

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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.

8:05 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 2024 which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on December 10, 2023 and was additionally advertised in the Record on December 10, 2023. 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)
Councilman D’Amato	(CD)
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

Mayor Grabowski called for a moment of silence to honor Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik.

Mayor Grabowski welcomed new Councilman Chris D’Amato to the dais.

PUBLIC HEARING

State of New Jersey Green Acres Program for Improvements at Main Memorial Park

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 Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public hearing.

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

Public Hearing - Community Development Amendment B-19-MW-34-0103 (CARES ACT FUNDING) Clifton Health Urgent Need to St Peter's Food Pantry - CDBG - CV Funds

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024 and the Special Budget Meeting of January 30, 2024..

(7-0-1-0) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman D'Amato abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Richard Smith III Equipment Operator Department of Public Works resigned effective 01/12/2024.
- C-2 John Sinke Fire Lieutenant Fire Department, promoted to Fire Captain, effective 01/17/2024.
- C-3 Genesis Ferreira De Santana School Traffic Guard Public Safety, hired effective 01/11/2024 at \$16. per hour and 12.5 hours weekly.
- C-4 David DeRosa Registered Environmental Health Specialist Public Health part-time Health Department, resigned his position effective 01/17/2024.
- C-5 Frank Dara III resigned his position as Special Law Enforcement Officer Public Safety, effective 02/01/2024.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-6 Minutes of Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities of January 8, 2024
- C-7 Minutes of Planning Board of December 7, 2023
- C-8 Minutes of Bd. of Recreation of November 27, 2023 and Reorganization Meeting of January 8, 2024
- C-9 Minutes of Senior Advisory Committee of January 25, 2024
- C-10 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of December 20, 2023
- C-11 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of December 20, 2023
- C-12 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of January 17, 2024
- C-13 Minutes of Civil Rights Committee of December 18, 2023

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7881-24

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7881-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7881-24.

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona to close the public hearing.

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 3 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

Councilwoman Pino left the dais at 8:16 p.m.

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7882-24

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7882-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7882-24.

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public hearing adopt 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" (Deletes 3 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7883-24

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7883-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7883-24.

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to close the public hearing adopt 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" (Amends Handicapped Parking Placard Number)

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

G. Adoption of Ordinance 7884-24

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7884-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7884-24.

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 adopt on 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 II Thereof, Entitled "Nonuniformed Officials and Employees", Section 99-2, Entitled (Compensation for Accounting Clerk, Assistant Zoning Officer, Building Sub-Code Official and Recreation Program Specialist)

(5-1-0-1) Councilman Gibson, Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilman D'Amato, and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Councilwoman Pino was absent.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7885-24

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The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on 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 IV, Entitled "Officials and Employees Not Represented by a Bargaining Unit", Section 99-18 Thereof, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Salaries and Wages of Police for Outside Employment)

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, February 20, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

(4-0-2-1) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Gibson and Councilman D'Amato abstained. Councilwoman Pino was absent.

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7886-24

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title. A Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and failed on roll call vote to amend the sanitary sewer user charge.

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)

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

Councilwoman Pino returned to the dais at 8:27 p.m.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7887-24

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 Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on 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", Section 99-34, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Compensation for 2024); and Section 99-39 Entitled Personal Days (Increases From One to Two)

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, February 20, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following spoke about the change in the permit parking ordinance:

Arthur DeRose, 29 Harrington Rd.
Reed Berinato, 35 Merrill Rd.
Samantha DeRose, 29 Merrill Rd.
Alexandra Ortiz, 235 Delawanna Ave.

Bharat Rana, 106 Alfred St., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member.

Tejal Desai, 105 Speer Ave., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member. She asked the entire Council what their goals are for 2024.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member. He asked what the City's procedure was to obtain a dumpster. Mr. Perino spoke about Allwood Road being excavated once again.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Pl., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member. He spoke about the city collecting garbage for a private school, sidewalks and remarked that the city's sewer work should be done by the Department of Public Work employees.

Aliza Bloom, 6 Conover Ct., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member. She praised the DPW for a great job clearing the roads during the recent snow storm. She expressed her condolences to the family of Passaic County Sheriff Berdnik on his passing. Ms. Bloom thanked Mayor Grabowski for arranging for school children to take a tour of the Police Station.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Rd., expressed her condolences on the passing of Councilwoman, Lauren Murphy and Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik. She congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as a member of the City Council. Ms. Popowich asked for donations to the Councilwoman Lauren Murphy scholarship fund. She spoke about the recent change in the permit parking ordinance and remarked about cardboard boxes filled with garbage and not being recycled.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., spoke about parking permits, speed limit on Delawanna Ave., an un-shoveled sidewalk in Dunney Park, pan handlers, homeless tents and the behavior of the Council at the last Budget meeting.

Matt Ward, 1 Sewall Ave., congratulated Chris D'Amato on his appointment as Council member. He spoke about creating a Charter Study to change the City's current form of government.

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.

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that the Police Records department are extending their hours to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday. He also discussed using ARPA funds to revamp the garage by Fire Department Headquarters.

Gary Perino – Mr. Villano explained the process of obtaining permission for a dumpster.

Henry Cholewczynski – City Manager, Dominick Villano asked Mr. Cholewczynski to stop attacking him when he gets up at the podium. Mr. Villano explained to Mr. Cholewczynski that he spoke with the Rabbi at the school and instructed him that he needed to hire a private hauler for the school's garbage. Mr. Villano explained that he also spoke to the City's garbage hauler and directed them to stop picking up the school's trash.

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Bart Ciervo – City Manager, Dominick Villano commented that he would speak to the Traffic Safety Committee to work on getting the speed limit lowered on Delawanna Ave.

Donna Popowich – City Manager, Dominick Villano announce that the Councilwoman Lauren Murphy Scholarship Fund has been put on the City Website.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Sadrakula

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to receive a report on the roll out of the new permit parking at the next Council meeting.

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

Councilwoman Sadrakula suggested that if the private school that is using the City hauler, does not hire a private hauler, they should be fined. She spoke about outdated ordinances, expiring contracts not being brought to Council in a timely fashion and employee evaluations. Councilwoman Sadrakula remarked that the Council has no group goals and the recent Budget meeting was a disgrace. She spoke about the Cap Bank ordinance, Roberts Rules of Order and the meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers to help with the Third River Flooding.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to request that Congressman Pascrell attend a Council meeting to discuss City funding.

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

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 9:25 p.m.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson read recreation news. He expressed his condolences to the families of Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik and Retired Clifton Police Captain, Robert Rowan on their passing. Councilman Gibson discussed permit parking.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 9:30 p.m.

He announced that any enforcement issues should immediately be reported to the Police Chief. Councilman Gibson welcomed Chris D’Amato to the Council.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej spoke about complaints he received regarding a car revving and racing on Charles Street. He reminded Administration that a Motion was made and passed by Council to have a meeting set up with our newly elected State Representatives to discuss the needs of the City. Councilman Kolodziej commented that having sewer repairs be done by City employees, and stopping outsourcing of the work, would be a good cost saving measure. He commented that the lack of professionalism toward staff members at the last budget meeting was creating unnecessary concerns among the staff. Councilman Kolodziej discussed the recycling contract and the downside of not adopting the sewer ordinance. He stated that his goal for 2024 is to see more police patrolling the city streets. Councilman Kolodziej remarked that the roll out of the new permit parking could have been done much better with warnings being issued before citations were given out. Councilman Kolodziej gave an update of Passaic Valley Water Commission news.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona announced city events, employee service awards and the extended hours in the Police Records department to 7pm on Tuesdays. He discussed supporting the warming center, budget meetings and tax increases. Councilman Latona remarked that if any cuts that may need to be made will start at the top and go down, not from the bottom up. He commented that the City is wasting money and it needs to stop. Councilman Latona asked for a report of how many trees were taken down at an ongoing development on Valley Road. He discussed canvassing permits, parking permits and the sewer fee ordinance.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, stated that the development on Valley Road received all the pertinent permits required for the project. He remarked that if someone comes canvassing to your home and does not have a permit, they should call the police. Mr. Villano commented that the Council approved the change in the permit parking fee ordinance and if the Council wants to now amend it, it is within their purview.

Councilman D'Amato

Councilman D'Amato offered his condolences to the family of Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik on his passing. He spoke about the legacy that Councilwoman Murphy has left and urged the public to donate to the scholarship fund set up in her memory. He thanked everyone whose votes secured him a seat on the Council. He spoke about his goals as a Councilmember to include passing a fair budget, hiring a Communications Director and continue to use his energy to help and look for good future leaders. Councilman D'Amato discussed creating a Charter Study, parking permits and reducing the speed limit on Delawanna Ave.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino extended her condolences to the families of Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik and retired Police Captain, Robert Rowan on their passing. She asked that a discussion item be put on the next agenda to review the current Council Rules of Order to allow exchanging dialogue between Councilmembers and the public. She spoke about the lack of communication during the roll out of the new permit parking rules. Councilwoman Pino announced that she is willing to donate merchandise to organizations hosting a tricky tray or raffle. She announced a dinner theater show produced by the Theater League of Clifton, titled "A Tribute to Carol Burnett." Councilwoman Pino welcomed Chris D'Amato to the Council.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski expressed his condolences to the family of Passaic County Sheriff, Richard Berdnik on his passing. He welcomed Chris D'Amato to the Council. Mayor Grabowski announced that petitions to run for the open Council seat will be available on March 1st. He discussed eliminating permit parking where it is no longer needed. He spoke about naming the Warming Center program in memory of Councilwoman Murphy.

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to rescind permit parking on Harrington Road.

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call vote to name the Code Blue program after Councilwoman Murphy and to reach out the families of Don Kowal and Frank Gaccione for suggestions to honor their memory.

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

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RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Pino and passed on roll call vote to vote on the following resolution separately.

R061-24 Resolution - 2023 Budget Appropriation Transfer

**RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS
2023 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
CURRENT FUND #2**

WHEREAS, transfers between appropriation reserves are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 during the first three (3) months of the next succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2023 appropriation reserves are expected to be insufficient to meet expenditure requirements for 2023 liabilities, and certain 2023 appropriation reserves have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring (5)) that the transfers listed below, between 2023 appropriation reserves, be made.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount - Out</u>	<u>Amount – In</u>
Health & Welfare S&W	01-203-27-330-101	\$ 2,000.00	
Health & Welfare OE	01-203-27-330-226		\$ 1,500.00
Animal Control OE	01-203-27-340-323		\$ 500.00
Street Lighting	01-203-31-435-275		\$ 75,000.00
Res Accum Absence S&W	01-203-30-415-101	\$ 75,000.00	
		<u>\$ 77,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 77,000.00</u>

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

R059-24 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the February 6, 2024, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the
Meeting of February 6, 2024**

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

Current Fund	\$	25,463,954.09
Grant Fund	\$	337,669.20
General Capital Fund	\$	384,414.48
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	2,096,610.73
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	100,399.21

Developers Escrow	\$	56,008.21
Dog Trust	\$	11,782.75
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	162,110.75
Trust Other	\$	141,777.67
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	59,473.44
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	73,976.12
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	892,204.02
	\$	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	-	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	697.40
Library	\$	191,526.52
General Liability Trust	\$	52,635.67
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	52,370.05
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS		30,077,610.31

R060-24 Resolution - Increasing 2024 Temporary Municipal Budget

**2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET
AMENDMENT NUMBER 1**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 authorizes temporary appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the budget, where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget for any fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, contracts, commitments or payments are to be made by the City of Clifton for the purpose and amounts requested in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the initial adoption of the 2024 Temporary Municipal Budget, R004-24, was on January 2, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution R057-24, accepting Code Blue (Grant) Funding from the County of Passaic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for Code Blue spending as approved by the City Council and the County of Passaic prior to the adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Department Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Health Department	Code Blue Grant	\$ 52,500.00
Total Temporary Budget and Debt Service:		<u>\$ 52,500.00</u>

R062-24 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract to
Environmental Resolutions, Inc. for Licensed Site Remediation Services at the DPW, Firehouse
#3, Firehouse #6, City Hall and the Former Safas Site at 2 Ackerman Ave. - 1/1/24 Thru 12/23/24

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. FOR LICENSED SITE
REMEDiation SERVICES AT THE DPW, FIREHOUSE #3, FIREHOUSE #6,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND FORMER SAFAS SITE AT 2 ACKERMAN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, in accordance with a mandate by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the City of Clifton, by previous resolutions, appointed Rohan Tadas, presently of Environmental Resolutions, Inc., as its Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for five sites in the City requiring remediation: the DPW, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall, and the former Safas site at 2 Ackerman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, remediation work has been ongoing on the five sites for years and must be continued, and Environmental Resolutions, Inc. has submitted proposals to provide said services for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that a contract for said services be awarded to Environmental Resolutions, Inc., in accordance with its submitted proposals, in the total amount not to exceed \$178,150.00, allocated to each site as follows:

City Hall	\$15,400.00
Safas	\$19,500.00
Firehouse #6	\$47,500.00
Firehouse #3	\$43,500.00
DPW	\$52,250.00
Total	\$178,150.00

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract for the remediation services to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, NJ, for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in accordance with its quotation(s), at a total cost not to exceed \$178,150.00; and

WHEREAS, the subject matter is professional services and may be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor under *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, this award is of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

WHEREAS, the value of the contract for 2024 is determined to be not to exceed \$178,150.00, and the duration of the contract is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional engineering services contract be awarded to Environmental Resolutions, Inc. of Mount Laurel, NJ, for professional remediation services for the DPW Site, Firehouse #3, Firehouse #6, City Hall, and Safas Site at 2 Ackerman Avenue, for the year 2024, at a price not to exceed \$178,150.00; and

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

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

Awarded to: Environmental Resolutions, Inc., Mount Laurel, NJ
Services: Site Remediation
Project: DPW, Frhs #3, Frhs #6, City Hall & 2 Ackerman Ave
Cost: Not to Exceed \$178,150
Term: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

R063-24 Resolution Authorizing and Awarding Available 2024 Contract Renewal for On-Call Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair Services

AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING AVAILABLE 2024 CONTRACT RENEWAL
FOR ON-CALL EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER REPAIR SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R128-22, the City of Clifton authorized a Bid contract for On-Call Sewer Emergency Repair Services was awarded to John Garcia Construction as Primary, Colonelli Brothers as Secondary and Your -Way Construction as Tertiary ; and

WHEREAS, the contract award to above three bidders for a period of two-years and, with two (2) one (1) year renewal options,

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has stated that all above vendors has provided services satisfactorily, and has requested that the City Council authorize the first optional contract renewal for 2024, as originally proposed and awarded; and

WHEREAS, Amisha J. Jariwala, the appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent, has reviewed and concurs with the City Engineer that such an extension was proposed and considered during the Council’s initial award, is in the best interest of the City of Clifton; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the extension of the above contract to John Garcia Construction as Primary, Colonelli Brothers as Secondary and Your -Way Construction as Tertiary, from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, in accordance with Resolution R128-22 of March 15,2022

R064-24 Resolution Rescinding Resolution R405-23 to Purchase Road Rock Salt for the City of Clifton off of the New Jersey State Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

R065-24 Resolution Authorizing Change Order for Resolution R139-23 Entitled "Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract to PL Custom Emergency Vehicles off of a Sourcewell National Cooperative Contract for Remount of Type III Existing Ambulance for Clifton Fire Department"

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER
FOR RESOLUTION R139-23 ENTITLED
“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PL CUSTOM
EMERGENCY VEHICLES, OFF
OF A SOURCEWELL NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT FOR REMOUNT
OF TYPE III EXISTING AMBULANCE FOR CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT”

WHEREAS, the Council previously adopted Resolution 139-23 to award a contract for Remount of Type III Existing Ambulance to PL Custom Emergency Vehicles., located at 2201 Atlantic Ave., Manasquan, NJ 08736; and

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WHEREAS, subsequent to award of contract the City Fire Department identified corrosion on the box at several areas resulting in additional repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief was provided with change order quote for fixing the defects and body work due to excess corrosion or damage and that would increase the contract award by \$10,813.00, resulting in a change order and new total not to exceed amount of \$207,584.00; and

WHEREAS, the City therefore requests that the above resolution and contract be revised to reflect a change order with an additional cost of \$10,813.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that the aforesaid Resolution be and hereby is amended to reflect the change order with an additional cost of \$10,813.00, and the new total not to exceed amount of \$207,584.00.

R066-24 Resolution Awarding Software Maintenance Contract for 9-1-1 Purvis Fire Station Alerting System - Fire Department

**RESOLUTION AWARDING SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON 9-1-1 PURVIS FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM
(FIRE DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R-158-20-, adopted April 21, 2020, the Mayor and Council authorized the purchase of a Purvis System In from Purvis System, Inc. through Houston Galveston Area Council Co-operative; and

WHEREAS, the hardware/software as provided by Purvis System Inc. is proprietary in nature, and as such the procurement of ongoing maintenance for the same is bid exempt, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd); and,

WHEREAS, Purvis Systems Inc.’s quotation includes the cost of Support and Maintenance of the City’s System for a total of:

Term of contract	Price
1-1-2024 to 12-31-2024	\$20,370.00
1-1-2025 to 12-31-2025	\$21,000.50
1-1-2026 to 12-31-2026	\$21,650.40
1-1-2027 to 12-31-2027	\$22,319.70
1-1-2028 to 12-31-2028	\$22,998.00

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the Purvis System, Inc., and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and,

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to be not to exceed \$108,338.60, and the duration of the contract is for five (5) years; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the non-fair and open contract for Annual Maintenance and Support of the Purvis Fire Alerting System be awarded to Purvis Systems Inc located at 88 Silva Lane, Middletown RI 02842-0284, for the total not to exceed amount of \$108,338.60; and,

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the invoice be kept on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk; and

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

R067-24 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment from Action Fire Apparatus Company off of the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a for Clifton Fire Department

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT FROM ACTION FIRE APPARATUS COMPANY OFF OF THE NJ
STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
FOR CLIFTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Fire Department has a requested to purchase personal protective equipment including clothing and equipment from Action Fire Apparatus Company; and

WHEREAS, Action Fire Apparatus Company Inc., 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, has been assigned NJ State Contract No. 24-FLEET-61850 - Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchase above from Action Fire Apparatus Company Inc., 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812, which has been assigned NJ State Contract No. 24-FLEET-61850, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

R068-24 Resolution to Purchase Road Rock Salt for the City of Clifton off of Passaic County Cooperative Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ROAD ROCK SALT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON
OFF OF PASSAIC COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R421-21, adopted September 21, 2021, the City approved continued participation with the Passaic County Cooperative Pricing System (ID# 38PCCP); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will need to procure Road Rock Salt, as-needed with weather conditions considered, which is available for \$65.30 per ton from Morton Salt via their Passaic County Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, located at 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, was awarded Passaic County Cooperative Contract SB-23-077, titled “Winter Products, Including Bulk Rock Salt, Grits, Bagged Calcium Chloride, Liquid Calcium Chloride and Bagged Magnesium Chloride”, which expires November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under a State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services approved cooperative purchasing program, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to procure Road Rock Salt in preparation of hazardous road conditions that can occur with winter weather; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Morton Salt, 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606 via Passaic County contract SB-23-077, in an estimated not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00, for the period of December 20, 2023, through to April 30, 2024 (2024-2025 Winter Season).

R069-24 Resolution Accepting Grant from County of Passaic, Department of Human Services for City of Clifton Police Department Station House Adjustment Program

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FROM COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR CITY OF CLIFTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT STATION HOUSE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department was awarded a grant from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services in the amount of \$45,000 towards the City’s Station House Adjustment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Station House Adjustment Program will provide an alternative method to handle first-time juvenile offenders who have committed minor juvenile delinquency offenses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the City of Clifton hereby accepts Grant FC-24-PS-16 from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services as described in the Award Package dated January 18, 2024.

R070-24 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement Between City of Clifton and County of Passaic for Repairs to the Davidson Avenue Bridge

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR
REPAIRS TO THE DAVIDSON AVENUE BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., allows for any local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for repairs to the Davidson Avenue Bridge No. 1600-056 over Weasel Brook (hereinafter the “Bridge”) in the City of Clifton due to damage caused by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic plans to award a contract of service to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., to repair the stream bed in the vicinity of the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has requested that the County incorporate the City’s sanitary sewer main repairs into the contract of service with Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., involving the stream bed repairs in the vicinity of the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the City will reimburse the County for \$40,000 which represents the costs associated with repairing the City’s sanitary sewer main, which is further detailed in an Interlocal Services Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the promises and covenants, terms, and conditions hereinafter set forth in the Agreement attached as Exhibit “A”, Passaic County and the City of Clifton agree to perform in accordance with the provisions, terms, and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

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

R071-24 Resolution Authorizing Entry into and Execution of Service Agreement with Bergen Risk Managers, Inc. for Administration of Self-Insurance Program for Period 1/1/24 Thru 12/31/26 (Workers' Compensation Program Claims)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AND EXECUTION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN RISK MANAGERS, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PERIOD 1/1/24 THRU 12/31/26 (WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PROGRAM CLAIMS)

BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 entry into a contract with the following provider of workers’ compensation self-insurance claims service administration, for the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost-effective service for the City of Clifton:

Bergen Risk Managers, Inc.
Ramsey, NJ

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 liability self-insurance claims administration services 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: Bergen Risk Managers, Inc., Ramsey, NJ
Services: Administration of Self-Insurance Workers’ Compensation Program Claims
Cost: 2024 - \$117,624; 2025 - \$119,976; 2026 - \$122,376
Term: 1/1/24 thru 12/31/26

R072-24 Resolution Authorizing Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker Shop License
Renewal - Morre Lyons

**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 Morre Lyons Jewelers, 1354 Clifton 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 Morre Lyons Jewelers be and is hereby granted.

R073-24 Resolution Authorizing New Limousine License - Leonardo Cruz, 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 Leonardo Cruz, LLC the owner and operator of Leonardo Cruz, LLC, 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 application from Leonardo Cruz the owner and operator of Leonardo Cruz, LLC in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Leonardo Cruz, LLC

Owner and Operator:
Leonardo Cruz

Approved Vehicles:
2021 Chevy Tahoe 1GNSKSKD7MR148928

Approved Parking Location:
134 Avondale Avenue, Clifton, NJ

R074-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Renting and Leasing of Vehicles License -
Drive-Ur-Self

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENTING AND LEASING OF VEHICLES LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Renting and Leasing of Vehicles License Renewal from Passaic-Clifton Drive-Ur-Self System, 593 Broad Street, Clifton; and

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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 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 Renting and Leasing of Vehicles License to Passaic-Clifton Drive-Ur-Self System, be and is hereby approved.

R075-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Vending License - Burger King

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VENDING MACHINE LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Vending Machine License Renewal from Burger King, 461 Piaget Avenue, Clifton, NJ; 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, 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 renewal of a Vending Machine License to Burger King be and is hereby granted.

R076-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Pet Shop License - Barking Barney's

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 Barking Barney's Doggie Daycare, 657 Lexington Avenue 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 Barking Barney's be and is hereby granted.

R077-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Florist Licenses

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FLORIST LICENSE RENEWALS

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

Costco Wholesale	20 Bridewell Place
Days Gone by Florist	1382 Clifton Avenue

R078-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operator Licenses

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

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 various businesses 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 Licenses to the businesses below be and are hereby granted:

Alexus Steakhouse & Tavern	955 Valley Road
Dingo’s Den	615 Van Houten Avenue
Pub 46	1081 Route 46
Sarina’s Bar	108 Center Street

R079-24 Resolution Amending CDBG-CV (Community Development - COVID 19) Funds for the City of Clifton - CDBG Program 2019 Year 45 Action Plan Amending Funding for Awards from Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Clifton Health Department Urgent Need to Yr. 45 CDBG-CV Saint Peter's Haven Food Pantry 2-6-2024)

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CDBG-CV (Community Development – COVID 19)
FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON – CDBG PROGRAM 2019 YEAR 45 ACTION
PLAN AMENDING FUNDING FOR AWARDS FROM YR. 45 CDBG-CV CLIFTON
HEALTH DEPARTMENT URGENT NEED TO YR. 45 CDBG-CV SAINT PETER’S
HAVEN FOOD PANTRY 2-6-2024)**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has been designated an Entitlement City under the current Community Development and Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has received Federal Funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant Year 45; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified the City of Clifton due to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act CARES Act) (Public Law, makes available \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants); and

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WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants for coronavirus response and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Community Development Office has been notified by HUD that they would receive \$673,595 under CDBG-CV funding as an available resource which was applied to the CDBG Yr. 45 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Community Development Office advertised this amendment in the Herald News on November 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Community Development Office received a request from Saint Peter's Haven on December 18, 2023 for additional funding to provide food from the Saint Peter's Food Pantry for the Clifton Homeless and those about to become homeless who have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic for salaries and fringe benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City finds the need to reallocate the funding amongst the line items originally established in order to serve the Community's needs in response to this Corona Virus Pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approve and authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Clifton to implement and execute this Amendment to the City of Clifton's Consolidated 2019 Yr. 45 Action Plan.

R080-24 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, for Provision of Tuberculosis Control Health Services for Period January 1, 2024 Thru December 31, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PATERSON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH, FOR PROVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the City of Paterson, Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Health, for the provision of Tuberculosis Control Health Services to assist the Clifton Health Department, for the period January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024, at a cost of \$14,000.00 for the twelve-month period.

R081-24 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with AJ Squared Security, Inc. for Security Services in Connection with the City of Clifton's Code Blue Warming Center Program

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH AJ SQUARED SECURITY INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF CLIFTON'S CODE BLUE WARMING CENTER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton's Health Department operates a Code Blue Warming Center program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for security services in connection with the program from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, the Health Office has obtained two quotations for security services from AJ Squared Security Inc. and 24/7 Security Agency with AJ Squared Security providing the lower quotation of \$66 per hour for armed security and \$46 per hour for unarmed security; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute an agreement with AJ Squared Security Inc. consistent with the above terms retroactively for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024, in a form as approved by the Law Department of the City of Clifton.

R082-24 Resolution of Appointment of Member of the Municipal Council to Fill the Vacancy Created by the Death of Councilwoman, Lauren Murphy

**RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE DEATH OF COUNCILWOMAN,
LAUREN MURPHY**

WHEREAS, Lauren Murphy, Councilwoman in the City of Clifton, died on January 13, 2024 thereby creating a vacancy on the Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:16-5 and 40A:16-12 permit the remaining members of the Governing Body to fill the vacancy temporarily by appointment, to serve until the next General Election, which will occur on November 5, 2024, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton has elected to appoint Christopher D’Amato to fill the vacancy on the Municipal Council, effective immediately, until the election and qualification of a successor resulting from the next General Election.

This resolution was voted on and passed in the Workshop Session.

R083-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing the City of Clifton to Submit a Park Development Application to, and Acquire Funding From, NJDEP Green Acres Program

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO SUBMIT A PARK
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO, AND ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM, NJDEP
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,400,000, in the form of a \$0 matching grant from the State to fund the following project: Main Memorial Park Improvements at a cost of \$2,442,000;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dominick Villano or the successor to the office of City Manager is hereby authorized to:

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- a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant;
- b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required;
- c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant.

The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$0; in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

R084-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing the City of Clifton to Submit an Urban Parks Application to, and Acquire Funding from, NJDEP Green Acres Program

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CLIFTON TO SUBMIT AN URBAN
PARKS APPLICATION TO, AND ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM, NJDEP GREEN
ACRES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), is providing grants through the Urban Parks initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest by obtaining grant funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the State to fund the following project: Main Memorial Park Improvements at a cost of \$2,442,000;

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Urban Parks initiative, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with applicable policies and laws, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. Dominick Villano, or the successor to the office of City Manager, Dominick Villano, is hereby authorized to: a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant; b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

R083-24 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 Board of Adjustment Interview
- CON-2 Workers' Compensation Claim - DW - DPW
- CON-3 Update of Liability of Claims Filed Against the City of Clifton
- CON-4 Contract for Professional Medical Services - Legal Opinion
- CON-5 Clifton Supervisors Association - Contract Negotiations 2023-2026
- CON-6 PBA - Successor Contract Negotiations
- CON-7 Release of Palma Report

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 February 6, 2024 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 My Golden Dollar

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR FRANCISCO GAYOSO RODRIGUEZ
T/A MY GOLDEN DOLLAR
ADDRESS 1070 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY - NEW
FORMERLY OR NEW
ZONE B-C
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-2 Equation USA

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR EQUATION USA LLC
T/A EQUATION USA
ADDRESS 1081 PAULISON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY
FORMERLY OR NEW
ZONE M-1
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

L-3 Chocolate House

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR CHOCOLATE HOUSE NJ 3 LLC
T/A CHOCOLATE HOUSE
ADDRESS 1342 CLIFTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07012
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED RESTAURANT-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW BOSTON MARKET
ZONE B-D
PERMITTED YES
VARIANCE REQUIRED NO
FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

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RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

L-4 Ortiz Mini Markt, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATION OF ORTIZ MINI MARKET, LLC
T/A ORTIZ MINI MARKET II
for permission to conduct a: GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED USE
for a period ending January 31, 2025 on the premises known as:
54 CENTER ST 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 Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and
passed on roll call vote to return to Executive Session.

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK)
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilman D’Amato	(CD)
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; and Deputy City Clerk, Michele Butler.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn
the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor