

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton was held in the Municipal Conference Room of Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey.

8:10 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 also 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 2023 which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on December 12, 2022 and was additionally advertised in the Record on December 12, 2022. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting to The Herald News and by posting of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the Clifton Website which notice stated that formal action may or may not be taken on matters to come before the Municipal Council.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilwoman Murphy	(LM) Via Zoom
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were City Manager, Dominick Villano; City Attorney, Matthew Priore ; Assistant City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / INVOCATION / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

City Clerk – Nancy Ferrigno

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to suspend the regular order of business.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

PRESENTATION

Health Department Accreditation

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for Clifton's Historic Botany District, Inc. Special Improvement District

The Mayor opened the floor to the public. With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to close the public hearing.

(5-1-1-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Sadrakula voted nay and Councilman Latona abstained.

Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Downtown Clifton Economic Development Group, Inc. Special Improvement District

The Mayor opened the floor to the public. With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to close the public session.

(7-0-0-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023 and the Special Meeting of November 28, 2023.

(5-0-2-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy and Councilwoman Pino abstained.

Councilwoman Murphy left the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Michael Mucci started as Code Enforcement Officer - Housing effective 11/16/2023 at \$45,000/annually.
- C-2 Omar Shaheed started as Parking Enforcement Officer - Clifton Police Dept. effective 11/16/2023 at \$16/hourly.
- C-3 Michael Montague has retired with the Clifton Fire Dept. as Captain effective 12/01/2023.
- C-4 Kevin Danielson has retired with the Clifton Fire Dept. as Captain effective 12/01/2023.
- C-5 Pamela Speer has resigned with the Legal Dept. as Legal Stenographer, effective 12/01/2023.
- C-6 Luis Valbuena has resigned as School Traffic Guard effective 11/25/2023.
- C-7 Victor Prieto has resigned as School Traffic Guard effective 12/01/2023.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-8 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of October 25, 2023
- C-9 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of November 15, 2023
- C-10 Minutes of Senior Citizens Advisory Committee of November 30, 2023

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7868-23

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7868-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7868-23.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to table Ordinance 7868-23

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 77 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Police Department" (Amends Table of Organization in Police Department)

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7874-23

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D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7874-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7874-23.

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

An Ordinance to Add a New Chapter 12 to the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee"

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7873-23

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, was tabled upon motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and carried by roll call vote.

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", and More Particularly Section 99-34 Thereof Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Adds Title and Compensation for Communications Manager)

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7875-23

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and 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 4 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7876-23

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote.

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

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

D. Introduction of Ordinance 7877-23

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and failed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 375 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Sewers", More Particularly Article I Thereof, Entitled "Use of Sewers", Section 375-3.4, Entitled "Sanitary Sewer User Charge", (Amends User Charges)

(3-2-1-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Latona and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilwoman Pino abstained and Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Matthew Trella, 33 Tancin Lane, spoke about the upcoming property revaluation order from Passaic County.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Rd., discussed moving the Recreation Department's 5K run to a different location next year. She urged all residents to attend the next Board of Education meeting to support Policy 5756 which offers guidance to school districts regarding transgender students.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., spoke about abolishing permit parking. He suggested that certain Council members resign from the Council. Mr. Ciervo questioned why the City is picking up garbage from a private school. He remarked on the behavior of some Council members at the meetings and suggested that the Council terms be amended to two four-year terms. Mr. Ciervo spoke about traffic safety issues at School #8.

Kim Castellano, 59 Mahar Ave., thanked everyone for their support and asked for donations and volunteers for a Toy Drive and a Christmas Party being held at the Italian American Association for children in need.

Joe Holzli, 75 Mountainside Terr., spoke about flooding issues in the City.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to close the Public Session.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

Nothing to report.

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COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson congratulated the Health Department on their recent accreditation. He remarked that the City is working on a plan for the property revaluation. Councilman Gibson asked Donna Popowich to provide as much information she can regarding moving the 5K Stampede next year. He wished all a Happy Hanukkah and stated that he has no plans of stepping down from his Council seat.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced that the Insurance Committee met and all the insurance resolutions on tonight's agenda were recommended by the Insurance Committee. He spoke about the effect COVID had on insurance and insurance rates. Councilman Kolodziej explained that the City's insurance reserve will be depleted and the Council needs to take action on this issue. He also stated that if the sewer fee Ordinance does not pass, then taxes will need to be raised. He remarked on the Town Hall Meeting for the Third River Flood Study and felt that the information provided was disappointing. Councilman Kolodziej announced that the Council is looking into ways to get the river cleaned.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona read the names of employee service awards, congratulated the Health Department on their recent accreditation and wished all a Happy Hanukkah. He announced that the ADA Committee met and asked if any landscapers would be interested in being hired to shovel snow for those who cannot shovel themselves. He spoke about the Third River Flooding issue and having the river cleaned. Councilman Latona asked how Resolutions get put on the agenda without a corresponding action/discussion item. He spoke about anchor rebates, a recession plan, property revaluation and moving the 5K Stampede next year. He thanked The Power of One for their service to the City.

Councilwoman Murphy

Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino spoke about the Third River Flooding. She congratulated the Health Department on their recent accreditation. Councilwoman Pino congratulated Mayor Grabowski for hosting a wonderful Christmas party.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula remarked on the Third River flooding and suggested that Administration reach out to Congressman Pascrell and the Army Corps of Engineers for help. She spoke about updating the Zoning Ordinances and receiving a full report on the Budget update. Councilwoman Sadrakula suggested moving the 5K Stampede to the Clifton Stadium or Garrett Mountain. She thanked Kim Castellano of The Power of One for her service to the residents of Clifton. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked that an item be put on for discussion at the next meeting inviting all Department Heads to a special meeting to discuss the budget. She spoke about the need to have a Bond Committee meeting. Councilwoman Sadrakula congratulated Mayor Grabowski for hosting a very nice Christmas party and wished all a Happy Hanukkah. She spoke about establishing a Zoom session at the Council meetings for the public to access.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski spoke about taking action regarding the Third River flooding. He announced that the Master Plan and the updating of the Zoning Ordinances is moving forward. Mayor Grabowski spoke about the holidays being a season of giving and urged residents to donate to help the less fortunate. He wished all a Happy Hanukah.

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked if the bridge over the Third River is abandoned, and if it is, can we remove it. City Manager, Dominick Villano, said it is on private property and he would talk to the property owner about it. Councilwoman Sadrakula clarified that the Blue Acres Program buys houses that are in extreme flood zones, not the City.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to table Resolution R591-23.

R591-23 Resolution Authorizing Health Benefit Rates to be Charged to Retired Employees Commencing January 1, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HEALTH BENEFIT RATES TO BE CHARGED TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby authorize the following monthly rates for health benefits and monthly administrative charges to be billed to retired employees, effective January 1, 2024:

BILLED RETIREES

	Single	Family	Husb/Wife	Parent/Child
PPO/Direct Access Under 65	1,024.20	2,614.38	1,933.92	1,962.92
PPO/Direct Access One 65	515.19	2,143.84	1,285.03	1,304.30
PPO/Direct Access Both 65	515.19	1,993.95	1,024.20	1,304.30
Prescription	391.44	937.75	858.19	689.52
Dental	43.25	43.25	43.25	43.25
Administrative Fee	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to move the group.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

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R581-23 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the December 5, 2023, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the
Meeting of December 5, 2023**

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

RESOLUTION				
TO APPROVE				
Claims to be paid the meeting of December 5th, 2023				
Meeting of December 5th, 2023				
Resolved that all claims on the attached sheets are approved as reasonable and proper claims against the City of Clifton.				
	Current Fund			\$ 43,407,453.33
	Grant Fund			\$ 37,721.19
	General Capital Fund			\$ 95,381.30
	Sewer Utility -Operating			\$ 1,894,823.61
	Sewer Utility-Capital			\$ 32,761.00
	Developers Escrow			\$ 297,267.87
	Dog Trust			\$ 3,408.85
	Police Extra Duty			\$ 87,461.50
	Trust Other			\$ 219,156.01
	Section 8 Public Housing			\$ 27,471.18
	Community Development			\$ 60,548.01
	Tax Title Lien Redemption			\$ -
	Self Insurance			\$ 731,078.76
	Fire Dedicated Penalties			\$ -
	Revolving Loan Fund			\$ -
	Tax Title Lien Redemption			\$ -
	Unemployment Trust Fund			\$ -
	Library			\$ 200,947.48
	General Liability Trust			\$ 45,624.57
	Workers Compensation Trust			\$ 35,953.89
	Trust Escrow			\$ -
	Reserve for Housing			\$ -
	Federal DOJ Forfeiture			\$ -
	TOTAL CLAIMS			\$ 47,177,058.55

R582-23 Resolution - 2023 Budget Appropriation Transfer in the Municipal Budget

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER
2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
CURRENT FUND**

WHEREAS, transfers between budget appropriations are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2023 Municipal Budget Appropriations are expected to be insufficient to meet the expenditure requirements through the end of the fiscal year, and certain 2023 budget appropriations are expected to have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds thereof affirmatively

concurring (5)) that the transfers as listed between 2023 Municipal Budget Appropriations be made in the Current Fund:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount – From:</u>	<u>Amount – To:</u>
General Liability Insurance	01-201-23-210-310		\$ 200,000.00
Workers Comp Insurance	01-201-23-215-340	\$ 250,000.00	
Health Dept OE	01-201-27-330-552		\$ 10,000.00
Health Dept S&W	01-201-27-330-101	\$ 10,000.00	
Telephone OE	01-201-31-440-268		\$ 50,000.00
DCRP Pension	01-201-36-477-501		\$ 10,000.00
Public Defender S&W	01-201-43-495-102	\$ 10,000.00	
Total Transfer Amount:		<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>

R583-23 Resolution - 2023 Budget Appropriation Transfer in Sewer Utility Budget

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER
2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
SEWER UTILITY**

WHEREAS, transfers between budget appropriations are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2023 Sewer Utility Budget Appropriations are expected to be insufficient to meet the expenditure requirements through the end of the fiscal year, and certain 2023 budget appropriations are expected to have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds thereof affirmatively concurring (5)) that the transfers as listed between 2023 Municipal Budget Appropriations be made in the Sewer Utility:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount – From:</u>	<u>Amount – To:</u>
Sewer System S&W	07-201-26-291-101	\$ 20,000.00	
Sewer System OE	07-201-26-291-503		\$ 20,000.00
Total Transfer Amount:		<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>

R584-23 Resolution Authorizing Final Payment - Oak Ridge Park Improvements - Green Valley Group

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT
OAK RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
GREEN VALLEY GROUP**

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WHEREAS, GREEN VALLEY GROUP of Nanuet, New York, did complete OAK RIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS project in and for the City of Clifton for the total amount of \$712,375.00

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid in the amount of \$629,870.50

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT of \$ 82,504.50

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 \$71,238.00; 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 \$82,504.50 on the claim list.

R585-23 Resolution to Adopt Procedures for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides opportunities for Local Public Agencies (LPA), such as the City of Clifton, to receive Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP or federal-aid) funds through New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is presently the recipient of federal-aid funds through a project awarded under the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) for City of Clifton, 2022 SRTS Clifton Pedestrian Safety Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton as an LPA, is responsible for administering federal-aid funded projects in compliance with all federal-aid requirements established by the FHWA; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT, through its Stewardship Agreement with FHWA, is responsible for ensuring that the City of Clifton is adequately staffed and suitably equipped to undertake federal-aid projects, and ensure that federal requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, as required by the NJDOT, has developed a Policy outlining the required procedures for the Administration of Federally Funded Transportation Projects administered through the NJDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the City of Clifton adopts the policy entitled, “City of Clifton Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects” dated November 2022.

R586-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Regular Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel off the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System #CC-0036-23 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REGULAR ULTRA LOW SULPHUR DIESEL OFF THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM #CC-0036-23 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to purchase Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel for its vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City is an active member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, National Fuel Oil Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, NJ 07103, was awarded Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract (#CC-0036-21) for Red-Dyed #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel, and Red-Dyed Winter Blend Diesel for two (2) years through to November 8, 2023, at a markup of \$0.0869 and \$0.0869 respectively, for Somerset County cooperative members; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from National Fuel Oil Inc., 175 Orange Street, Newark, NJ 07103, as-needed off the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract (#CC-0036-23), for a total as-needed not to exceed amount of \$375,000 for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

R587-23 Resolution Amending Resolution R403-23, Entitled "Resolution Authorizing and Awarding Contract for Emergency Sewer Jetting Services and Re-Bid Seeking Multiple Vendor on Rotating Basis for the Department of Public Works for the City of Clifton"

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R403-23, TITLED “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY SEWER JETTING SERVICES AND RE-BID SEEKING MULTIPLE VENDOR ON ROTATING BASIS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON”

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2023, the Mayor and Council approved R403-23 titled “Resolution authorizing and awarding contract for Emergency Sewer Jetting Services and Re-Bid seeking multiple vendors on rotating basis for the Department of Public Works for City of Clifton ” in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; and,

WHEREAS, because of the constant need for jetting services due to sewer blockages \$25000 would not suffice the total contract for the year and work needs to be done on an emergent basis in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-6 to protect health, safety, and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, an additional \$50,000.00 is needed to fund the payment of the remaining emergency sewer jetting services that have been performed, bringing the total emergency contract price to \$75,000; and,

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve an increase in funds for the above referenced emergency contract in the amount of \$50,000 to National Water Main Cleaning Company located at 1806 Newark Turnpike ,Kearny NJ 07032 pursuant to the reasons stated above, which brings the total amount of the contract to \$75,000, thereby amending Resolution R403-23.

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R588-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Three (3) New 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Vehicles (WDEE75) for Clifton Fire Department off New Jersey State Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE (3) NEW 2024 DODGE
DURANGO PURSUIT AWD VEHICLES (WDEE75) FOR CLIFTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT OFF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department has a requested to purchase three (3) 2024 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen of Morristown, Inc., 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown NJ 07960 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 23-FLEET-34933, Sport Utility Vehicles, Gasoline /Hybrid/ Electric, which expires on June 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Fire Department has obtained quotes from Nielsen Ford for 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles at \$59,776.74 per vehicle, including optional equipment in accordance with the contract awarded by New Jersey State, in a not to exceed total amount of \$179,330.22 for three (3) of the above vehicles; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Nielsen of Morristown, Inc., 200 Ridgedale Avenue Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown NJ 07960, off the NJ State Contract No23-FLEET-34933 for a price of \$59,776.74 each unit, and a total not to exceed amount for three units of \$179,330.22

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

R589-23 Resolution Awarding Contract for One (1) Oil Jacketed Asphalt Crack Sealer

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
ONE (1) OIL JACKETED ASPHALT CRACK SEALER**

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2023, resolution number R388-23 was passed by the Municipal Council to authorize advertising for bids for One (1) Oil Jacketed Asphalt Crack Sealer for the Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, on October 5,2023, two bids were received, one from Crafcu Incorporated, for \$61,488.99, and a second from W. E. Timmerman Co., Inc. for \$62,400.00, in line with the cost estimate; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works is requesting to award the contract to W.E. Timmerman as the bid is compliant with the bid specifications proposed in consideration with the lower loading height, thickness of insulation jacket compared to Crafcu model, variable speed control, type of applicator to cover whole crack; and

WHEREAS, the Bid submitted by Crafcu Inc. has major deviations from the Bid Specifications proposed; and.

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted bid, the Purchasing Agent in concurrence with the Department of Public Works Director, recommends a contract be awarded to W. E. Timmerman

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Co Inc ,3554 Route 22 West P.O Box 71, Whitehouse NJ 08888, in an amount not to exceed \$62,400.00 for the providing of for One (1) Oil Jacketed Asphalt Crack Sealer; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize aforementioned a contract with W. E. Timmerman Co Inc ,3554 Route 22 West P.O Box 71, Whitehouse NJ 08888, for the not to exceed amount of \$62,400.00.

R590-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two (2) New 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD Vehicles (WD#EE75) for Clifton Building Department off New Jersey State Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW 2024 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT AWD VEHICLES (WDEE75) FOR CLIFTON BUILDING DEPARTMENT OFF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Building Department has a requested to purchase two (2) 2024 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen of Morristown, Inc., 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown NJ 07960 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract No. 23-FLEET-34933, Sport Utility Vehicles, Gasoline /Hybrid/ Electric, which expires on June 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Fire Department has obtained quotes from Nielsen Ford for 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles at \$59,776.74 per vehicle, including optional equipment in accordance with the contract awarded by New Jersey State, in a not to exceed total amount of \$119,553.48 for two (2) of the above vehicles; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Nielsen of Morristown, Inc., 200 Ridgedale Avenue Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown NJ 07960, off the NJ State Contract No23-FLEET-34933 for a price of \$59,776.74 each unit, and a total not to exceed amount for three units of \$119,553.48

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

R592-23 Resolution Approving Developer Agreement Between the City of Clifton and EMB 561, LLC

RESOLUTION APPROVING DEVELOPER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND EMB 561, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Developer Agreement between the City of Clifton and EMB 561, LLC, the developer of 561 Van Houten Avenue, Block 43.04, Lot 8, 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.

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R593-23 Resolution Authorizing Medical Stop-Loss Insurance Coverage for 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEDICAL STOP-LOSS
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Clifton Insurance Committee, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and administration for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Claims, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
One Sun Life Executive Park, Wellesley Hill, MA 02481
Provider of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Claims
Related to the City's Medical Insurance Program

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

CITY OF CLIFTON

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

Awarded to: Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
 One Sun Life Executive Park, Wellesley Hill, MA 02481
Services: Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for Claims Related to the City's
 Medical Insurance Program (Specific and Aggregate)
Estimated Cost: \$3,853,929
 (Estimated cost based on the number of eligible employees and retirees)
Term: 1/1/24 - 12/31/24

R594-23 Resolution Authorizing Entry Into Contract for Prescription Benefit Administration with Benecard Services, Inc. for the Period January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO CONTRACT FOR PRESCRIPTION
BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION WITH BENECARD SERVICES, INC. FOR THE
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Clifton Insurance Committee, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following providers of

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insurance coverage and administration for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Benecard Services, Inc.
3131 Princeton Pike
Building 2B, Suite 103
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Administration for Prescription Benefit Program

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

CITY OF CLIFTON

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

Awarded to: Benecard Services, Inc. of Lawrenceville, NJ
Services: Administration of Prescription Benefit Program
2024 Estimated Cost: Not to exceed \$6,053,000 (based upon number of eligible employees)
2025 Estimated Cost: Not to exceed \$6,643,167.50 (based upon number of eligible employees)
Term: 1/1/24 - 12/31/25

R595-23 Resolution Authorizing Group Insurance Coverages and Administration for City of Clifton Employees and Retirees (2024)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGES AND ADMINISTRATION FOR CITY OF CLIFTON EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES (2024)

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Clifton Insurance Committee, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and administration for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 for administration of Major Medical Claims, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NJ, Inc.
3 Penn Plaza, Newark, NJ 07101
Administrator for Major Medical Claims

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

CITY OF CLIFTON

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

Awarded to Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NJ, Inc., Newark, NJ
Services: Administrator for Major Medical Claims
Estimated Cost: \$515,735 (Estimated cost based on the number of eligible employees and retirees)
Term: 1/1/24 - 12/31/24

R596-23 Resolution Authorizing Dental Insurance Coverage for City of Clifton Employees and Retirees (2024)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY OF CLIFTON
EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES (2024 - 2025)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Clifton Insurance Committee, and based upon the Standard Certification Declaration for an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service of the City Manager which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorize the following provider of insurance coverage and administration for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025 for Dental Insurance, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NJ, Inc.
3 Penn Plaza, Newark, NJ 07101
Administration of Dental Insurance

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following short notice be printed once in a legal newspaper of the City of Clifton:

CITY OF CLIFTON

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

Awarded to: Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NJ, Inc., Newark
Services: Administration of Dental Insurance
2024 Estimated Cost: \$355,008
2025 Estimated Cost: \$355,008
Term: 1/1/24 - 12/31/25

R597-23 Resolution Supporting Continuation of Corporate Business Tax (CBT) at 2023 Rate to Fund Critical Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Hazardous Site Cleanup Funding

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF CORPORATE BUSINESS TAX (CBT) AT 2023 RATE TO FUND CRITICAL OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HAZARDOUS SITE CLEANUP FUNDING

WHEREAS, in 2014, sixty-five percent (65%) of New Jersey voters approved amending the New Jersey Constitution to provide long term sustainable funding for open space (Green and Blue Acres), farmland and historic preservation by dedicating a portion of the Corporate Business Tax (CBT) to those programs; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey voters’ high approval on every NJ open space ballot question since 1961 reflects their dedicated support for farmland, open space and historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, agriculture plays an integral role in the prosperity, agri-businesses and well-being of “The Garden State” along with providing a fresh and abundant supply of food for its residents; and

WHEREAS, in the most densely populated state in the nation, the Covid-19 pandemic proved the high value of New Jersey’s open space and recreational areas to the health and well-being of residents throughout New Jersey, especially those in urban towns and minority communities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy stated on Earth Day 2023 during final adoption of New Jersey’s Environmental Justice Rules, “we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that all people – regardless of income, race, ethnicity, or national origin – can enjoy their right to live, work, learn and recreate in a clean and healthy environment”; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is one of the original thirteen colonies, its historic preservation is significant to our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, open space is essential to protecting New Jersey residents and businesses from storm related flooding that results in loss of life and property and is increasing at an alarming rate due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, continuation of New Jersey’s CBT provides important and necessary funding for the acquisition, preservation and stewardship of open space, farmland and historic sites in New Jersey that protects and enhances the character and beauty of “The Garden State” while providing its citizens with opportunities for recreation, relaxation and education; and

WHEREAS, CBT funding provides long-term, sustainable funding to support communities with the remediation of hazardous sites known as brownfields, the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, and funds cleanups of hazardous spills; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction in the CBT included in the 2024 NJ State budget would slash approximately \$60 million annually from vital open space, farmland, historic preservation and remediation of hazardous sites known as brownfield, the cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, and funds cleanups of hazardous spills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned ask Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature to maintain the current 2023 level of Corporate Business Tax funding without reduction to provide continuous level funding for critical environmental and public health programs.

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R598-23 Resolution Authorizing Limousine License Renewal - Crooks Limo

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMOUSINE LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License renewal application from Ayman R. Ataliah the owner and operator of Crooks Limo, 58 Norwood Avenue, in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for renewal of a Limousine License from Ayman R. Ataliah the owner and operator of Crooks Limo in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:

Crooks Limo

Owner and Operator:

Ayman R. Ataliah

Approved Vehicles:

2011 Lincoln Towncar 2LIFL8JWXBX756715

Approved Parking Location:

543 Hazel Street, Clifton, NJ 07011

R599-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License - Clifton Taxi

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIMOUSINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, county of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Renewal of Limousine License Application from Said Y. Saleh, Clifton Taxi, Limo & Car Service, 76 E. Emerson Street, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval of renewal of a limousine License to Said Y. Saleh, Clifton Taxi, Limo & Car Service, 76 E. Emerson Street, Clifton, NJ 07013 be and is hereby granted.

Company Name

Clifton Taxi, Limo & Car Service

Owner:

Said Y. Saleh

Approved Operator:

Said Y. Saleh

Approved Vehicle:

2021 GMC Yukon 1GKS2GKD4MR357800

Approved Parking Location:
76 Emerson Street, Clifton, NJ 07013

R600-23 Resolution Authorizing New Limousine License - AKS Luxury Ride LLC

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW LIMOUSINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Limousine License application from Serguei Akimov the owner and operator of AKS Luxury Ride LLC, 21 Barrister Street in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for a new Limousine License from Serguei Akimov the owner and operator of AKS Luxury Ride LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
AKS Luxury Ride LLC

Owner and Operator:
Serguei Akimov

Approved Vehicles:
2024 Cadillac XT6 1GYKPCRS4RZ712475

Approved Parking Location:
21 Barrister Street, Clifton

R601-23 Resolution Authorizing Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker License Renewal - Corbo Jewelers

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSIENT MERCHANT AND PAWNBROKER
SHOP LICENSE RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker Shop License Renewal from Corbo Jewelers, 1055 Bloomfield Avenue, Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Police Department;

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 Transient Merchants and Pawnbrokers License for Corbo Jewelers be and is hereby granted.

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R602-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operator License - Sharky's

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GAMES OF SKILL OPERATOR
LICENSE RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Games of Skill Operator License Renewals from Sharky’s Wings & Raw Bar, 545 Highland Avenue in the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Zoning 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 Games of Skill Operator License Sharky’s Wings & Raw Bar be and is hereby granted.

R603-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Helicopter Pad License - Sixty Hamilton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HELICOPTER LANDING PAD LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Helicopter Landing License Renewal from Sixty Hamilton Street Ltd., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 307, Totowa, NJ 07012; 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 Fire, Engineering, Zoning 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 Helicopter Landing License to Sixty Hamilton Street, LLC be and is hereby granted.

R604-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of New & Used Car Lot Licenses

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW AND USED CAR LOT LICENSE
RENEWALS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a New and Used Car Lot License Renewals from the businesses listed below; 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 a New and Used Car Lot Licenses to the businesses listed below be and are hereby granted:

Clifton Colfax Auto Mall	800 Clifton Avenue
Fette Ford	1137 Route 46
KMG Auto Body LLC	58 Franklin Avenue

R605-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pet Shop License - Absolutely Fish, Inc.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PET SHOP LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Pet Shop License Renewal from Absolutely Fish, Inc., 1080 Route 46 West in the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, all paperwork has been completed by the various applicants 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 a Pet Shop License to Absolutely Fish, Inc. be and is hereby granted.

R606-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License - Ali Limo

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMOUSINE LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Limousine License renewal application from Muteb Alfawair the owner and operator of Ali Limousine and Car Service LLC, 100 Warren Street, in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that approval for renewal of a Limousine License renewal application from Muteb Alfawair the owner and operator of Ali Limousine and Car Service LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Ali Limousine and Car Service LLC

Owner and Operator:
Muteb Alfawair

Approved Vehicles:
2017 Lincoln 2LMHI5NKXHBLO1716

Approved Parking Location:
100 Warren Street, Clifton 07014

R607-23 Resolution Congratulating the Clifton Health Department for Receiving the National Accreditation Award from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AWARD FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB)

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WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, the Clifton Health Department was awarded initial National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The accreditation process through the PHAB helps to ensure that the programs and services they provide are as responsive as possible to the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, accreditation strengthens infrastructure and workforce development, ensuring health departments have the necessary systems in place to efficiently deliver high-quality public health services. Accreditation serves as a catalyst for continuous development and improvement, enhancing emergency preparedness efforts, and fostering quality and performance improvement. The Clifton Health Department is dedicated to their accreditation efforts and have been working rigorously towards accreditation since 2015. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Clifton Health Department's accreditation efforts slowed down but never wavered. In September 2022, the health department submitted all of its required documentation to the PHAB and a year later underwent its required site visit from the PHAB; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Health Department is the sixth local health department in the State of New Jersey and the first health department in Passaic County to be accredited; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey hereby congratulate John Biegel, Clifton Health Officer, and the entire Health Department staff on this extraordinary accomplishment.

R608-23 Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Lien Property and Bill Property Owner and Collect for Reimbursement of Expenditures Made by City of Clifton for Emergency Order Clean-Up

**BILL PROPERTY OWNER AND COLLECT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENDITURES MADE BY CITY OF CLIFTON FOR EMERGENCY ORDER
CLEAN-UP**

WHEREAS, numerous code violations and an emergent health situation existed at the following premises for a long period of time, and despite countless letters, warnings, notices and citations issued to the property owner, the violations and health conditions continued unabated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton took emergency clean-up action on the property and expended funds from its revolving lien account, inclusive of \$100 Administrative Fee, as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>	<u>Total Lien</u>
24 North Court Blk 45.02, Lot 62	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00

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

WHEREAS, it may be necessary for the City of Clifton to expend funds in the future for the aforesaid property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to lien the property as set forth above, and to take whatever action is necessary to accomplish reimbursement from the property owner for the current expenditures and any expenditures incurred in the future.

R609-23 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of 50% of the Taxes and a Refund of 50% of a Portion of the 2022 Third Quarter Taxes, 50% Refund of the 2022 Fourth Quarter Taxes and 50% Cancellation and Refund of the Entire 2023 Property Taxes for Block 4.07, Lot 18, 16 Arthur Street, Owned by Disabled Veteran

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 50% OF THE TAXES AND A REFUND 50% OF A PORTION OF THE 2022 THIRD QUARTER TAXES, 50% REFUND OF THE 2022 FOURTH QUARTER TAXES AND 50% CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF THE ENTIRE 2023 PROPERTY TAXES FOR BLOCK 4.07, LOT 18, 16 ARTHUR STREET, OWNED BY DISABLED VETERAN

WHEREAS, the Tax assessor has confirmed that Edwin Cruz is the owner of a two-family residence located at Block 4.07 Lot 18, 16 Arthur Street and has been declared 100% disabled as of August 10, 2022 by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Cruz. has made application to the Tax Assessor of the City of Clifton for a 50% property tax exemption on the subject property in accordance with the law; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of his disabled veteran exemption, Edwin Cruz is entitled to the cancellation of 50% of the taxes and refund of a portion of 50% of the 2022 third quarter, 50% of the 2022 fourth quarter property taxes and 50% of the entire 2023 property taxes on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, grants the application and approves the 50% tax exemption on the subject property as of August 10, 2022 and hereby authorizes the cancellation and a 50% refund of the 2022 third quarter property taxes in the amount of \$467.06, a 50% refund of the 2022 fourth quarter property taxes in the amount of \$966.50 and a 50% refund of the entire 2023 property taxes in the amount of \$3,519.42 on the subject property for a total refund of \$4,952.98; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 and directed:

- 1. To cancel 50% and partially refund 50% of the 2022 third quarter tax payments in the amount of \$467.06, 50% of the 2022 fourth quarter tax payments in the amount of \$966.50, and cancel and refund 50% of the entire 2023 tax payments in the amount of \$3,519.42 for a total refund of \$4,952.98; and
- 3. To keep the subject 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.

R610-23 Resolution Ratifying Proclamation of April 30, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Clifton

RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF APRIL 30, 2023 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally the last Friday in April each year; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this important national event, the City of Clifton, together with various service organizations and youth groups, will participate in appropriate programs throughout the City during this special month; and

WHEREAS, the City will be receiving 2,000 free seedlings from the New Jersey Tree Recovery Program to donate to schools and other organizations in an effort to help replace trees lost during Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has been recognized each year as a Tree City U.S.A. since 1997, and recognized as a Growth Award Community since 1999 with various activities to enhance the appreciation and importance of trees in Clifton and the State of New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, since 2008, Clifton has earned recognition as a Sterling Community by the National Arbor Day Society for having 10 or more years as a leader in the Growth Award Program; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, the City of Clifton has been in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection's Community Forestry Program, the objective of which is to plant shade trees in front of residential areas under the Cool Cities Program, and has implemented a Community Stewardship Incentive Program to further the goals and objectives of the City's Community Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Clifton was the recipient of the Community Stewardship Incentive Grant Program for a \$10,000 matching grant for a city-wide tree inventory, which will characterize street tree population, advise needed trees in vacant plant sites, and recommend high priority maintenance needs for street trees; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Clifton was the recipient of a state-wide Green Communities Achievement Award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Forest Service, New Jersey Forest Service, and the New Jersey Tree Foundation for the City's achievement in urban and community forestry; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City was the recipient of a TD Green Streets Grant for \$20,000 to plant trees in Nash Park, Hird Park and Randolph Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is proud of its Liberty Elm Tree, which was planted in 2007 to coincide with both Arbor Day and the City of Clifton's 90th Anniversary and to symbolize the birth of freedom in America, and also planted another Liberty Elm in 2017 to coincide with the City's 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body wishes to publicly proclaim and set aside these days for reflection on the importance of trees that everyone should endeavor to preserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, do hereby ratify the proclamation of Friday, April 30, 2023 to be

**ARBOR DAY
IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

Whereby all citizens of our community were urged to participate in programs held throughout the City during the Spring and Fall of 2023.

R611-23 Executive Session

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 wit:

- CON-1 Well Connected Smoke Shop Grocery - License Application (L-1)
- CON-2 Order to Implement a Municipal Wide Revaluation - Potential Litigation
- CON-3 Salary Increase - City Clerk - Personnel Matter
- CON-4 IBEW On Call Proposal - Contract Negotiations
- CON-5 PBA - Contract Negotiations
- CON-6 Clifton Supervisors Association (CSA) - Contract Negotiations - 2023-2026
- CON-7 Update of Liability Claims Filed Against City of Clifton - Litigation Privilege
- CON-8 Developer Agreement - EMB 561, LLC - Negotiations
- CON-9 Remove Member from Historical Commission
- CON-10 Allwood Road Project - Potential Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public shall be excused and excluded from that portion of the Council's meeting to be held on December 5, 2023 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion held at such closed session can be disclosed to the public on or about the time the matter is concluded.

LICENSES

L-1 Well Connected Smoke Shop

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF STEVEN VELEZ
T/A WELL CONNECTED SMOKE SHOP
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY-NEW
for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:
245 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval
of
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-2 Razor Sharp Cuts

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF NOEL PEREZ
T/A RAZOR SHARP CUTS
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY - NEW
for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:
1066 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval
of
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-3 Kriollo Restaurante

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF KRIOLLO RESTAURANTE LLC
T/A KRIOLLO RESTAURANTE
for permission to conduct a: RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:
1159 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval
of
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to return to Executive Session.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)

December 5, 2023

Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilwoman Murphy	(LM)
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

Also present were City Manager, Dominick Villano; City Attorney, Matthew Priore ; Assistant City Attorney, Andrew Oddo; City Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

(6-0-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno
City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor