

**CITY OF CLIFTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 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 City of 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 D’Amato	(CD)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
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. Peter Souritzidis ~ St. George's Greek Orthodox Church

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 June 3, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026

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

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

C- 1 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Board of Recreation on March 23, 2026
C- 2 Meeting Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission on April 22, 2026
C- 3 Meeting Minutes of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on April 22, 2026
C- 4 Meeting Minutes of the Advisory Beautification Committee on June 1, 2026
C- 5 Meeting Minutes of the Clifton Historical Advisory Commission - Friends of Morris Canal Park on May 7, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

C- 1 Derek Fogg, Regulatory Affairs, hired as Chief Code Enforcement Officer Part Time, effective May 18, 2026, at \$37.57 hourly.
C- 2 Julian Szetela, Public Works, resigned position of Truck Driver Heavy, effective June 1, 2026.
C- 3 James Buckalew, Public Works, resigned position of Truck Driver Heavy, effective June 1, 2026.

- C- 4 Tayana Castro, Public Safety, resigned position of Public Safety Telecommunicator, effective June 3, 2026.
- C- 5 Cristofer Gindhart, Human Services, resigned position of Omnibus Operator, effective June 12, 2026.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8100-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8100-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8100-26

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance thereafter passed on roll call vote.

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” (Hudson Street)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8101-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8101-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8101-26

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 thereafter passed on roll call vote.

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 3 Handicapped Spaces)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8102-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8102-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8102-26

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 thereafter passed on roll call vote.

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 10 Restricted Handicapped Space); and (Amends 6 Handicapped Parking Placard Numbers)

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

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8103-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8103-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8103-26

Councilwoman Sadrakula requested to know if the lease has terms for cancellation.

With no one else 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.

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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

(5-0-1-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula abstained.

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8104-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8104-26

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 8104-26

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 thereafter passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4733-82 Entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing a Lease of Municipally Owned Property to the Navagh Center Parents Association,” Passed on August 17, 1982 and Amending Ordinance No. 4763-82 Passed on December 7, 1982 Substituting the Clifton Adult Opportunity Center as the Lessee and Amending Ordinance No. 7772-22 Passed on November 18, 2022 Extending the Lease With the Clifton Adult Opportunity Center (Extends Lease to an Indefinite Period)

(5-1-0-0) Councilman D'Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted Nay.

A. Adoption of Ordinance 8105-26

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 8105-26

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato to table the ordinance.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 281 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Ice Cream Peddling" (Updates Ordinance at Various Locations to Conform to State law and Amends Ordinance to Allow Ice Cream Trucks to Serve Soft Serve Ice Cream)

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were no First Reading Ordinances.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Whittles stated that the council spoke about transparency and hypocrisy over the last several months and asked Councilman D'Amato to state who left him a message that he spoke about last meeting. He stated Councilwoman Pino referred to precedent set at the last meeting. He stated the Flag Day event was a political event that was not approved by the council. He stated the city is broken and needs to be fixed.

Donna Popowich thanked all donors and participants at the garage sale. She stated June 20th at 10:00 am, there will be two new pantries dedicated at School 11 and School 17. She stated Zoning Law changes being proposed are threatening the success of the food pantries, and the food pantries are not a retail food business.

Iris Reyes stated she supports entrepreneurs and business owners; however, she is concerned about the soft-serve ice cream ordinance. She asked if there was a study done before determining numbers and distances. She asked what standards guide future requests and enforcement.

Helene Berrios asked how current businesses will succeed if the soft-serve trucks are approved.

Dawn Buzzie asked the council to consider sending surveys out to the Pershing Road residents regarding parking on one side of the street. She asked why RLUIPA law takes precedence. She stated the Richfield residents do not want one-way streets.

Nick Velicky stated the Flag Day celebration may not have had a permit, but freedom of assembly exists and people have a right to express themselves. He stated the program was for the American Flag and a celebration of US History, there was no mention of politics.

Chef Todd Daigneault spoke about the types of bacteria that could potentially be in soft-serve ice cream machines. He stated that the trucks will not be cleaned properly the way brick-and-mortar establishments are.

Ahmed Abdelbaki stated Councilman Latona is attempting to suppress free speech. He spoke in support of freedom in Palestine and against Zionism and genocide. He referenced a speaker at the last meeting who spoke in support of Israel, and he spoke about attendance at the Israeli flag raising event.

Judy Gergatz asked why the Richfield parking study dates were only Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and not the full week. She stated that the traffic study is an insult to the residents.

Rob Samarati requested that during the re-examination of the Master Plan, that the parking spaces per person should match our surrounding area. He stated it is not logical to remove the provisions of the Zoning code.

Steve Mao stated that approval of the soft-serve ice cream trucks will jeopardize our youth, and that the trucks will not be cleaned properly.

Gary Perino requested an update on the Chelsea Park fence and the dog park. He spoke about traffic safety issues in the city. He asked if the fireworks at the Upper Montclair Country Club will have noise. He asked about a former employee's insurance. He stated changing an IEP is not a solution for our youth. He stated that abandoned animals need to be brought to the animal shelter.

Henry Cholewczynski stated Glenn Simms is the employee Mr. Perino is referring to. He stated Clifton does not treat its employees well. He stated there are 3 data centers in Clifton, and there is nothing in the Master Plan to prevent more of them from being built. He suggested cannabis manufacturing be considered by the council.

Mary Fran Simmons stated the traffic study was inaccurate and a one-way down Pershing Road is not something she favors. She stated that soft-serve ice cream machines never shut down until they are cleaned and must be dismantled. She stated she does not know how they will manage that in a truck, and that they are going to make people sick.

Tarek Alnatur stated that holiday events should not become a last-minute conversation, and holidays should not be a surprise. He stated the residents deserve a level of professionalism from their local government. He stated

that mature, well communicated discussions would create good outcomes and collaboration. He stated he will be at Bruno's for a meet-and-greet on Saturday from 12 to 2.

Guy Madsen, Via ZOOM, spoke about a Facebook group he created and noted the number of flag raisings nowadays and stated he feels they have become more political than community events. He asked that the American flag, the New Jersey flag, and the Clifton flag be flown. He asked for an update on the search for a City Manager.

Barbara James, Via ZOOM, spoke in support of the Little Free Pantries and all of the supporters and donors. She stated that it is cruel to remove the pantries.

Steve Goldberg, Via ZOOM, spoke in support of Israel and stated that diversity does not feel like Clifton's strength anymore.

Judy Bassford, Via ZOOM, asked about the process of using space on City Hall property and if there are rules. She asked if there are rules that they be applied equally. She requested information about the color of the water in town and when the infrastructure will be fixed. She stated residents should not need to purchase bottled water to cook or drink.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman D'Amato and no objections were noted, to close the public session.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Gary DeMarzo, congratulated the board on a successful grant acceptance for \$1.5 million for Surgent Park. He stated the sidewalk program is scheduled to begin on the 22nd. He advised that the painting of parking lines, handicapped spaces, and driveway lines have begun with in-house training in the DPW. He congratulated Roxanne and the Hamilton House, stating their Flag Day event was well attended. He advised that due to pending litigation discussions and documents related to Richfield parking will be less accessible outside of legal channels. He added that any events requested to be held on City property have been checked and approved by the City Manager alongside the legal department for approval relative to city ordinances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Latona reported that the Zoning Committee met last week and the Master Plan was re-done again, and he noted that it includes some changes including impervious coverage, adjustments for lot size tailoring to sections of town, and new overall city parking requirements. The Botany SID met regarding Quality-of-Life issues, and he shared he is happy with the progress with the new task force. They also discussed parking issues throughout the Botany District and there were requests to modify some of the parking in the area. He stated the Disabilities Committee met and discussed a job fair for special needs hiring that will happen soon, and he noted the Disability flag raising will be July 26th. He advised that once the Police Department renovations are complete, the handicapped restrooms will start being renovated. He thanked DPW for installing anti-slip tape on the staircase in front of city hall.

Councilman Kolodziej reported that the Municipal Alliance Committee met last week and discussed various topics. An officer was requested to be placed on site on Colfax Avenue to help with enforcement. They requested Merselis Avenue by School 11 become a one-way for two 30-minute windows for school drop-off and pick-up, or to have speed bumps installed, which will be examined by the Police Department. There was a discussion about combining shared service with health benefits, they have roughly 1700 employees and the city has 800, and a larger group could mean a lower rate. They discussed shared enforcement on e-bikes leaving schools. C.E.L.A. A and C.E.L.A. B parking and primary crossing across the street was discussed, and a suggestion was made to hire an engineer for a traffic study and split the cost with the Board of Education. Turning a street into a one-way would not be a violation of a child's IEP. He stated the change in use at C.E.L.A. B does not need to happen, and their restrooms are ADA compliant based on the state regulations.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej motioned to have a discussion on the next meeting for Passaic Valley Water Commission to attend the Clifton council meetings to take notes and have direct representation, which was seconded by Councilwoman Pino. He stated that he hopes representatives can fight for our constituents and credit their bills. He motioned for a discussion item to be placed on the next agenda to consider options for the City Manager, which was seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula. He stated several events that are upcoming, the fishing derby was rescheduled to June 27th, from 7:00-10:00AM at Main Memorial Park. Registration is at Cliftonrec.com. He stated the Obser Concert Series will begin on July 12th, and the Clifton Community Band will perform on July 19th. He stated that summer camp is beginning and specialty camps are available, and please check the Clifton Recreation website for more information. He suggested making the summer camps run until 5PM or 5:30PM to assist with the working families in Clifton.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula requested that AI Data centers be placed on the next agenda. She requested details on the funding and the process for the sidewalk program. She stated the parking lot behind the flag barn was re-lined; two handicapped parking spaces were removed, and she requested to have that rectified. She stated the health and welfare chapter that was proposed to be eliminated from the Zoning Ordinances is not going to be removed. She stated there were accusations made tonight that the Little Pantries would be eliminated, which are not true. She stated that residents attempting to call out other residents as a personal attack is not allowed. She requested a discussion item be placed on the next agenda for an Internation Day. She stated she is opposed to the soft-serve ice cream trucks. She stated 2 Peekay Drive sold for \$3 Million in 2011 and for \$53 Million in 2013. She requested information on the fence at Chelsea Park and offered fundraising efforts and a \$100 contribution.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato shared that the Pride flag raising will be this Saturday at 11:00 A.M., and he is happy to participate. He stated he is proud to participate and contribute to the Little Pantries and is hoping for answers from zoning about possible restrictions. He stated he supports the Health Official's opinion regarding soft-serve ice cream and will keep an open mind. He asked the City Manager about a recommendation from the Recreation Department for the Chelsea Park fence, and the City Manager responded that the recommendation was received and the total estimate came back between \$12,000-\$15,000. He stated he is hoping for more collaboration regarding the Richfield parking. He concluded his statements this evening with support for the Jewish community.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona shared that the Pride flag raising is 11:00 A.M. this Saturday, and the St. Philips carnival is from this Thursday through Saturday. He stated that this Saturday is also restaurant day in Botany Village. June 27th is the patriotic quilt presentation at the Clifton Arts Center. He congratulated the 12U boys who won on Sunday night, and noted they are the Continental Northeast Champions, and requested having them appear at an upcoming meeting. He stated the Quality-of-Life task force is in full effect and he noted his full support for the program. He stated the grant applications are pushing forward, and he shared he is hopeful to see a lot more approvals in the coming months and years. He congratulated the High School seniors on their upcoming graduation. He asked residents, businesses, all city buildings, and Board of Education buildings to please replace their American Flags for the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States. He also shared that the focus awards are Thursday evening at the senior center. He requested one email address for the city council to make contacting them easier for residents. He stated that collaboration is needed for the issues with parking and with soft-serve ice cream. He shared that the County has passed a scooter restriction ordinance for their parks and feels Clifton should follow their lead. He shared that he is a believer in free speech, but there are boundaries with respect to certain statements or contexts of violence. He shared details about the upcoming carnival and fireworks event for the 250th Anniversary of America.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino apologized for arriving late to the Work Session portion of tonight's meeting and shared that she was asked to be the keynote speaker at a Clifton charter school's 8th grade graduation ceremony. She congratulated Clifton High School seniors on their upcoming graduation, Jake who is graduating from CHS, and Shai who is graduating from PCTI. She wished her significant other, Eric, a happy birthday. She congratulated Liana Grasso on her hard work getting the carnival and fireworks together for the 250th Anniversary of our country and invited all the residents to come celebrate during the 3-day event. She congratulated Dr. Berman and the Embrace Family Orthodontics team for their grand opening of their Clifton location. She advised that City Hall is closed this Friday for Juneteenth. She thanked Councilman Latona for his service and congratulated him on his retirement from the military. She requested to understand the connection that Mr. Whittles was speaking about when he spoke on hypocrisy that the council is displaying when leaving a council seat empty. She stated asking for the council to do the right thing is not attacking the council members.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski congratulated Roxanne, Mr. Beigel, and the Board of Health on the success that the Hamilton House had on Flag Day. He noted he is not in favor of the soft-serve trucks being added, and he is not in favor of one-way streets in Richfield. He stated that the surveys need to be answered for the Police Department to collect data and report it to the council. He proposed a Cultural Day to celebrate and share all cultures on one day and unite the city. He stated he hopes to see everyone come out for the July 4th carnival and fireworks.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions were moved during the Work Session, unless otherwise noted below.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL
2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING**

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the City of Clifton adopted Resolution R544-25 awarding a contract to **VORTEX SERVICES LLC** of FREEHOLD, NJ, for the performance of certain public work and the furnishing of material, labor and equipment for **2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING** in the amount of \$239,050.00; and

WHEREAS, regulations, adopted by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, and dealing with “Contract Change Order” open-end contracts, etc., became effective on April 15, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has requested that a Change Order be made to the contract awarded to **VORTEX SERVICES LLC**, in the amount of \$43,584.30 an 18.23% Decrease as authorized by Resolution said being necessary for the proper completion of the project job; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to comply with said regulations, and to the end herewith files with the Governing Body a report of the Engineering Department stating the facts involved and indicating that the proposed contract Change Order is necessary and should be approved and allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is not required to certify the availability of sufficient funds for the amendatory change for which authorization is requested in the amount of \$43,584.30 an 18.23% DECREASE;

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is now \$195,465.70.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that the said amendatory Change Order be and the same is hereby ratified and payment therefore is hereby approved.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 63702

RESOLUTION 256-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING
VORTEX SERVICES LLC**

WHEREAS, VORTEX SERVICES, LLC of Freehold, New Jersey, did complete **2025 HUD-CD SANITARY SEWER LINING** project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount of
..... \$195,465.70

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid
in the amount of. \$134,226.19

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT of \$ 61,239.51

WHEREAS, said work was authorized by contract duly awarded at a regular meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has posted a Maintenance Bond, for a period of two years, in the amount of **\$19,546.57**; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has inspected the work done and has determined that said work has been properly done and completed, to the best of his knowledge, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract as amended, if amended, and hereby recommends that the said work be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Clifton does hereby formally accept the work as shown as completed in this resolution and contract.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is authorized and directed to include the said claim totaling **\$61,239.51** on the claim list.

BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NO. 63702

RESOLUTION 257-26

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A 2026-2027 CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE PREVENTION SUB-AWARDEE GRANT FROM THE PASSAIC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorizes the Health Department to apply for a grant in the amount of \$230,000.00 for the funding period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Sub-Awardee Grant from the Passaic County Department of Health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton to further the intent of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 258-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A 2026-2027 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (PHIG) FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorizes the Health Department to apply for a grant in the amount of \$119,372.00 for the funding period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the Public Health Infrastructure Grant from the New Jersey Department of Health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton to further the intent of this resolution.

RESOLUTION 259-26

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER & FLAUM, P.C. FOR PROSECUTION OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of outside legal counsel to assist on an as-needed basis with the prosecution of disciplinary matters against the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., of 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059, is agreeable to providing legal services for the City of Clifton for the term at the rate of \$170.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the term of the contract, one year retroactive to June 6, 2026, without a supplemental resolution; 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 this contract (in combination with other matters) may be in excess of \$17,500.00 for the term; 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:

A contract for professional legal services for outside counsel to assist with the prosecution of disciplinary matters against employees of the City of Clifton, in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. effective June 6, 2026 through June 5, 2027, the rate to be paid for said services is \$170.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and the adoption of a supplementary resolution.

The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

The 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, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.
Services: Prosecution of Disciplinary Matters
Project: Prosecution of Disciplinary Matters
Amount: \$170.00 per hour for partners, not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the contract term
Term: June 6, 2026 through June 5, 2027
Certification of Funds:
Funds are Available in
Account Personnel - Legal Fees
Account #01-201-20-105-263

RESOLUTION 260-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO TRIAD ADVISORY SERVICES INC.
(TRIAD ASSOCIATES) TO SERVE AS THE CITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT IN
CONNECTION WITH ITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1,
2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a Licensed Administrative Agent to perform professional services in connection with the implementation and oversight of its Affordable Housing Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a qualified Administrative Agent to perform such functions on its behalf, including but not limited to income certification, affordability control monitoring, and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, Triad Advisory Services Inc. (Triad Associates), located at 1301 W. Forest Grove Road, Suite 3A, Vineland, New Jersey 08360, possesses the necessary licenses, qualifications and experience to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to award a professional services contract to Triad Associates pursuant to the non-fair and open process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Triad Associates has completed and submitted the required Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Political Contribution Disclosure forms, which certify that Triad Associates has not made any reportable contributions in violation of the law, and such documents are on file in the Office of the City Clerk as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

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

1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Triad Advisory Services Inc. (Triad Associates) to serve as the City's Administrative Agent for Affordable Housing compliance for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
2. The contract is being awarded pursuant to the non-fair and open procedures of the Pay-to-Play law, and notice of this action shall be published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
3. A copy of this Resolution, the executed contract, and all related certifications shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be made available for public inspection.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in: **18-286-56-850-800** – Reserve for COAH

RESOLUTION 261-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR
ATHENIA VETERANS POST, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Athenia Veterans Post, Inc., of 147 Huron Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (RB1 Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Two (2) nights per week: Tuesday and Thursday
Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

Karaoke and Open Mic Night (Local Bands not to Exceed Four Instruments and One Singer at Any One Time)

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 262-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR WISKI, LLC T/A DINGO’S DEN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Wiski, LLC t/a Dingo’s Den, of 615 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Five (5) nights per week: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve, and, in lieu of standard entertainment nights/hours, but only upon seven (7) days’ advance written notice to the City Clerk, licensee may substitute an alternative night. Such alternative nights may not exceed more than five (5) nights per year.

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

DJ music, or up to five-piece band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 263-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR WISKI II, LLC T/A DINGBATZ

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Wiski II, LLC t/a Dingbatz, 620 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Four (4) nights per week: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve, and, in lieu of standard entertainment nights/hours, but only upon seven (7) days’ advance written notice to the City Clerk, licensee may substitute an alternative night. Such alternative nights may not exceed more than five (5) nights per year.

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday until 8:00 p.m.

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

DJ music, or up to five-piece band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 264-26

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Dante’s Place LLC, of 955 Valley Road, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

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

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

3 Piece Amplified Band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 265-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR PINI, INC. T/A
RUTT’S HUT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Pini, Inc. t/a Rutt’s Hut, of 413-417 River Road, Clifton, New Jersey (Zone M-2), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Two (2) nights per week: Tuesday and Wednesday
Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

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

DJ music

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 266-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR BRAVO FOOD
SERVICE OF CLIFTON, LLC t/a CHEVY’S TEX MEX**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Bravo Food Service of Clifton, LLC t/a Chevy’s Tex Mex, of 375 Route 3 East, Clifton, New Jersey (Zone PMU), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Two (2) nights per week: Friday and Saturday
Hours: 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 am.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve and Cinco DeMayo (subject to the issuance of special permits).

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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

Four (4) Piece Band or DJ music.

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 267-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR LA BONITA BAR RESTAURANT, INC. T/A LA BONITA BAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of La Bonita Bar and Restaurant, Inc. t/a La Bonita Bar of 394 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

New Year’s Eve
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

DJ Music Karaoke

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton. The business must maintain orderly conduct of patrons exiting the establishment upon closing.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, internet, radio, or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious, or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless, or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.

C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote, or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of eighteen (18). When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of twenty-one (21) are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTION 268-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE FIRE STATION 6 WINDOW REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Chief is seeking to procure Fire Station 6 Window Replacements,

WHEREAS, replacing all existing exterior windows in the Firehouse and Storage Garage (approximately 38 windows) is required due to wear and tear and inoperability issues.

WHEREAS, the window replacements shall be approximately the same size and type that currently exist.; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has requested the City Purchasing Agent advertise for and receive bids for the providing of the above-mentioned system; 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 goods and 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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

RESOLUTION 269-26

RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO USA BLUE BOOK/HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD UNDER OMNIA PARTNERS NATIONAL COOPERATIVE FOR AS-NEEDED WASTE WATER SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OPERATING SUPPLIES, INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES, AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 149-26 of April 20,2026, an advertisement was initially placed in the Herald News on June 2,2026, to announce the City's interest in utilizing the OMNIA Partners national cooperative contract for Waste Water Supplies from USA Blue Book(and the required 10-day period has passed with no comments submitted); and,

WHEREAS, the DPW Director and the Purchasing Agent concur that the City has an ongoing need to provide as-needed authorized Waste Water Supplies previously installed at City facilities that has exceeded warranty periods; and,

WHEREAS, the USA Blue Book/HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd.. term of contract with OMNIA Partners, under contract number 16154-RFP for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and services (U.S.Communities) Contract - HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LTD., is from February 3,2025 thru to December 31,2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is satisfied with the procurement process conducted by OMNIA Partners, and the contract which was awarded to USA Bluebook/ HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd., and along with associated documentation submitted by both OMNIA Partners and USA Bluebook/ HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd., the Purchasing Agent finds all in compliance with the guidance in LFN 2012-10; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent followed all applicable guidelines stipulated by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services as outlined in Local Finance Notice 2012-10; and,

WHEREAS, there were no alternative approaches and/or rejections made by any New Jersey contractors/vendors prior to or since the aforementioned comment deadline; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Clifton to make a contract award to USA Bluebook/ HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd., PO Box 209058 San Diego CA 92150, for as-needed repairs and parts in accordance with the rate schedule under Contract # 16154-RFP in a not to exceed amount of \$35,000, pursuant to the Maricopa County Procurement Code, Arizona, RFP for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and services (U.S.Communities) Contract - HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LTD., is from February 3,2025 thru to December 31,2026; and,

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

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

1. An award to USA Blue Book/ HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LTD for for maintenance, repair, operating supplies, industrial supplies, and related products and services (U.S.Communities) Contract - in accordance with the rates schedule under Contract #16154-RFP is hereby made.
2. As-needed repairs and parts are in accordance with the rates schedule under Contract #RFP-16154, and the total shall not exceed the amount of \$35,000.
3. Funds are available in 07-201-26-291-405 - Sewer Maintenance and Repairs

RESOLUTION 270-26

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R279-21 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR BODY WORN CAMERA SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT NO. 17-FLEET-00738

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Mayor and Municipal Council adopted Resolution R279-21 authorizing the purchase of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and related services for all sworn employees of the City Police Department from Axon Enterprise, Inc. through New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00738; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00738 remains in effect through **May 14, 2027**; and,

WHEREAS, the City continues to require body worn camera equipment, software, storage, maintenance, and related services in accordance with directives and policies issued by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Resolution R279-21 to authorize payment for the 2026 contract year under the aforesaid State Contract; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and amend the Resolution R279-21 to authorize the payment to **Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255**, under New Jersey State Contract No. **17-FLEET-00738**, which expires **May 14, 2027**, for the 2026 contract year., at a cost not to exceed \$549,913.90 for the term ending May 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authorization contained herein is limited to the 2026 payment in the amount of **\$549,913.90**, and that funding for the contract years **2027 through 2030** shall be subject to future appropriations, certifications of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer, and any additional approvals required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authorization for the remaining balance of \$252,570.26 be subject to the partial of year 2027 appropriation; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds shall be charged accordingly as expenses occur with presentation of properly executed Purchase Order
Account numbers:
04-215-55-966-101 \$549,913.90 (for year 2026)
04-215-55-966-101 \$252,570.26 (for year 2027)

RESOLUTION 271-26

RESOLUTION AWARING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF COMBAT READY FIREFIGHTING HOSE FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department requires the purchase of structural firefighting hose to replace aged and damaged equipment that has reached the end of service life; and

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

	Name of Vendor	Cost
1.	Continental Fire and Safety Services	\$14,480.00
2.	New Jersey Fire and Safety	\$15,141.00

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

and

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from Continental Fire & Safety Services and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted quotes, it is recommended the contract be awarded to the Continental Fire & Safety Services, located at 2740 Kuser Rd Hamilton NJ 08691 for not to exceed \$14,480.00; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council is hereby authorized and directed to purchase said one structural firefighting hose to lower respondent Continental Fire & Safety Services. located at 2740 Kuser Rd Hamilton NJ 08691 in an amount not to exceed \$14,480.00. Term of the Contract shall commence from June 1,2026 to June 30,2027; and

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

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS: Funds are available in account number Capital Improvement Account (04-215-55-973-301)

RESOLUTION 272-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN PROPERTY AT 730 CLIFTON AVENUE, BLOCK 29.06, LOT 8, TO BILL PROPERTY OWNER AND COLLECT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, an emergent situation existed at the premises known as 730 Clifton Avenue (Block 29.06, Lot 8) which required immediate repair and restoration services; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Imminent Hazard was issued by the Building Code official on April 23, 2026 declaring the subject property to be an imminent hazard pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-132 and N.J.A.C.S:23-2.32 requiring the entire building on the property be removed; and

WHEREAS, proper Notice was served upon the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton took emergency action on the property known as 730 Clifton Avenue, by contracting with Two Brothers Contracting, Inc. to provide demolition services and expended funds in the sum of \$121,500.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place a lien on the property in order to seek reimbursement from the property owner for the funds expended by the City of Clifton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to lien the property known as 730 Clifton Avenue (Block 29.06, Lot 8), Clifton, New Jersey, and to take whatever action is necessary to accomplish reimbursement from the property owner for the current expenditure.

RESOLUTION 273-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF ONE YEAR FOR 5 YEAR LOSS OF PREMIUM FOR LIEN CERTIFICATE NUMBER 22-000139 TO CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST D/B/A C & E TAX LIEN FUND I FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 51.06 LOT 26, 93 ROBIN HOOD ROAD

WHEREAS, the lien holder CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST D/B/A C & E Tax Lien Fund I purchased the lien certificate no. 22-00139 for the property located at block 51.06, lot 26, 96 Robin Hood Rd., on October 20, 2022 in 2022 Annual Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, a payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 was made by Cotality F/K/A Corelogic was received by the City of Clifton on July 2, 2025 for redemption of the lien certificate No. 22-00139 and was applied to the property located at block 51.06, lot 26, 96 Robin Hood Rd.; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2026, a communication was received from Cotality F/K/A Corelogic stating that the redemption payment which was made by Cotality f/k/a Corelogic was intended for different property (30 Gould St. Block 51.06 Lot 36) accompanied by a request to refund of the redemption payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 applied to the property located at block 51.06, lot 26, 96 Robin Hood Rd.; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has reviewed the matter and has verified that the redemption payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 should be refunded to Cotality F/K/A Corelogic; and

WHEREAS, the previously recorded lien redemption was reversed and deemed void effective immediately. All charges, fees, penalties, interest, assessments, and related obligations associated with lien were reinstated and reflected within the system records. The accounts have been updated to accurately reflect the outstanding balance and all applicable charges as though the lien redemption had not occurred.

WHEREAS, the lien holder CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST D/B/A C & E Tax Lien Fund I has returned the redemption monies in the amount of \$ 39,377.59 (Lien Redemption Payment \$ 36,677.59 and \$ 2,700.00 Tax Sale Certificate Premium) to the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST D/B/A C & E Tax Lien Fund I has requested a one-year extension for the premium 5 year escheat period due to foreclosure proceedings often require significant time to complete, and additional time is needed to allow the matter to progress toward final resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized to provide a one-year extension for 5-year loss of premium to lien holder CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTRUST D/B/A C & E Tax Lien Fund I .

RESOLUTION 274-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF AN ERRONEOUS LIEN REDEMPTION PAYMENT FOR LIEN CERTIFICATE NUMBER 22-00139 MADE BY COTALITY F/K/A/ CORELOGIC FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 51.06, LOT 26, 93 ROBIN HOOD RD

WHEREAS, a payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 made by Cotality F/K/A Corelogic was received by the City of Clifton on 7/02/2025 for redemption of the lien certificate no. 22-00139 for the property located at block 51.06, lot 26, 96 Robin Hood Rd., and

WHEREAS, on 4/29/2026, communication received from Cotality F/K/A Corelogic stating that the redemption payment which was made by Cotality F/K/A Corelogic was intended for a

different property (30 Gould St. Block 51.06 Lot 36) and requested to refund the redemption payment of \$ 36,677.59; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the redemption payment was made in error and there may have been a clerical error, as both properties share the same block number (Block 51.06), while the lot numbers (26 & 36) differ by only one digit; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has reviewed the matter and certified that the payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 should be refunded to Cotality F/K/A Corelogic; and

WHEREAS, the previously recorded lien redemption was reversed and deemed void effective immediately. All charges, fees, penalties, interest, assessments, and related obligations associated with the lien were reinstated and reflected within the system records. The accounts are updated to accurately reflect the outstanding balance and all applicable charges as though the lien redemption had not occurred.

WHEREAS, the lien holder CHRISTIANA T C/F CE1/FIRSTTRUST D/B/A C & E Tax Lien Fund I is holding the lien certificate no. 22-00139 for the property located at block 51.06, lot 26, 93 Robin Hood Rd. and has returned the redemption monies in the amount of \$ 39,377.59 (Lien Redemption Payment \$ 36,677.59 and \$ 2,700.00 Tax Sale Certificate Premium); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that for the reasons aforesaid, the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized to refund an erroneous lien redemption payment in the amount of \$ 36,677.59 to Cotality F/K/A Corelogic.

RESOLUTION 275-26

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 ~ SOA Contract Negotiations
- CON-2 Litigation ~ Joseph Kunz v. City of Clifton, *et al.* Docket No.: PAS-L-2038-26
- CON-3 Litigation ~ Dominick Villano v. City of Clifton, *et al.* Docket No.: PAS-L-1827-25
- CON-4 Litigation ~ Affordable House Litigation Update, Docket No. PAS-L-272-25
- CON-5 Litigation ~ Sal Brancato, *et al.* v. Planning Board of the City of Clifton, *et al.*,
Docket No.: PAS-L-1997-26
- CON-6 Litigation ~ Maintenance Repairer, Worker's Compensation Claim,
Date of Loss: 05-15-2023
- CON-7 Contracts ~ Power of One – Request to Renew Contract
- CON-8 Contracts ~ Developer Agreement – Markgold, LP, 1155 Bloomfield Avenue,
Block 79.04, Lot 26
- CON-9 Contracts ~ Developer Agreement – ALBI Properties, LLC, 1030-1050 US Route 46,
Block 39.01, Lots 24 & 25
- CON-10 Personnel ~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public shall be excused and excluded from this portion of the Council's meeting to be held on June 16, 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 276-26

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE**

Claims to be paid the meeting of June 16th, 2026

Meeting of June 16th, 2026

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

Current Fund	\$	4,092,293.08
Grant Fund	\$	478,993.06
General Capital Fund	\$	99,324.68
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	46,163.31
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	9,824.56
Developers Escrow	\$	69,421.36
Dog Trust	\$	211.76
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Open Space Trust	\$	26,345.58
Police Extra Duty	\$	116,659.00
Trust Other	\$	39,798.57
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	209,244.53
Affordable Housing	\$	5,496.90
Community Development	\$	32,393.00
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
UCC Trust	\$	34,873.98
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	534,938.72
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	101,271.19
General Liability Trust	\$	658,517.81
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	26,866.45
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	6,582,637.54

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, and passed on roll call vote to approve this resolution.

(5-0-1-0) Councilman D’Amato, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula, and Mayor Grabowski voted Aye. Councilman Latona abstained.

RESOLUTION 277-26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO RULE 1 OF THE RULES OF
ORDER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton that Rule 1 is 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. 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. On the same evenings as Regular Meetings are held, a closed session meeting shall be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and an informal Conference Meeting shall be held at 7:30 p.m. Each meeting shall conclude by 11:00 p.m.(10/3/06) (9/17/24)

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, and passed on roll call vote to approve this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION 278-26

**RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND MARKGOLD, LP**

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and Markgold, LP, the developer of Block 79.04, Lot 26, 1155 Bloomfield Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, is hereby authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Developer Agreement on behalf of the City of Clifton.

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman D'Amato, and passed on roll call vote to approve this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION 279-26

This resolution was removed from the agenda.

LICENSES

L- 1 Honey Brewed Café

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF HUDSON TABLE FC, LLC T/A HUDSON TABLE FC for permission to conduct a: CATERER - NEW for a period ending January 31, 2027, on the premises known as: 1 ACKERMAN 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 D’Amato, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Tolosi, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor