

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 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 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

Fr. Francis Conde ~ St. Clare's Church

Mayor Grabowski opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilman Bill Gibson.

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Workshop Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
Executive Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C- 1 Meeting minutes for the Hazardous Materials Control Board for January 21, 2026, February 18, 2026 and March 18, 2026
C- 2 Meeting minutes of the Advisory Board of Health for February 10, 2026, March 9, 2026, & April 14, 2026
C- 3 Meeting minutes of the Environmental Commission for February 11, 2026, March 11, 2026 and April 4, 2026
C- 4 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Advisory Committee on Civil Rights of March 23, 2026

C- 5 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Cable Advisory Committee of March 25, 2026
C- 6 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities of April 20, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

C- 1 Ronald Liss, Manager, retired position of Records Analyst 3, effective May 1, 2026.
C- 2 Paul Zapata, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 3 Alaa Tahboub, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 4 Hayley Ortega, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 5 Patrick Roche, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 6 Nicholas Bianco, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 7 Jeremy Toyos, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 8 Sebastian Abanto, Public Safety, Hired as Police Officer, effective May 11, 2026 at \$48,284.00 annually.
C- 9 Hayley Ortega, Public Safety, resigned position of Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective May 10, 2026.
C- 10 Alaa Tahboub, Public Safety, resigned position of Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective May 10, 2026.

City Manager DeMarzo noted for the record that C-10 was withdrawn.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8098-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8098-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8098-26

Pete Tandon recommended getting a communications officer.

With no one else 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 thereafter failed on roll call vote.

Authorization to Approve an Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation," More Particularly Article VI Thereof, Entitled "Confidential Officials and Employees," Section 99-34, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Adds Compensation for Primary Human Resource Officer and Secondary Human Resource Officer (HRO) and Removes the Titles of Communications Manager, EEO Officer and HRO Officer)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 8099-26

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, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej.

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” (7th Ave)

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 Wednesday June 3, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Robert Marriello advised council he sent an email regarding the proposed one-way streets last night. He objects to one-way streets in Richfield, specifically Springdale Court, due to the violation of his child's IEP.

Nancy Fleischer displayed a diagram she created showing the potential confusion if the proposed one-way streets in Richfield are approved. She is against one-way streets in Richfield.

Dawn Buzzie showed council a photograph of the proposed one-way streets in Richfield and demonstrated how the proposal will direct traffic towards the mosque. She stated she polled her neighbors who agreed they do not want one-way streets.

Andrea McGimpsey stated, “ask the residents”.

Joseph Swiatek stated the Richfield area has increasing issues since the Planning Board approved the mosque. He asked how many people will fit in the proposed mosque and who came up with the idea for the one-way streets.

Leslie Kropinak, a representative of Hamilton House, stated that the Hamilton House will open on Flag Day 2026 and all residents are invited to experience the history of the Hamilton House.

Joan Jacobos asked what blocks the Revaluation company will be on.

Iris Reyes gave her condolences to the Gibson family. She stated that council has been divided for a long time and have not set a good example for future leaders. She used the new sidewalk reimbursement program as an example.

David Joseph suggested the council look into mini transit shared between neighboring towns. He feels cars are not well suited for densely populated areas.

Nancy Castrovano requested permit parking in Richfield, and stated she is against one-way streets.

Ahmed Abdelbaki gave his condolences to the Gibson family. He spoke about comments made by a speaker about him at the last council meeting. He spoke about Palestine, Gaza, and Zionists.

Ali Aljarrah stated that Clifton is a host to three data centers already. He noted that tax credits are being offered to data center projects, while infrastructure continues to struggle. He proposed that the city should have a three-year moratorium on data centers and a review of the zoning laws and noise ordinances.

Azeem Khan spoke out against one-way parking in Richfield and mentioned everyone voted against permit parking last year. He suggested waiting until the structure is built and the lot is paved to completely assess the parking issue. He spoke out against hate speech.

Liz Burghoffer asked for peace in the city. She spoke against one-way streets in Richfield and asked for permit parking. She requested open dialogue between the residents and council on the issue.

Nick Vallicki gave his condolences to the Gibson family and thanked Councilman Gibson for his lifetime of service to the city. He announced he is endorsed as the Democratic candidate for County Commissioner. He announced a program called MOVE for Passaic and Clifton residents that is low cost and can help with transit issues in our area. He feels housing is not affordable anymore and announced an affordable housing project called Liberty in Pompton Lakes is about to open, and another facility will open soon in Haledon.

Rob Samarati commented on the expanding occupancy at the mosque and asked if the number of streets being denied permit parking is appropriate. He suggested utilizing the park-and-ride lot on Allwood Road or the field across Clifton Avenue for parking.

A resident identifying himself as “Anonymous” stated the May 5th minutes are incomplete. He feels they do not accurately represent what occurred. He requested the council reconsider and amend the minutes for March 3rd and May 5th, 2026.

Gary Perino stated that the Traffic Safety Committee will discuss the concerns of the first speaker at their next meeting. He wished the Gibson family condolences, and he spoke highly of Councilman Gibson and his family. He requested Robin Gibson be considered to fill Councilman Gibsons vacancy on the council. He added that tractor trailers have been parking on the city streets.

Kurt Lewandowski advised the council not to allow AI mega data centers, stating they will utilize a lot of resources and create unnecessary noise.

Tarek Alnatur gave his condolences to the Gibson family. He spoke about quality-of-life issues and asked for mobile police stations in high-offense areas. He congratulated the honors award recipients from the High School.

Joseph Siano invited the public to the Blood Cancer United fundraiser event on Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at his office. He spoke highly of Councilman Gibson and shared his sadness about his passing. He spoke about decorum at flag raising events.

Donna Popowich asked for microphones in the conference room. She thanked everyone for their donations for the City-Wide Garage Sale and Little Free Pantries and requested more pasta and canned sauce donations. The Richfield residents have less parking since the city painted the roads in the fall.

Jeff Hoey, Via Zoom, noted his feelings about hateful comments lately, and stated that consistency matters in the protection of freedom of speech.

Tejal Desai, Via Zoom, noted her feelings about promoting faith and support, and she feels there were no comments of hate this evening.

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.

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

Councilman Latona motioned to suspend order of business to address the parking issue in Richfield, which was seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula. Councilwoman Pino requested to know if the council is waiting for comments from the Police Department. All council members were given two minutes each to add their opinions. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked why multiple surveys went out to residents. Councilman Latona stated the council directive was ignored by the administration and the Police Department. Councilwoman Pino stated the discussion is still happening and the city is working on a solution. Councilman D’Amato motioned for a special public meeting to address this, which was seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula. Councilman Latona requested the survey data be provided to council prior to scheduling a date for the special meeting. Councilman Kolodziej requested the memo from the Police Department be placed on the website.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, stated that parking in Richfield is a continuous conversation. He advised that the city is restricted by legal parameters. He noted a Chief Inspector was hired under the department of code enforcement who will have staff members under them.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona gave condolences to the Gibson family. He spoke about Bill’s 52 years of dedicated service to the city. He thanked all staff for the splash park dedication and for the attendance at the funeral procession.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino gave condolences to the Gibson family. She reminded the public of Clifton Behind the Scenes on May 21st. She congratulated ECHO youth participants who completed their programs. She advised everyone of the successful car show fundraising event on May 17th and congratulated Michelle on the ribbon cutting. She noted her pride in the improvements to Quality-of-Life.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced recreation events coming up including the City-Wide Garage Sale June 5th to the 7th, Music at the Barns June 14th, and the Fishing Derby June 27th. He stated that summer camp sessions have opened. He added that McCosh Road had permit parking prior to him moving to that street. He asked the City Manager about an outside contractor for communications management, and he asked if the IEP that the first speaker described could be explained.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula gave condolences to the Gibson family, and thanked everyone for their participation in the wake and funeral services. On Tuesday May 26th she will have another “Town Hall” meeting. She asked for high grass to be addressed in the city. She stated that the surveys that went out in Richfield won’t bring the results they expect to receive. She noted her approval for a data center moratorium. She requested not to be contacted by council members on the outside of a meeting to make a “back door deal”.

Councilman D’Amato

Councilman D’Amato gave condolences on the loss of Bill Gibson and noted that he will miss Councilman Gibson deeply, and that his loss is heavy. He thanked Tom Whittles for proctoring the meeting. He requested a tutorial be posted on the city website instructing conduct at public meetings. He requested an AI policy for the city. He asked to speak with the residents of Richfield about the parking issue and ended his comments by noting he will be out of the country for two weeks.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski stated Councilman Gibson loved life and loved his family. He will be missed. He gave condolences to the Gibson family and the family of Ernie Schneiderman. He congratulated Marge on her retirement.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 213-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO BID FOR 2026 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING

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

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

WHEREAS, the scope of work in-situ lining of 4,600 linear feet of 8” diameter sanitary sewers; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Notice to Bidders shall be published once in a legal

newspaper of the City of Clifton no later than the next Municipal Council meeting, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

RESOLUTION 214-26

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET FOR
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
(DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE – 2025 BODY ARMOR GRANT)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has received \$15,741.78 from the State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice (2025 Allocation) for the purchase of Body Armor for the Clifton Police Department and wishes to amend the 2026 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$15,741.78 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with
Appropriations:

Division of Criminal Justice – 2025 Body Armor Grant - \$15,741.78

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$15,741.78 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by
Revenues:

Division of Criminal Justice – 2025 Body Armor Grant - \$15,741.78

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

RESOLUTION 215-26

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET FOR
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
(PASSAIC COUNTY CODE BLUE GRANT)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has received an additional \$50,000.00 from the County of Passaic for Code Blue Program for 01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026 and wishes to amend the 2026 Municipal Budget to include these amounts as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$50,000.00 which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the
Division of Local Government Services:
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with
Appropriations:

Passaic County Code Blue Grant - \$50,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$50,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by
Revenues:

Passaic County Code Blue Grant - \$50,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City forward copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

RESOLUTION 216-26

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET FOR
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
(SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED RESIDENT TRANSPORTATION GRANT)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has received \$105,203.00 from the County of Passaic for providing Senior Transportation Services for elderly and residents with disabilities and wishes to amend the 2026 Municipal Budget to include this amount as revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2026 in the sum of \$105,203.00 which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the
Division of Local Government Services:
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with
Appropriations:
Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Grant -\$105,203.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$105,203.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Off-set by
Revenues:
Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Grant \$105,203.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City forward to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

RESOLUTION 217-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, a professional services contract for affordable housing litigation was awarded to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, for the one-year period from June 6, 2025 through June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the authorized amount under the contract for said services was not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the contract term without the adoption of a supplemental resolution; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, have provided satisfactory services to the City of Clifton and completed their contract term, and due to active litigation regarding the City's affordable housing plan, it is projected that the fee for said services will exceed the authorized amount of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding in the amount of an additional \$10,000.00, for a total not to exceed \$30,000.00 will be required through the conclusion of the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental funding in the amount of an additional not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a total not to exceed \$30,000.00 for affordable housing litigation through June 5, 2026, by Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC is authorized and approved.

Certification of Funds: Funds are Available in Account:

Reserve for COAH
Account #: 18-286-56-850-800

RESOLUTION 218-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CRIME RISK MANAGEMENT
POLICY WITH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (AIG) FOR PERIOD 7/1/2026
- 7/1/2027**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires renewal of its crime liability insurance for the period July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City's broker of record, after soliciting proposals, has recommended, and the Municipal Council wishes to award, a renewal contract to American International Group (AIG) for the provision of said insurance, in accordance with its proposal submitted May 6, 2026 which provides the best and most cost effective service for the City; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is below the bid threshold and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for a Crime Risk Management Policy with American International Group (AIG) for the period July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027, is hereby awarded in accordance with its proposal submitted May 6, 2026 for a price of \$8,538.00; and

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in Account:
General Liability Trust
Account #27-201-20-300-200

RESOLUTION 219-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM
W.B. MASON OFF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to purchase office supplies for its departments and divisions; and,

WHEREAS, W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, was awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 24-COMG-78752 under the umbrella M0052 to provide discounted pricing off their office supplies catalog, which the City is permitted to use cooperatively; and,

WHEREAS, the contract has been awarded for the term from June 16,2024 to February 28,2027; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby

approve and authorize the aforementioned purchases above from W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 24-COMG-78752, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 from May 6, 2025 through May 5,2026.

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are Available in Account:

Account #: Per Department Purchase Order

RESOLUTION 220-26

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT
FROM W.W. GRAINGER 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, Department of Public Works has need to purchase the Industrial Supplies and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, W.W. Grainger was awarded New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978 under M0002 Facilities, Maintenance and Repair & Operations (MRO) and Industrial Supplies, expiring August 31,2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works recommends authorization to procure goods on an as-needed basis from W.W. Grainger, Grainger Industrial Supply Division, Government Call Center, 55 Jackson Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016-3582, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978; 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 into 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 W.W. Grainger, Grainger Industrial Supply Division, Government Call Center, 55 Jackson Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016-3582 via New Jersey State Contract number 25-FLEET-96861 and 25-COMG-96978, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the period of July 1,2026 through to June 30, 2027; and

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are Available in Account:

Account #: Per Department Purchase Order

RESOLUTION 221-26

This resolution failed on roll call vote

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR HOSTING SERVICES AND ENTERPRISE LICENSING SOFTWARE SERVICES TO SPATIAL DATA LOGIC THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE (CKO4) CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, the Building, DPW, Health, Housing, Tax Assessor had procured the City purchase fifty-four (55) licenses for Spatial Data Logic software services Code Enforcement and needs annual hosting subscriptions and enterprise licensing services; and

WHEREAS, the MIS Coordinator received a quote from SHI International for a total amount of \$97,900 off the Bergen County Cooperative for the above licenses and related services; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which includes Spatial Data Logic as a licensed solution offering, was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the Bergen County contract #24-38 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals expires on June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by Bergen County, and the contract, which was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

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

1. The award to SHI International Corp for the fifty-five Spatial Data Logic licenses and related services is hereby authorized; and
2. The proposal submitted by SHI International Corp, for the procurement and execution of the above licenses, for a total not to exceed the amount of \$97,900 is hereby awarded for contract term of 4-30-2026 to 4-29-2027; and
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number:

- 01-201-26-300-225 – Computer Equipment & Supplies - DPW
- 01-201-27-330-316 – Subscriptions and Memberships – Health /Aco/Lead
- 01-201-21-180-225 – Computer Equipment & Supplies – Housing/Zoning
- 01-201-20-100-316 - Subscriptions and Memberships – City Manager and MIS Director
- 01-201-20-145-316 - Subscriptions and Memberships – Tax Assessor
- 01-201-22-195-316 - Subscriptions and Memberships- Construction Code
- 15-286-56-028-001 – Health
- 01-201-26-315-242 – Building

RESOLUTION 222-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 50% OF THE TAXES AND A REFUND OF 50% OF A PORTION OF THE 2026 FIRST QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES AND A 50% REFUND OF THE 2026 SECOND QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 58.07 LOT 32, MORE COMMONLY REFERRDE TO AS 372 RUTHERFORD BLVD, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS Javier Garcia-Riancho has made an application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for an exemption on the dwelling owned by a 100% permanent totally disabled veteran for the property located at 58.07 Lot 32, more commonly known as 372 Rutherford Blvd., and

WHEREAS, Javier Garcia-Riancho purchased the property on February 26,2026; and

WHEREAS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq. as amended by.P.L.2019, c.413; N.J.A.C. 18:28-1.1 et seq, the Tax Assessor has approved a 50% exemption because Javier Garcia-Riancho occupies 50% of the dwelling, and as a result, the disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption on 50% of the property; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Veteran Affairs determined an effective date of the 100% Permanent & Total Disability of October 15,2025; and

WHEREAS in reference to any retroactive refund, pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:4-3.32, the governing body of each municipality, at its discretion, may return all taxes collected on property which would have been exempt had proper claim in writing been made at the time of the exemption; and

WHEREAS by virtue of the approved 100% permanent and totally disabled veteran exemption, Javier Garcia-Riancho is entitled to the cancellation of a 50% portion of the 2026 first quarter property taxes and a 50% portion of the 2026 second quarter property taxes on the subject property, and at the governing body's discretion, to refund 50% of the 2026 first quarter taxes in the amount of \$ 494.58 and to refund 50% of the 2026 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 1,271.77; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, that the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To cancel and refund 50% of the portion of the 2026 first quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 494.58 and to refund 50% of the 2026 second quarter property taxes in the amount of \$ 1,271.77 for a total refund of \$ 1,766.35.
2. To keep the 50% property tax exemption for the totally disabled veteran for so long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

RESOLUTION 223-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWAL FOR YEAR 2026 –
DAYS GONE BY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Florist License Renewal from Days Gone By, 1382 Clifton Avenue, Clifton; 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 Zoning, Fire, Health and Police Departments;

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 the renewal of Florist License to Days Gone By, be and is hereby granted.

RESOLUTION 224-26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE CLIFTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey is aware of a Member #9 and Alternate Member #1 vacancies on the Beautification Committee; and

WHEREAS, an application to fill Member #9 was received from David Wyka; and

WHEREAS, an application to fill Alternate Member #1 was received from Amy Zlotkouski; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that David Wyka be appointed as Member #9 and Amy Zlotkouski be appointed as an Alternate Member #1 for a three-year term commencing this day through December 31, 2028; and

RESOLUTION 225-26

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 ~ Priore v. Clifton, et al., Docket No.: PAS-L-1060-26
- CON-2 Litigation ~ IT Technician, Worker’s Compensation Claim, Date of Loss: 06-29-2023
- CON-3 Contracts ~ SOA Contract Negotiations
- CON-4 Contracts ~ RFPs for Outside Legal Counsel/Analysis of Legal Fee Expenditures in 2025
- CON-5 Contracts ~ RFPs for Search Firm for City Manager (Bids due 5/18)
- CON-6 Personnel ~ #1

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 May 20, 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 226-26

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE**

Claims to be paid the meeting of May 19th, 2026

Meeting of May 19th, 2026

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

Current Fund	\$	33,194,432.43
Grant Fund	\$	317,342.94
General Capital Fund	\$	640,902.68
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	52,686.68
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	6,962.00
Developers Escrow	\$	32,589.39
Dog Trust	\$	4,386.33
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Open Space Trust	\$	-
Police Extra Duty	\$	207,855.00
Trust Other	\$	161,914.92
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	233,261.70
Affordable Housing	\$	1,762.50
Community Development	\$	25,519.19
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	36,439.13
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	1,668,199.77
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	2,340.82
Library	\$	1,581,956.12
General Liability Trust	\$	2,895.62
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	23,201.37
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	38,194,648.59

RESOLUTION 227-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE
 BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND MARIO BERARDO AND SYLVIA BERARDO
 (CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Mario Berardo and Sylvia Berardo, a mortgage in the amount of \$7,200.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 22 Cliff Hill Road, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 38.08, Lot 22); and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was recorded with the Passaic County Clerk’s Office on December 11, 2024, under Instrument Number 2024039041, Book M19176, Page 81; and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the Clifton Home Improvement Program has advised that the aforesaid mortgage 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 228-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS TO BOGGIA, BOGGIA & BETESH AND MARMERO LAW LLC FOR TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Council previously awarded contracts to have attorneys available to assist on an as-needed basis with the complex tax appeal litigation in the Tax Court of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, contracts are required for one year retroactive to June 26, 2026, at the fees as set forth below:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Boggia, Boggia & Betesh	\$150.00 per hour for partners \$135.00 per hour for associates
Marmero Law LLC	\$150.00 per hour for partners \$150.00 per hour for associates

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City to have the aforesaid attorneys available to assist the City as needed according to their differing areas of expertise and the complexity of various pending appeals; 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. 40A11-5*; 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a list of the aforesaid professionals be maintained to assist the City with tax appeals according to their respective areas of expertise, on an as-needed basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that aforesaid fees for services for each of the aforesaid professionals shall not exceed \$5,000.00 without the approval of the Municipal Attorney and the fees for all of the aforesaid professionals shall not exceed \$5,000.00 in the aggregate, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution by the Municipal Council; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original of this resolution and any resulting contracts shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Clifton.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in Account
Tax Assessor OE Legal Fees
Account # 01-201-20-145-263

LICENSES

L-1 691 Clifton Avenue Orner, LLC
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SWIMMING POOL LICENSE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF: 691 CLIFTON AVENUE OWNER, LLC t/a CLIFTON & CO to operate a for a period

ending December 31, 2026 on the premises known as: 691 PAULISON AVE., CLIFTON , NJ 07011 Swimming Pool be and the same is hereby approved and the license so issued.

L-2 Yemeni Honey & Perfume Corp

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF YEMENI HONEY & PERFUME CORP T/A YEMENI HONEY & PERFUME for permission to conduct a: GROCERY - CONTINUED USE for a period ending January 31, 2027 on the premises known as: 351-353 CROOKS 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, and Zoning Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor