

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 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

Father Monteleone ~ St. Philip's Church

PRESENTATION

Proclamation ~ Recognizing April 2026 as "Autism Awareness Month"

Councilman Kolodziej read the proclamation into the record.

Proclamation ~ Honoring Council William Gibson - Splash Pad at Nash Park

Councilman Latona read the proclamation into the record. Councilman Gibson's wife Robin Gibson accepted the honor on his behalf.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Open Public Hearing on 2026 Municipal Budget/Close the Public Hearing

There were no speakers during the public hearing. Interim CFO Joe Monzo clarified some information regarding the resolutions that the council will vote on this evening and gave the council details on the responses received from the Division and the approval of the city's proposed budget.

Resolution 176-26

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 INTRODUCED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget of the year 2026 was approved on the 19th day of March 2026, and,

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2026 be made:

3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section E: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services - Additional Revenues Offset with Appropriations (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3h):		
	FROM	TO
Hydrant Inspection Fee	83,000.00	103,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:		
Hotel Occupancy Fee	400,000.00	380,000.00
Total Section E: Special Item of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Additional Revenues	108,000.00	128,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:	8,262,000.00	8,242,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	29,285,707.00	29,285,707.00
Total General Revenues	<u>143,306,263.98</u>	<u>143,306,263.98</u>

Councilman Kolodziej motioned to approve, which was seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote.

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

Resolution 177-26

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (AS AMENDED)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council Members of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the suns therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 97,637,629.22 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes
- (d) \$ 540,718.00 (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 5,632,927.76 (Item 5 below) Minimum Library Tax

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 7,250,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	\$ 29,285,707.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 3,500,000.00
2. Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$ 97,637,629.22
5. Amount to be raised by taxation Minimum Library	\$ 5,632,927.76

Total Revenues \$ 143,306,263.98

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. General Appropriations within “CAPS”

(a and b) Operations \$ 106,978,005.00

‘(d) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures \$ 16,989,358.00

Excluded from “ CAPS”

(a) Total Operations excluded from “CAPS” \$ 6,879,907.76

(d) Municipal Debt Service \$ 7,265,905.00

‘(e) Deferred Charges- Municipal \$ 693,088.22

(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes \$ 4,500,000.00

Total Appropriations \$ 143,306,263.98

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 21st of April 2026.

It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2026 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Councilman Kolodziej motioned to approve, which was seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote.

Councilman Kolodziej noted he will be voting no on the proposed amended budget due to elimination of the title of communications director and the continuation of the same 2025 budget appropriations in 2026. Councilman Latona noted his support of the on-time budget, and thanked administration and Mr. Monzo for completing it on time.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Substantial Amendment to FY 2021, 2022 and 2024 CDBG Program Years 47, 48 and 50 Community Development Amendment B-21-22-24-MC-34-0103

With no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilman Kolodziej, and a second by Councilman D’Amato.

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:

- Workshop Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026
- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026
- Executive Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

1. Frank Neuberger, Public Safety, retired from his position of Firefighter, effective April 1, 2026.
2. Gerardo Nunez, Public Safety, hired as School Traffic Guard, at \$16.00 hourly, effective April 2, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C- 1 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Beautification Committee on April 6, 2026

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8093-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8093-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8093-26

Jennifer Papa, the Executive Director of City Green, commented that City Green is very deserving of the council's support. The organization has been partnering with the City of Clifton since 2011, and have consistently raised funds and all renovations for upkeep of the property have been done on their dime.

Henry Cholewzynski feels City Green is a deserving organization. He believes the \$1 per year is worth it.

Elias Ragsdale supports the City Green organization, and he noted their volunteer programs are great for the community.

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 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 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

(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 8095-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8095-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8095-26

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, 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 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 1 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 8096-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8096-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8096-26

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" (Adds 15 Restricted Handicapped Spaces); (Deletes 5 Restricted Handicapped Space); and (Amends 6 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 8097-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8097-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8097-26

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 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" (Harrison Place)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8091-26

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

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

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 May 5, 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

Larry Waxman addressed the redevelopment plan around Allwood Road, and noted the Traffic Safety Council is upset that there are no further meetings for phase 1. On March 24th there was a Board of Commissioners meeting with Passaic County, and he asked the council if the Mayor or a representative attended the meeting.

Al Swiatek spoke about the easement on Starmond Avenue, and stated there is a 10-foot buffer from the circle to the proposed and approved retaining wall. He stated there will be no access and there is no need for debate amongst the council.

Gina Scaduto addressed the ongoing parking issue in the Richfield section of town and requested to know why the permit parking request was denied. She stated that the residents are trying to find solutions to the parking issue they are living with.

Mary Fran Simmons feels that the residents were not included in the discussion about parking and asked why the permit parking request was denied. She stated if an emergency vehicle needs to use a neighbor's driveway, it's a problem. She requested to know where the police officers are when traffic is coming into the mosque. She stated that Pershing Road still has parking violations and she accused the dispatch of not answering the phone.

Judy Gergatz asked why the public is having their time reduced. She also asked why the council would agree to "waste" money to widen the roads if the residents don't want that solution. She feels the application that was submitted by her neighborhood met the requirements, and she does not understand why it was denied. She also requested to know when the zoning laws will be updated.

Dawn Buzzie congratulated Councilman Gibson and City Green. She spoke in favor of permit parking in the Richfield section. She feels that one-way streets are a bad idea for the area, and that sidewalks are needed due to the high volume of residents and visitors who walk. She also feels the residents deserve a say in how their communities run.

Joseph Swiatek stated that the rules are the Police Department needs to conduct a traffic study, and then it is presented to the Council.

Tarek Alnatur stated a problem with the proposed change to the rules of order. He feels reducing residents' time to speak is not the answer, as it can be perceived as obstruction. He also spoke about his concern with the recent passing of the Affordable Housing Ordinance, noting the impact on our schools. He feels there is nothing wrong with contacting subject-matter experts and collaborating with the residents.

Tejal Desai feels that the council's solution of efficiency is coming at the expense of the residents. She stated that if time is truly the issue, that the council should lead by example.

Iris Reyes addressed the recent discussion about time reduction for the public. She feels council discussions are often extended and residents feel that the balance is off. She also stated her opposition to the Affordable Housing ordinance.

Gerard Scorziello spoke about the lack of enforcement and the impact on quality of life in the city. He stated the limousine company was approved by the Zoning Board 10 years ago, and a truck recently hit the building where he claims an apartment was being rented upstairs.

Dylan Gibson, Via Zoom, apologized for not being at the meeting in-person and spoke in support of his grandfather, Councilman Gibson, and praised the city for dedicating the Splash Pad to him.

Pete Tandon asked the council why they are changing the rules of order and stated that a time reduction would adversely affect senior citizens.

Gary Perino asked why it is taking so long for the zoning law updates, and who is responsible. He hopes that the next council will bring integrity and leadership to make a positive impact on residents' lives. He asked why the mayor voted in favor of the fireworks at the country club. He stated that he likes the idea of council members being able to respond to citizens' comments immediately rather than having to wait. He advised that the "Entering Clifton" sign on route 19 has been defaced with graffiti and there is garbage everywhere.

Henry Cholewzynski compared the change in the rules of order to documents from the US Congress and the Constitution. He requested the council not make the changes they are proposing. He congratulated Councilman Gibson.

Liz Burghoffer asked why the application for permit parking in her neighborhood was denied, and stated the residents are trying to control the chaos on their streets.

Bob Stolarz congratulated Councilman Gibson. He stated that the size of the mosque that was approved is a big issue and will cause a huge problem with parking and an inundation of cars. He feels that before they break ground on the expansion, the city should address the parking issue.

Tom Whittles feels that the council should be able to answer residents immediately and not have them wait for council privilege. He recommends the council solve the residents' problems so they can go home and it can reduce the number of speakers at the meetings.

Kim Oaffler presented information about an upcoming event hosted by the Clifton Historical Committee in collaboration with the Clifton Recreation department in Haddonfield, New Jersey. There will be a bus trip for the 250th anniversary of the United States and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The cost is \$75 per person. It will be at the Indian King Tavern / Museum, the British Chip restaurant, and the Historical Society building. She did not provide a date for the event.

Kevin Kernath advised that the date of the event for the Historical Committee is May 2nd, and the time is from 7:45 AM at the senior barn and the expected return will be 5:30 PM. He stated there are approximately 15 seats left and he said that if anyone is interested in joining, please contact the Recreation department.

Ahmed Abdelbaki gave prayers for Donna Popowich. He hopes the council does not limit the public's time. He spoke out against "genocidal Israel" and opposes what is happening in Gaza and Iran. He feels that some residents in the Richfield section of Clifton are racist.

Matt Ward advised that limiting residents time will be a problem. The Allwood Road project is important, and the County needs to keep us informed. He advised there was a meeting in June of 2024 and Phase 1 has no estimated start date. He feels we need to get in front of the County Commissioners and discuss it.

"Kaitlyn", Via Zoom, stated that advertisements started playing during the comments by the previous speaker. She asked the council why the last job publication on the New Jersey League of Municipalities was in April of 2025. She feels the proclamations take up too much time.

Bart Ciervo, Via Zoom, congratulated Councilman Gibson. He thanked Jason in DPW for his work at Dunney Park. He feels the council does not act appropriately on the dais.

Lee Goldberg, Via Zoom, stated he was physically shaking due to the offensive and hateful comments that came out of some of the speaker's mouths tonight.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona 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.

Councilman Gibson left the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, noted the ongoing controversy with parking in the Richfield section of town. He stated that it is an ongoing conversation with all residents and stakeholders to start fixing the problem. He noted he will continue to communicate with everyone and try to find a solution.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula believes enforcement is a problem in the city. She stated she will not vote in favor of restricting the public. She advised the public that her “Town Hall” meetings at city hall will begin on Monday April 27th at 7:00 PM. She would like the annual reviews of confidential employees to begin. She feels there is an issue with the Revaluation and requested another meeting to advise the residents what will happen during the inspections. She asked for a letter to be sent to the County Commissioners inviting them to come speak to the residents about the Allwood Road project. She feels that our legal department needs to assist with the updates to the zoning laws.

Councilman D’Amato

Councilman D’Amato gave his condolences to Donna Popowich on the loss of her husband. He gave condolences to Joe Siano on the loss of his dog. He praised the Fire Department for their response to the recent fires in Clifton. He congratulated Councilman Gibson on his proclamation and dedication of the Splash Pad at Nash Park. He stated that he wrote a letter to the Construction Department about violations and they are now starting to be addressed. He feels the proposal for the change to the rules of order are not foreign to municipal government. He stated he received a lot of push back from the public and he will not vote in favor of it.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona congratulated Councilman Gibson. He congratulated Richie Smith on 35 years in DPW. He advised the public to research their potential unclaimed funds. He expressed his excitement about an on-time budget adoption. He stated there were no issues with the City Green organization, only with the loss of revenue. He expressed his concern over the tragic events this past week. He asked administration to investigate the comment about dispatch not answering the calls. He asked residents to contact prior administration to ask why zoning laws and the master plan were not updated in 20 years. He agreed with a speaker about hiring subject-matter experts.

Councilman Latona was provided an additional 5 minutes after the order of business, and he asked the public to stop believing everything they read online. He stated his proposal for the rules of order changes were all based on suggestions from the publication he received from the League of Municipalities. He noted that they are not stifling or limiting free speech. He hopes that the council can agree on some changes.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino congratulated Councilman Gibson and his family on the dedication of the Splash Pad. She extended her condolences to the Foukas family on the loss of Thomas, and the Popowich family on the loss of Bob. She stated the council will continue to work on the rules of order and modify as necessary. The ECHO Great Spring Carnival begins tomorrow, April 22nd and runs through April 25th, Thursday and Friday it will run from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday it will run from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM. She hopes everyone can attend.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej asked the public to pay attention to how the council votes, and not what they say. He feels the city does not spend the money that we need to hire more enforcement officers. He feels the council has not discussed additional revenue sources like cannabis and PILOT agreements. He stated that there are some misconceptions about the Revaluation, and noted it is redistributing the burden, so everyone pays their fair share.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski gave his condolences to the Foukas and Popowich families. He praised Lieutenant Brodie’s actions at the recent truck accident, and he feels he put his life on the line and deserves praise for his quick actions. He advised the public that the rules of order have not been changed yet. He added that Senator McKeon will be at the senior center on April 23rd at 12:30 PM to participate in the receipt of the bus for the Board of Health and the ribbon cutting.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 178-26

RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN WILLIAM F. GIBSON FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND DEDICATION OF THE WILLIAM F. GIBSON SPLASH PAD AT NASH PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes and values individuals whose commitment to public service strengthens the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of our community; and

WHEREAS, William F. Gibson has devoted more than fifty (50) years of distinguished service to the residents of the City of Clifton demonstrating unwavering dedication, integrity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, William F. Gibson began his public service career as an Animal Control Officer, faithfully protecting both residents and animals while ensuring the health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, through his commitment to public safety, William F. Gibson went on to serve as a Police Officer, earning the trust and respect of colleagues and citizens alike through professionalism, courage, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished law enforcement career, William F. Gibson rose through the ranks to serve as Police Sergeant and later as Detective Sgt., where his leadership, investigative skill, and dedication to justice contributed greatly to the safety and wellbeing of the community; and

WHEREAS, after completing a long and honorable career in law enforcement, William F. Gibson continued his service to the community by serving the residents of Clifton as a City Councilman for twelve (12) years, working diligently to represent the interests of his constituents and to improve the quality of life in the city; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable career in public service, William F. Gibson has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to civic responsibility, community engagement, and the betterment of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and commitment to community improvement, William F. Gibson actively supported and advocated for the development of a splash park at Nash Park, helping to bring to fruition a project that will provide enjoyment and gathering space for children and families throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton City Council wishes to formally recognize and express its deepest gratitude for William F. Gibson's lifetime of service, dedication, and lasting contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey that they hereby commend and honor William F. Gibson for more than fifty (50) years of exceptional service to the community as an Animal Control Officer, Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Detective Sgt., and City Councilman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clifton extends its sincere appreciation for his many years of dedication, leadership, and commitment to public service, and expresses its best wishes for his continued health, happiness, and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Clifton hereby dedicates the Splash Pad at Nash Park in honor of William F. Gibson.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2026 by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton.

RESOLUTION 179-26

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINSTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE CLIFTON PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agency is to make available certain federal funds to aid the housing needs of certain extremely low, low- and moderate-income citizens of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Public Housing agency administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Public Housing Agency administers only Housing Choice Vouchers and does not own any public housing buildings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) amended regulations, such amended regulations and policies will be updated in the Clifton Public Housing Agency's annual and administrative plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid amendments and changes to the annual and administrative plan as set forth in Schedule A, which is the Administrative Plan Table of Contents (the complete Administrative Plan is on file in the City Clerk's Office), attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby adopted and shall become effective retroactively to February 1, 2026 upon adoption of this resolution and shall continue in each instance for such period(s) of time as allowed by HUD.

RESOLUTION 180-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OLDER HT1000 AND HT1250 PORTABLE RADIOS TO THE BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is the owner of the HT1000 and HT1250 portable radios that are based on outdated analog technology and are incompatible with the current digital communications systems, including modern frequency, encryption, and interoperability requirements; and

WHEREAS, the radios cannot be programmed for use within our network or reliably communicate with our repeaters, dispatch, or partner agencies, and due to their age and obsolescence, they possess little to no resale value on the secondary market; and

WHEREAS, rather than disposing of this equipment, donating the radios to the Ringwood Fire Department provides an opportunity to extend their useful life with an agency that can still utilize them.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given to donate the Fire Department's older HT1000 and HT1250 portable radios to the Borough of Ringwood, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION 181-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A \$150,000 GRANT FROM THE PARTNERS FOR HEALTH FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Partners for Health Foundation offers a General Operating Support Grant of up to \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department wishes to apply for the grant to support the operation of the Botany Satellite Office, specifically personnel and partial rent, in the amount of up to \$150,000.00, for the funding timeline of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the Health Department to apply for the \$150,000.00 grant award from the Partners for Health Foundation to fund the operation of the Botany Satellite Office, specifically personnel and partial rent, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gary DeMarzo, City Manager, and John Biegel, III, Health Officer, are hereby authorized to:

- (a) Apply for the grant agreements; and

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

RESOLUTION 182-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF LEASE PAYMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL VEHICLES UNDER EXISTING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clifton adopted Resolution No. **R238-23** in 2023, authorizing the award of a contract for the leasing of municipal vehicles through the TIPS National Cooperative **240502**, with Enterprise Fleet Management; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolution, the City entered into a lease agreement for a total of forty-one (41) vehicles; and

WHEREAS, twenty-six (26) of said vehicles remain under active lease agreements requiring continued annual payments; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell Contract No. **030122-EFM** has a current maturity date of **April 18, 2027**, and the individual vehicle lease obligations extend beyond said date pursuant to the terms of the original agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a spending cap for the continued lease payments for the remaining twenty-six (26) vehicles for budgeting and financial control purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available or will be made available in future budgets subject to annual appropriations.

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

1. The governing body hereby authorizes the continuation of lease payments to **Enterprise Fleet Management** for twenty-six (26) municipal vehicles under the previously awarded contract authorized by Resolution No. **R238-23**.
2. The total annual payments for said lease of 26 cars shall **not exceed \$64,795.92 per year** for five years.
3. This authorization is made pursuant to the original award under the **Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 030122-EFM**, and does not constitute a new procurement, but rather the continuation of obligations under an existing agreement.
4. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to certify funds and process payments in accordance with the terms of the original lease agreements.
5. This contract is a multi-year obligation pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15**, and all payments are subject to the availability and appropriation of funds in future municipal budgets.

RESOLUTION 183-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PSE&G DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM FOR HVAC AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CLIFTON COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need to replace the existing HVAC system and lighting at the Clifton Community Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the existing HVAC system has exceeded its useful service life, is no longer repairable, and is currently out of service, thereby necessitating immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, in coordination with City Administration, has worked with Facility Solutions Group (FSG), an authorized vendor under the PSE&G Direct Install Program, to develop a comprehensive energy efficiency project; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work includes the full replacement of the HVAC system, necessary electrical upgrades, and the replacement of all existing lighting fixtures with high-efficiency LED lighting throughout the facility; and

WHEREAS, the services provided through the PSE&G Direct Install Program are of a specialized and qualitative nature, involving energy audits, system design, engineering, equipment procurement, installation, and program administration, and therefore may be considered Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services (EUS) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f) of the Local Public Contracts Law; and/or are provided through a regulated public utility program not subject to traditional public bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$219,751.15, of which PSE&G will provide an incentive in the amount of \$99,400.55 (45.23%), resulting in a net cost to the City of \$120,350.60 (54.77%); and

WHEREAS, the program offers a sixty (60) month, zero percent (0%) on-bill financing option, resulting in an estimated monthly cost of approximately \$2,006.00, or \$24,070.12 annually; and

WHEREAS, the City may alternatively elect to fund the project as a one-time capital expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends utilizing the zero percent (0%) financing option, as the anticipated service life of the proposed HVAC and lighting systems is expected to be twenty (20) years or greater, substantially exceeding the financing term and thereby minimizing fiscal impact to the City; and

WHEREAS, a cost savings analysis prepared by PSE&G has been provided and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, participation in the PSE&G Direct Install Program is consistent with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and may be authorized as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f) and/or as a regulated public utility program; and

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

1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City of Clifton to participate in the PSE&G Direct Install Program for the replacement of the HVAC system, electrical upgrades, and installation of energy-efficient LED lighting at the Clifton Community Recreation Center.
2. The Mayor and/or Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate participation in the program, including agreements with PSE&G and its authorized vendor, Facility Solutions Group (FSG), subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.
3. The City hereby authorizes the utilization of the sixty (60) month, zero percent (0%) on-bill financing option offered through the program.
4. The total project cost shall not exceed \$219,751.15, with the City's obligation not to exceed \$120,350.60, subject to the terms and conditions of the program.
5. This procurement is awarded in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, including **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(f)**, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service and/or as a regulated public utility service.
6. The Qualified Purchasing Agent, Chief Financial Officer, and all other appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.
7. A notice of this award shall be published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, if applicable.

Funding for this Project would be available in the Recreation Capital Community Center Account # 04-215-55-957-704

RESOLUTION 184-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WHITE ROCK CORPORATION FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FIRE STATION NO. 6 THROUGH BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the roof at Fire Station No. 6 has exceeded its useful service life and is currently experiencing leaks, resulting in interior building issues; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that a full roof replacement is necessary to maintain the functionality of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works solicited proposals through approved cooperative purchasing agreements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5); and

WHEREAS, two(2) proposals were received as follows:

- White Rock Corporation, 17 Gramercy Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857, through the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program, Bid No. BC-Bid-23-46, Master Service Contract No. CK04-Bergen (expiration December 5, 2026), for a total project cost not to exceed \$152,430.00, which includes a base bid of \$132,430.00 and a contingency amount of \$20,000.00; and
- Weatherproofing Technologies, 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio 44122, through the ESCNJ Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract No. ESCNJ23/40-30 (expiration June 6, 2026), for a total project cost not to exceed \$290,000.00, which includes a base bid of \$260,000.00 and a contingency amount of \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by White Rock Corporation represents the lowest responsive and responsible proposal and provides a two-ply SBS Modified Bitumen roofing system with a thirty (30) year manufacturer's warranty; and

WHEREAS, the contingency amount shall only be utilized if unforeseen conditions arise during the project, and any unused portion shall not be expended and shall be credited back to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends awarding the contract to White Rock Corporation for a total amount not to exceed \$152,430.00 via Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program, Bid No. BC-Bid-23-46 valid until Dec 6, 2026; and

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

8. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with White Rock Corporation, 17 Gramercy Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey, for the replacement of the roof at Fire Station No. 6.
9. The contract shall be awarded through the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program, Bid No. BC-Bid-23-46, in an amount not to exceed \$152,430.00.
10. The award is subject to all applicable requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
11. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payment for said services from the accounts listed herein.

Funds are available for this project in the following accounts:

- Account No. 04-215-55-954-609 (Ordinance No. 7311-16) – Balance: \$83,169.00
- Account No. 04-215-55-978-603 (Ordinance No. 7947-24) – Balance: \$70,000.00

RESOLUTION 185-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD TO AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TRIAD ADVISORY SERVICES, INC. FOR CDBG-CV ADMINISTRATIVE AND MONITORING SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Community Development Department requires professional planning services in connection with Cares Act Funding/HUD compliance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton received Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding in the total amount of \$1,411,954 under the CARES Act to address coronavirus response needs and a proposal was received by the current planner, TRIAD ASSOCIATES dated April 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said CDBG-CV grants are scheduled to expire in August 2026 and must be formally closed out in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice CPD-22-14 and federal regulations set forth in 2 CFR 200.344; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to Triad Advisory Services, Inc. for professional planning services, in accordance with the proposal dated April 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute “Professional Services” with the ambit of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding; therefore, and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is a non-fair and open contract under the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to be in excess of \$17,500.00 and the term of the contract is through the closeout process involves specialized compliance review, extensive documentation, and coordination with HUD, which is beyond the scope of routine administration of the City’s ongoing CDBG program which is from May 1,2026 to September 30,2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council to hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned award of contract to Triad Associates located At 1301 West Forest Grove Road, Vineland NJ in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 for preparation of closeout documentation , submission of required reports, compliance review, and assistance with ongoing monitoring requirements ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said service contract upon approval by the Law Department; and

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS ATTACHED: Account #17-201-20-112-048

RESOLUTION 186-26

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FROM NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO. FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON OFF OF NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, Fire Department has need to purchase Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment and maintenance of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850 for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), expiring June 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., located at 119-31 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850; 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 New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., located at 119-31 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 24-FLEET-61850, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; and

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

Certification of Funds: Funding for this expenditure is available in account number 01-201-25-265-405.

RESOLUTION 187-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector of the City of Clifton has previously issued a tax sale certificate no.25-00015 to FIG 25, LLC FBO SEC PTY which certificate is dated October 16, 2025, covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 2.08 Lot 11, 104 Trimble Ave.

WHEREAS the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Lost Tax Sale Certificate with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized ,upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Lost Affidavit and the payment of a fee of \$100.00, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the said purchaser covering the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the Lost Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted up it the word “Duplicate” as required by law.

RESOLUTION 188-26

This resolution failed on roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RULES 1, 2 AND 18 OF THE RULES OF ORDER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that Rule 1, Rule 2, and Rule 18 are hereby amended by the addition of the following underlined language and the removal of the strikethrough language:

Rule 1: A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council shall be held at 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month; ~~however, the meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. if there is a special presentation.~~ When a Regular Meeting falls on New Year’s Day, Lincoln’s Birthday, Independence Day, a General, Primary or Special Election Day, Christmas Day, a New Year’s Eve, or such other event giving rise to a conflict, such Regular Meeting shall be held on the day preceding or succeeding said Tuesday. An informal Conference Meeting shall be held at 6:30 p.m. on the same evenings as Regular Meeting are held. The Executive Session portion of the Conference Meeting shall commence at 7:30 p.m. Each meeting shall conclude by 11:00 p.m. and

any unfinished business will be held at a meeting that will commence at 1 p.m. on the following Friday from the Regular Meeting. (10/3/06) (9/17/24)

Rule 2: Order of Business

1. Call of Roll
2. Invocation (12/17/91)
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Petitions and Communications
6. Ordinances
7. Hearing to Public for agenda items only. (See Rule 18)
8. City Manager Privilege and Response to Public (6/7/23)
9. Privilege of Floor to Councilmembers (See Rule 20, 2/4/25)
10. Resolutions
11. Privilege of Floor to Councilmembers, (See Rule 20, 2/4/25)
12. Hearing to Public for good and welfare. (See Rule 18)
13. Motion to Adjourn

Rule 18: During that portion of the Order of Business of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton entitled “Hearing to the Public” each person, in addressing the Municipal Council, shall be limited to a period of time not to exceed three (3) five (5) minutes for agenda items and two (2) minutes for good and welfare., and ~~n~~No person shall be permitted to speak more than once during such portion of the Order of Business. Speakers must sign in prior to speaking at either public hearing portion of the meeting. (6/5/78)

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

RESOLUTION 189-26

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 Negotiations for 207 Parker Avenue
- CON-2 Contracts ~ Lease Negotiations for Schultheis Farm to City Green, Inc.
- CON-3 Litigation ~ Priore v. Clifton et al PAS-L-1060-26
- CON-4 Litigation ~ Rainer’s Service Station, Inc. d/b/a Raineri Towing Service v. City of Clifton and New Trimble Towing, Docket No.: PAS-L-1361-16
- CON-5 Potential Litigation ~ Appointment of Official Towers
- CON-6 National Opioid Settlement – Six Remnant Defendants
- CON-7 Personnel ~ #1
- CON-8 Personnel ~ #2
- CON-9 LATE ITEM ~ Affordable Housing

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 April 21, 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.

RESOLUTION 190-26

RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE

**Claims to be paid the meeting of April 21st, 2026
Meeting of April 21st, 2026**

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

Current Fund	\$	4,415,379.40
Grant Fund	\$	121,860.13
General Capital Fund	\$	84,839.26
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	150,533.26
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	28,096.15
Developers Escrow	\$	8,134.00
Dog Trust	\$	700.00
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	25,790.00
Trust Other	\$	181,123.68
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	213,475.25
Affordable Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	103,054.14
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	60,979.22
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	2,162,187.93
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	111,888.39
General Liability Trust	\$	72,410.95
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	49,731.84
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	7,790,183.60

RESOLUTION 191-26

Councilman Kolodziej stated that the four towing companies that were selected at the last meeting are Essex County Recovery Bureau, New Trimble, Telep, and Nicolette, and the resolution is on tonight's agenda to vote. He explained that the city ordinance laying out the parameters is what the council used to make their decision.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL TOWERS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON UNDER
CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article I of Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton, the Municipal Council shall appoint persons or entities engaged in the business of furnishing adequate and proper wrecking, towing, storage and emergency repair services to motor vehicles within the limits of the City, with the

exception of motor vehicles on toll roads, when requested to do so by the City, who meet all the requirements as set forth in Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton to qualify as an Official Tower on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the following four entities: Essex County Recovery Bureau, Inc., New Trimble Auto Body, Nicolette Towing, and Telep Motors, have adequately met the standards set forth in Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Clifton to be appointed as Official Towers; and

WHEREAS, the Council having duly considered the criteria set forth in § 425-2(F) of the Code of the City of Clifton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Essex County Recovery Bureau, Inc., New Trimble Auto Body, Nicolette Towing, and Telp Motors are hereby appointed as an Official Towers of the City of Clifton for the period covering May 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Official Tower shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Municipal Council and shall comply with all applicable city ordinances, State statutes, and Administrative Code regulations dealing with towers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual reporting of the list of Official Towers shall be available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk by any member of the general public upon request.

RESOLUTION 192-26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF CLIFTON – MATTHEW PRIORE V. CITY OF CLIFTON, ET AL.

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to represent the City of Clifton in a lawsuit filed against the City; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. of Warren, New Jersey, has been approved to represent the City of Clifton by the City's excess insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS, the City requires outside counsel to represent the City in the matter of Priore v. City of Clifton, et al., Docket No.: PAS-L-1060-26; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the estimated value of the contract is expected to be in excess of \$17,500.00, and the duration of the contract is through the conclusion of the lawsuit being handled; and

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

WHEREAS, there are funds available for the payment of the aforesaid services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

An agreement for professional legal services for outside counsel to represent the City of Clifton as special counsel is awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., effective April 21, 2026, the rate to be paid for said services is \$165.00 per hour for partners.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.

The original of this resolution and the contract in question shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Clifton.

The following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

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

Awarded to: DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. Warren,
New Jersey
Services: Special Counsel
Project: Priore v. City of Clifton, et al., Docket No.: PAS-L-1060-26
Amount: \$165.00 for partners, not to exceed \$100,000
Term: April 21, 2026 through conclusion of the lawsuit being handled

RESOLUTION 193-26

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FRANK H. NEUBERGER
FIREFIGHTER**

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2026, Firefighter, Frank H. Neuberger, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on April 14, 2005 and his retirement will conclude an 21 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

**FRANK H. NEUBERGER
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 **FRANK H. NEUBERGER**.

RESOLUTION 194-26

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS
“AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the symptoms of autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), typically appear in children before the age of 3 and are often accompanied by abnormalities in cognitive functioning, learning, attention, and sensory processing; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has one of the highest rates of Autism in the nation. According to the most recent statistics released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 35 children in the New Jersey is living with ASD; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that although ASD can affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, or other factors, it is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls; and

WHEREAS, early intervention significantly improves outcomes and reduces the level of funding and services needed to treat an individual with ASD later in life; and

WHEREAS, parents and relatives of individuals with ASD dedicate endless hours in providing for the special needs of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, April 2026, is designated as National Autism Awareness Month in the City of Clifton to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Clifton hereby honors the parents, paraprofessionals, and other educators who possess the desire, caring, and skills necessary to teach, assist and respond to students with special needs, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and who work tirelessly to educate and provide high-quality services for all students with special needs.

RESOLUTION 195-26

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. B-21-22-24- MC-34-0103 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM YR. 47, 48 AND 50 TO NEW SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FOR DEMOTT & CLINTON FROM WESTERVELT TO MAIN

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is an entitlement community under the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, as the City Council previously adopted resolutions approving the Community Development Block Grant Program for various prior years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton now finds a need to transfer funds between Yr. 47, 48 AND 50 CDBG funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that the said amendments as reflected on the attached schedule be and hereby are approved.

Certification/Transfer of Funds

From:

17-201-20-114-302 Yr. 47 Code Enforcement \$72,556.24

To:

17-201-20-114 NEW Yr. 47 DeMott & Clinton Sewer Improvement **\$72,556.24**

From:

17-201-20-115-301 Yr. 48 Single Family Rehab. \$151,000.00

17-201-20-115-408 Yr. 48 CHIP Administration 24,000.00

\$175,000.00

To:

17-201-20-115-NEW Yr. 48 DeMott & Clinton Sewer Improvement **\$175,000.00**

From:

17-201-20-117-101 Yr. 50 Sewer Improvements – Sewer Lining Including: \$102,443.76
Getty, Prescott, Grace and Hadley

To:

17-201-20-117-NEW Yr. 50 DeMott & Clinton Sewer Improvement **\$102,443.76**

Total Transfer of Funds..... **\$350,000.00**

RESOLUTION 196-26

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE TITLE OF PERSONNEL OFFICER

WHEREAS, since April 2025 Gary S. DeMarzo has been appointed as the Appointing Authority for the City for all Personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, since the separation of the prior Personnel Officer in July 2025, Gary DeMarzo has been tasked with the full duties of the Title and Position of Personnel Officer; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will acknowledge Gary DeMarzo’s Appointment as the Appointing Authority in April 2025 and the assumption of the full role of Personnel Officer in July 2025; and

WHEREAS, a formal Resolution is required so that Gary DeMarzo may participate in the Intergovernmental Transfer Program (IGT) Program; and

WHEREAS, IGT Program does not waive any probationary periods; and

WHEREAS, as of January 2026, New Jersey Law (A5146) standardized the Civil Service Commission (CSC) working test period (probationary period) to four months for most state and local government employees, which can be extended by an additional two months; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby formally acknowledges Gary DeMarzo’s appointment as the Appointing Authority in April 2025 and the assumption of the full role of Personnel Officer in July 2025.

Councilman Latona motioned, and Councilman D’Amato seconded.
(5-1-0-1) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Kolodziej voted Nay. Councilman Gibson absent.

RESOLUTION 197-26

This resolution failed on roll call vote.

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION SEEKING REMOVAL OF CITY MANAGER DUE TO RESIDENCY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 220-25 appointed Gary S. DeMarzo as the interim City Manager on April 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council amended said Resolution No. 220-25 on May 6, 2025 in order to designate Mr. DeMarzo as the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:82-2 states:

N.J.S.A. 40:82-2. Qualifications

The municipal manager shall be a person, other than a member of the municipal council, fully qualified to exercise the powers and perform the duties hereinafter set forth. He need not be a resident of the municipality at the time of his appointment but shall become a resident thereof within 3 months after appointment and continue a resident throughout his period of service; provided, however, the municipal manager may reside outside of the municipality with the approval of the municipal council.

WHEREAS, Mr. DeMarzo is not a resident of the City of Clifton; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, this resolution shall serve as a preliminary resolution in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:82-3 to remove the City Manager based upon the violation of the residency requirement set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:82-2

Councilman Kolodziej motioned, and Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded.

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

RESOLUTION 198-26

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL HOUSING RESERVE TRUST FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a dedicated by rider trust fund recorded on the financial statements as “Housing Reserve Trust Fund” and

WHEREAS, the balance of that trust fund at December 31,2025 is \$ 1,012,639.52, and

WHEREAS, the purpose for which this trust fund was originally established has been satisfied, and

WHEREAS, the balance in the trust fund is unencumbered by any current or future obligations, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to utilize the trust fund balance as revenue in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, during the course of their 2026 budget review the Division of Local Government Services has recommended that the City Council formally cancel the trust fund before realizing the revenue in the 2026 current fund budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic that the trust fund recorded as “Housing Reserve Trust Fund” is hereby cancelled.

RESOLUTION 199-26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, the current interim Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Monzo, is completing his term of service to the City of Clifton effective April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to appoint a new Chief Financial Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that Edith Mayton is hereby appointed Chief Financial Officer for the City of Clifton, effective May 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$157,847.19.

LICENSES

L- 1 Brother's Fried Fish

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF BROTHERS FRIED FISH & CHICKEN, LLC T/A BROTHERS FRIED FISH for permission to conduct a: CATERER/GROCERY- 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 Hot Box Exotics Smoke Shop

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR HOT BOX EXOTICS, LLC T/A HOT BOX EXOTIC SMOKE SHOP ADDRESS 118 LAKEVIEW AVE., CLIFTON , NJ 07011 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY - NEW FORMERLY OR NEW NEW ZONE PERMITTED YES VARIANCE REQUIRED NO FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF

THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L- 3 Dante's Liquor & Wine

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR HARSH MAHI, LLC T/A DANTE'S LIQUOR & WINE ADDRESS 729 VAN HOUTEN AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07013 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY - CONTINUED USE FORMERLY OR NEW DANTE'S LIQUOR & WINE ZONE B-C PERMITTED YES VARIANCE REQUIRED NO FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L- 4 Hudson Table FC

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR HUDSON TABLE FC, LLC T/A HUDSON TABLE FC ADDRESS 1 ACKERMAN AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED CATERER - NEW FORMERLY OR NEW ZONE PERMITTED YES VARIANCE REQUIRED NO FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L- 5 Coffiyeh

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SAJAH ABDELGHANI T/A COFFIYEH ADDRESS 130 LAKEVIEW AVE., CLIFTON, NJ 07011 TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT - CONTINUED USE FORMERLY OR NEW HEALTH REVOLUTION 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 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor