually.

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 and will be charged accordingly as expenses occur.

RESOLUTION 133-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION SERVICES
TO INSTITUTE FOR FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
APRIL 1, 2026 - MARCH 31, 2027**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. the City of Clifton advertised for the Proposals for psychological evaluation services on the City’s website and newspaper for a licensed medical facility in its proximity to perform psychological evaluation services as required by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, one proposals was received from Institute of Forensic Psychology located at 5 Fir Court Suite 2, Oakland, NJ 07436; and

WHEREAS, Institute for Forensic Psychology is a medical facility that is responsive and responsible vendor and is authorized by law to conduct various psychological evaluation services, practices of which are regulated by law; and

WHEREAS the required professional psychological evaluation services for the City of Clifton

have been optimally provided by the Institute for Forensic Psychology, and the proposed fees for 2024 services are provided; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the aforementioned exemption for competitive bidding, the City requested proposals for the said services and has awarded this contract under a “Fair and Open Process” that requires public advertising for contracts for “Professional Services”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for Psychological Evaluation Services is hereby awarded to the Institute for Forensic Psychology, 5 Fir Court, Oakland, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed a total of \$35,000.00, for the contract period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027; 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

Certification of funds: a properly executed purchase order, processed as-needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance.

RESOLUTION 134-26

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO TOTOWA
PRIMARY CARE CENTER FOR PROFESIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES
(MARCH 1, 2026 TO FEB 28, 2027)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 et seq. the City of Clifton advertised for the Proposals for professional medical services on the City’s website and newspaper for a licensed medical facility in its proximity to perform certain medical services as required by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the sealed proposals were received from three (3) Medical Facilities 1) Totowa Primary Care Center 2) Hackensack Meridian Health (HM works) 3) Atlantic Health ; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council desire to award a contract for the required professional medical services for the City of Clifton to Totowa Primary Care Center for March 1,2026 to Feb 28,2027 under the terms of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. under “Fair and Open Process”, in accordance with its proposal in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and and were most advantageous, price and other factors considered of two proposals received; and

WHEREAS, said services to be performed are professional services within the meaning of those terms as used in the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, and, accordingly, a contract may be awarded therefore with public advertising for Request for Proposals in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 *et seq.*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract for medical services such as drug testing and employment physicals, practices of which are regulated by law and were most advantageous, price & other factors is hereby awarded to Totowa Primary Care Center, located at 160 Union Blvd, Totowa, NJ ; and in accordance with its proposal for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000 without the adoption of a supplemental resolution and term will be twelve months from the March 1,2026; 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 during regular business hours; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds will be certified at the time of purchase/service based on the properly executed purchase order for each department respectively.

RESOLUTION 135-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BOSS BUILDINGS
FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A STORAGE GARAGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, at the February 3, 2026 meeting of the City Council, the Council directed that an expense analysis be conducted regarding the construction of a building to store “on-hold” vehicles in the rear of Fire Station No. 4, located at 144 Main Avenue in the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Police Department identified a secured fenced area measuring approximately forty (40) feet by one hundred twenty (120) feet at the rear of said location as suitable for the installation of a structure to provide protected storage for such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed structure consists of a metal building constructed of 16-gauge steel measuring approximately twenty-four (24) feet wide by sixty (60) feet long with a height of sixteen (16) feet, providing approximately 1,440 square feet of indoor protected storage; and

WHEREAS, the structure will include a sixteen (16) foot wide roll-up door with a height of fourteen (14) feet to allow tow trucks to enter and deposit vehicles, as well as a thirty-six (36) inch side entrance door with card reader/electric locking mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the proposed building meets applicable New Jersey structural requirements including a snow load rating of thirty-five (35) pounds per square foot and a wind rating of one hundred forty-five (145) miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, quotations were solicited for the above purpose. The following two vendors submitted the quotes:

	Name of Vendor	Cost
1.	Boss Buildings, Elkin, NC	\$20,501.13
2.	Toro Steel Buildings, Grand Rapids, MI	\$39,700.00

WHEREAS, the quotation submitted by Boss Buildings includes the building, delivery, site drawings, and installation of the structure, whereas the quotation from Toro Steel Buildings does not include installation and would require the City to retain a contractor or utilize Department of Public Works staff; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from Angels Contractors and Suburban Sidewalks 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 **Boss Buildings**, 116 East Market Street, Suite 200, Elkin, North Carolina, in the amount of **\$20,501.13**.which is lowest quote and specifications are acceptable to the Police Department; 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Council is hereby authorized and directed to purchase metal storage garage to lowest respondent **Boss Buildings**, 116 East Market Street, Suite 200, Elkin, North Carolina, in an amount not to exceed \$20,501.13.; 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 136-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE RENEWAL –

SUMMER’S ICE CREAM FOR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson, New Jersey; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson is hereby granted.

Company name:
Summer Ice Cream

Owner:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Operator:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Vehicle:
2003 GMC SUV 1GDHG35R221232888

Parking Location:
12 Grove St. – Paterson, NJ 07503

RESOLUTION 137-26

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Seeroshna Leith to become a Member of the Civil Rights Committee to begin a two-year term on 3/17/2026 through 12/31/2029;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Seeroshna Leith be and is hereby appointed to the Civil Rights Committee commencing 3/17/2026.

RESOLUTION 138-26

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2026 TO BE
“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH” IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton proudly recognizes the month of March as Women’s History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, leadership, and lasting contributions of women in our community and throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Our Country in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of Our Country by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in Our Country; and

WHEREAS, women in Clifton, New Jersey have played vital roles in strengthening our neighborhoods, advancing education, supporting local businesses, and serving in public service and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Women’s History Month provides an opportunity to honor the generations of women who have worked to expand opportunity, promote equality, and inspire future leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Women’s History Month in the City of Clifton**, and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women who continue to shape our city and our future.

RESOLUTION 139-26

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 Litigation ~ Angelina Tirado v. City of Clifton, et al., Docket No.: PAS-L-2238-25

CON-2 Litigation ~ John Rader v. City of Clifton Zoning Board of Adjustment, *et al.*
Docket No.: PAS-L-2238-25

CON-3 Litigation ~ Buttimore vs. City of Clifton, Docket No. PAS-L-3194-23

CON-4 Litigation ~ Police Officer Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 05/19/2023

CON-5 Litigation ~ DPW, Workers' Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 03/27/2023

CON-6 Litigation Update ~ Occidental Chemical Corp. v. 21st Century Fox America, Inc.,
et al. - Civil Action No. 2:18-CV-11273

CON-7 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 March 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 Clifton's Best Pizza Monte

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF GMFoods LLC

T/A Clifton's Best Pizza Monte

for permission to conduct a: Restaurant - Continued Use

for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as:

849 Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013

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.

Prior to adjournment, Councilman Kolodziej motioned for a preliminary resolution for removal of the City Manager be placed on the next meeting agenda, and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor