

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 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.

8:10 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 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) Absent
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

Pastor Daisy Kirchofer - Crossroads Free Methodist

PUBLIC HEARING

Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Application for Improvements to Anzaldi Park (R161)

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.

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

PRESENTATION

Black Balloon Day
Women's Month Award Presentation

Mayor Grabowski called for a five-minute recess.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG) Absent
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej seconded by Councilman D’Amato and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Joseph Lauritano, Firefighter Public Safety, retired his position effective 03/01/2024.
- C-2 Andrew Zaborniak, Firefighter Public Safety, retired from his position effective 03/01/2024.
- C-3 Vincent J. LaRosa, Police Officer Public Safety, retired his position effective 03/01/2024.
- C-4 Elaine Erlewein, Tax Collector Finance Dept., retired from her position effective 03/01/2024.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-5 Minutes of Planning Board of February 22, 2024
- C-6 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of January 24, 2024
- C-7 Minutes of Civil Rights Committee of January 22, 2024
- C-8 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission of January 24, 2024
- C-9 Minutes of CA-TV Committee of January 24, 2024
- C-10 Minutes of Historical Commission of 10/5/23, 11/2/23, 12/20/23 & 1/4/24
- C-11 Minutes of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of February 14, 2024

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7895-24

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7895-24

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public regarding Ordinance 7895-24.

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parking on Residential Streets and Municipal Lots", More Particularly Section 349-1 Thereof, Entitled "Designation of Restricted Streets; Issuance of Permits" (Establishes Process to Rescind Permit Parking)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7896-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona, 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 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 1 Handicapped Space)

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, April 2, 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.

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7897-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

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, April 2, 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.

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

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7898-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Latona, 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" (Deletes 1 Restricted Handicapped Space)

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, April 2, 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.

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

D. Introduction of Ordinance 7899-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, 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" (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, April 2, 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.

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

E. Introduction of Ordinance 7900-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parking on Residential Streets", More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Establishes Permit Parking on Cutler Street on Both Sides Between Ackerman Avenue to Center Street)

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, April 2, 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.

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

F. Introduction of Ordinance 7901-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 349 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parking on Residential Streets", More Particularly Section 349-2 Thereof, Entitled "Restricted Streets" (Rescinds Permit Parking on Harrington Road from Chelsea Road to Clairmont Road)

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, April 2, 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.

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

G. Introduction of Ordinance 7902-24

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 Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman D’Amato, and passed on roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Advisory Committee on Civil Rights" More Particularly Section 11-2 Thereof Entitled "Membership, Terms of Office"

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, April 2, 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.

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

FLOOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tom Whittles, CASA wished Councilman Gibson a speedy recovery. He congratulated all the recipients of the Women's Month awards. He thanked the Council for the proclamation given to CASA. Mr. Whittles also thanked the Board of Education and the Health Department for serving the CASA organization for so many years.

The following residents spoke about a recent rash of home break-ins and car thefts in the Rosemawr Section of Clifton:

Sarah Cohen, 150 South Parkway
A resident of 6 Garfield Ave.
Aliza Bloom, 6 Conover Ct.

Mary Pendergast, 35 Knapp Ave., spoke about the lack of parking in the Knapp Ave. area due to commercial vehicles parking in the area, and not moving, for extended periods of time.

Karen Pascucci, 87 Edwards Rd., spoke about the Third River flooding and the length of time it is taking to resolve the problem.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., wished Councilman Gibson a speedy recovery. He thanked City Manager, Dominick Villano, for his fast response to having a pothole repaired. Mr. Perino spoke about an uptick in door-to-door solicitors. He spoke about groups of electric vehicle riders who provoke drivers. Mr. Perino asked when a meeting will be arranged regarding the proposed changes to Allwood Road. He commented that the Montclair Country Club, since it is a private entity, should not have been approved of having a fireworks display.

Anthony Miragliotta, 31 John Alden St., spoke about the New Jersey unclaimed property website. He spoke about creating a program that would allow senior citizens to do work for the City in exchange for property tax credits.

Kim Castellano, 59 Mahar Ave., spoke about public health, social services, and homelessness.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., commented that concrete was dumped in Delawanna and the condition of Dunney Park is terrible. He suggested that Council members pay more attention at meetings and by voting to lower the City Manager's purchasing limit to 5K, they are tying his hands. He spoke about violations he received, subpar roads and recent uptick in home break-ins and car thefts. He asked when the speed limit on Delawanna Ave. would be lowered and when the sidewalk in Dunney Park will be repaired.

Ed Nunez, 230 Livingston Rd., commented on the recent rash of key fob and car thefts. He suggested to residents to purchase a Faraday Bag or pouch so the key fobs cannot be hacked.

Danny Rodriguez, Broadway, Passaic, NJ, spoke about women and minority programs.

Angela Montague, 2 Elm St., thanked the Council for the award she received for Women's Month. She spoke about the poor condition of the parks in the Delawanna Section of the City and stated that as Vice-Chair of the Beautification Committee, they will help to improve the parks.

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

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Dominick Villano, remarked that he will meet with the Police Chief regarding recent break-ins and vehicle thefts.

Mary Pendergast – City Manager, Dominick Villano, discussed the City’s Ordinance on the parking of commercial vehicles.

Karen Pascucci – City Manager, Dominick Villano, said a meeting was held with the Army Corp of Engineers and were provided all the information they required to get involved with helping with a solution to the flooding problems. He stated he has not yet heard back from them. Mr. Villano conveyed that the NJDEP will allow the City to remove debris from the stream with the proper permits.

Gary Perino – City Manager, Dominick Villano, explained the City’s solicitation process. He stated that “no soliciting” stickers can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. Mr. Villano said he would reach out to the State regarding tightening laws for e-bike gangs. He deferred the question of having fireworks on private property to the Legal Department.

Anthony Miragliotta – City Manager, Dominick Villano, commented that he would have the unclaimed funds site searched for money owed to the City.

Bart Ciervo – City Manager, Dominick Villano, commented that the stone left at Dunney Park was meant to be spread in the parking lot. He said he is waiting for the County Engineer’s Resolution to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on Delawanna Ave. He asked Mr. Ciervo to show him the areas of sidewalks in Dunney Park that need repair.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Councilman Latona gave a committee update on the Disability Committee. They discussed wills, power of attorney and other important documents and bringing County mobile services to the City. He announced the Holiday Committee met and spoke about security at the event.

Councilman D’Amato gave a committee update on the Botany SID where parking issues were discussed. He commented that things are looking up for the Botany Village area.

Councilwoman Sadrakula gave an update of the Museum Committee. They will be meeting with the volunteers of the Animal Shelter to work out what barns could be used for the Museum and the Animal Shelter storage. She commented on the need for volunteers.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman D’Amato

Councilman D’Amato spoke about preparedness and productivity from Councilmembers. He announced a fundraiser for the Councilwoman Lauren Murphy Scholarship Fund and Earth Day clean up at Dundee Park. Councilman D’Amato suggested residents sign up for the City’s Reverse 911 program. He spoke about resources on the City website and the Third River flooding.

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to organize a Town Hall Meeting with the residents of the Third River Area to discuss what the City is doing to resolve the flooding issue.

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

Councilman D’Amato spoke about a recent rash of home break-ins. He expressed interest in the program a resident brought up at the public session regarding Senior Citizens working for the City in exchange for property tax credits. Councilman D’Amato commented on the condition of the parks in the Delawanna section and suggested that the City look for help through Business sponsorships to help improve the parks.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino discussed the recent rash of home break-ins. She thought the resident that brought up the idea of Senior Citizens working for the City for property tax reductions is a good idea. Councilwoman Pino asked that the current landscaping ordinance be put on the next Council agenda for review. She wished Councilman Gibson a speedy recovery.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula discussed the need to stop e-bike groups who are goading the public. She asked that Council send a letter to the State to tighten laws regarding e-bikes being used in an unsafe manner. Councilwoman Sadrakula spoke about recent home break-ins. She commented on the poor condition of Dunney Park. She spoke about the need to have Congressman Pascrell attend a Council meeting to discuss fighting for funds for Clifton. Councilwoman Sadrakula commented on commercial vehicles be parked for extended periods of time in neighborhoods and leaving no parking for the residents. City Attorney, Matthew Priore, stated that the City has an Ordinance for abandoned vehicles. She wished Councilman Gibson a speedy recovery. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked the Legal Department to investigate the suggestion of having Senior Citizens perform work for the City and receive property tax credits.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson was absent.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej urged all residents to sign up for Reverse 911.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 10:17p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej remarked that any unclaimed funds on the New Jersey website would not be tax revenue. He spoke about the suggestion from a member of the public to organize a program which would allow Senior Citizens to work in exchange for property tax deductions. Councilman Kolodziej announced that this program is not legal in New Jersey.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 10:20p.m.

He spoke about the recent break-ins and theft of car key-fobs. He remarked that the need for more police officers is evident. Councilman Kolodziej spoke about the removal of permit parking on Harrington Road and reminded Administration that Council approved to refund the residents parking permit fees. He spoke about the cost of improvements at the historic Hamilton House and commented that the 250th birthday of America will be coming up in 2026.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona announced retirements, news, and local events. He congratulated all the recipients of the Women's Month awards. Councilman Latona spoke about the exceptional program that CASA provides for the City. He spoke about recent residential break-ins, door-to-door solicitation, fireworks, unclaimed funds, public park funding and the Third River flooding. Councilman Latona commented on transparency, the budget and moving budget meetings to the courtroom, utilities opening roads, developer agreements and an excel spreadsheet for the budget.

Mayor Grabowski

Congratulated all who were honored for Women's Month. He spoke about the condition of Dunney Park, public communication using the website and cable channel. Mayor Grabowski remarked on the recent rash of residential break-ins. He spoke about contacting the State to tighten laws regarding e-bike groups who provoke the public. Mayor Grabowski thanked CASA for their hard work within the community.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to table Resolution R135-24

R135-24 Resolution Awarding a Contract to Windstream Enterprise for Annual Maintenance of Proprietary Upgraded Broadband Internet Access and Related Services for the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WINDSTREAM ENTERPRISE
FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF PROPRIETARY UPGRADED BROADBAND
INTERNET ACCESS AND
RELATED SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires secure internet services for its network which includes hardware/software and related services, for the purposes of maintaining the City's communication and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Management Information Systems Coordinator has obtained a proprietary solution proposal for upgraded Broadband Internet Access and related Services from Windstream Holdings, Inc., the City's current internet and voice technology provider; and

WHEREAS, an award of this contract to Windstream Holdings, Inc., located at 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72212, is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd) as the proposed SD Wide Area Network (WAN) solution is proprietary in nature; and

WHEREAS, Windstream Holdings, Inc. has proposed to provide upgraded internet, trunks, and SD Wide Area Network (WAN) services, and related services and equipment, for a monthly rate of \$11,200.00, for a period of thirty-six (36) months; and

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 Windstream Holdings, Inc., and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and,

WHEREAS, the total value of the contract is determined not to exceed \$403,200.00, and the duration of the contract is for thirty-six (36) months; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the non-fair and open contract for internet and related services and equipment be awarded to Windstream Holdings, Inc., located at 4001 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR 72212, for the total not to exceed amount of \$134,400.00 annually (\$403,200 for 36 months) ; 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

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.

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to vote on the following Resolutions separately:

R125-24 Resolution - 2024 Sewer Utility Budget Special Emergency Budget Increase

**SEWER UTILITY
SPECIAL EMERGENCY 1
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the City is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2024 Sewer Utility Budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2024 Temporary Municipal Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation foresaid purpose, and

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$5,320,052.00, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$5,320,052.00 as follows for the City’s annual Pension Payments:
 - a. Passaic Valley Sewer Fees \$ 5,320,052.00
2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services by the City Clerk.

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

R126-24 Resolution - 2024 Municipal Budget Special Emergency Budget Increase

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY 1
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen in that the City is expected to enter in contracts, commitments or payments prior to the 2024 Municipal Budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2024 Temporary Municipal Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation foresaid purpose, and

WHEREAS; the total emergency temporary appropriation resolution adopted in the year 2024 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20) including this resolution totals \$23,419,779.00, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same are hereby made in the amount of \$23,419,779.00 as follows for the City’s annual Pension Payments:

- a. Statutory Expenditures – P.E.R.S. \$ 2,758,878.00
- b. Statutory Expenditures – P.F.R.S. \$11,660,901.00
- c. Solid Waste Collection – Balance \$ 4,000,000.00
- d. Self-Insurance Funding – Additional \$ 5,000,000.00

- 2. Said Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Local Government Services by the City Clerk.

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

R130-24 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton and Other City Officials to Undertake Certain Actions in Connection with the Sale and Issuance of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2024A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2024A

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in accordance with, (i) the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”); and (ii) various bond ordinances duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the “City”), approved by the Mayor, and published as required by law (the “Ordinances”), the City is seeking to authorize the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2024A (the “Notes”).

WHEREAS, the Notes are being issued to refund, on a current basis, outstanding bond anticipation notes of the City issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 on August 29, 2023, and maturing on May 23, 2024 (the “Refunded Notes”).

WHEREAS, the City, in order to issue the Notes at competitive market rates, seeks to, among other things, (i) authorize the preparation and distribution of an Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) and to deem such Official Statement final; and (ii) authorize other actions in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Local Bond Law and the Ordinances, the Notes shall be issued for the purpose of refunding the Refunded Notes. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to sell the Notes on a competitive basis and award the Notes to a bidder based upon a conforming and acceptable bid of the lowest net interest cost or true interest cost. The Chief Financial Officer is also authorized, at his discretion, to offer and sell the Notes on a negotiated basis.

Section 3. (a) The distribution by the City of a Preliminary Official Statement (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) to be used in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes is hereby approved. The Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Chief Financial Officer of the City (each an “Authorized Officer(s)”) are each hereby authorized and directed, on

behalf of the City, to execute and deliver a certificate that “deems final” the Preliminary Official Statement in accordance with Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (“Rule 15c2-12”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented.

(b) After the sale of the Notes, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be modified to reflect the effect of the sale of the Notes and any other revisions not inconsistent with the substance thereof; and said Preliminary Official Statement, deemed “final” by an Authorized Officer in accordance with the Rule, as so modified, shall constitute the final Official Statement (the “Official Statement”). The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

Section 4. The accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, Auditor to the City (the “Auditor”), the financial advisory firm of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, Municipal Advisor to the City (the “Municipal Advisor”), and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the City (“Bond Counsel”), are hereby authorized and directed to prepare the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement on behalf of the City and to arrange for the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the City to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such obligations.

Section 5. All actions taken to date by the Authorized Officers, employees, professionals and agents of the City, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor, with respect to the authorization, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes, including, but not limited to, submissions and applications to rating agencies and the distribution and dissemination of the Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale for the Notes, are hereby approved, ratified, adopted and confirmed, and each Authorized Officer, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Notes and any such agreements, documents or submissions required for the authorization, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes, and the Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the signatures of the Authorized Officers and to affix, imprint or reproduce the seal of the City on such Notes and, as applicable, on any such agreements, documents or submissions related to the authorization, sale, issuance, execution and delivery of the Notes.

Section 6. The City hereby covenants and agrees to comply with the secondary market disclosure requirements of the Rule, and agrees to covenant to such compliance, as required, in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificate”) relating to the Notes. In connection therewith, an Authorized Officer of the City, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Auditor and the Municipal Advisor to the City, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, evidencing the contractual undertaking of the City to comply with the requirements of the Rule, and to deliver the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the City to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Notes; however, any Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance, to cause the City to comply with its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The Authorized Officers, and any professionals or agents of the City acting on its behalf, are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver all certificates, documents and agreements in connection therewith and, if necessary, to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events as required to comply with, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Rule.

Section 7. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed, upon consultation with Bond Counsel, the Auditor and the Municipal Advisor, if deemed applicable and necessary, to submit information and financial data to ratings agencies to obtain a rating on the Notes.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon motion of Sadrakula, seconded by Latona, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council of the City at a regular meeting of the City Council duly called and held on the 19th day of March 2024.

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

R133-24 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Tax Map Maintenance GIS Support and State Recertification from the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A for Clifton Tax Assessor 's Department

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR TAX MAP MAINTENANCE GIS SUPPORT AND STATE RECERTIFICATION OFF OF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a FOR CLIFTON TAX ASSESSOR DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Tax Assessor Department has a requirement to update and revise digital based Tax Maps and GIS to support City’s Workflow for Tax Map Maintenance, and State Recertification; and

WHEREAS, Civil Solutions., 215 Bellevue Ave, PO Box 579 Hammonton, NJ 08037, has been assigned NJ State Contract No. 19-FLEET-00872 Bid Solicitation #18DPP00276 under T1841-Geographic Information System Services; and

WHEREAS, the recertification of the Tax Maps is required step for the Revaluation; 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 purchase above from Civil Solutions., 215 Bellevue Ave, PO Box 579 Hammonton, NJ 08037, which has been assigned NJ State Contract No. 19-FLEET-00872 , at a cost not to exceed \$48,000.

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

R134-24 Resolution Awarding Contract for Police Officer Scheduling System (POSS) Through SHI International Via Bergen County Cooperative (CK04) Contract

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR POLICE OFFICER SCHEDULING SYSTEM (POSS)THROUGH SHI INTERNATIONAL VIA BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE (CK04) CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department has a need to continue the Police Officer Scheduling System - Software as a Service (POSS) Annual Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department received a quote from SHI International for a total amount of \$20,343.20 off the Bergen County Cooperative for the maintenance of above POSS system; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County contract #22-24 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals, which includes POSS Annual Maintenance Agreement as a licensed solution and was awarded to SHI International Corp., 290 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873; and

WHEREAS, the current contract term for the Bergen County contract #22-24 for Computer Equipment and Peripherals expires on June 4, 2024; and

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

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

1. The award to SHI International Corp for the Police Officer Scheduling System Software as a Service (POSS) Annual Maintenance Agreement is hereby authorized; and
2. The proposal submitted by SHI International Corp, for the procurement is, for a total not to exceed amount of \$20,343.20 is hereby awarded; and
3. Regarding Fund Certification, funds are available under the following account number: 01-201-24-240-405 – Maintenance and Repairs
4. Term of Contract is February 2024 to January 2025

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

R137-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton and Power of One Christian Coaching and Outreach Ministries, Inc. for Food Distribution Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON
AND POWER OF ONE CHRISTIAN COACHING AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES,
INC. FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Clifton agrees to provide Power of One Christian Coaching and Outreach Ministries, Inc., \$42,400.00 in funding for the purpose of reimbursing staff for salaries and fringe benefits for food distribution services performed in 2024 only; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties’ agreement shall be memorialized in a form as approved by the Law Department, which shall be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton.

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

R124-24 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the March 19, 2024, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the
Meeting of March 19, 2024**

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

Current Fund	\$	13,662,906.02
Grant Fund	\$	68,026.06
General Capital Fund	\$	11,385.00
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	11,276.55
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$	-
Developers Escrow	\$	833.50
Dog Trust	\$	1,475.53
Revolving Loan Fund		
Police Extra Duty	\$	1,877.20
Trust Other	\$	358,324.45
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	237,251.03
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Community Development	\$	13,869.03
Payroll Agency	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Affordable Housing	\$	-
	\$	-
Self Insurance	\$	930,074.73
Fire Dedicated Penalties	\$	-
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	-
Tax Title Lien Redemption	\$	-
Unemployment Trust Fund	\$	-
Library	\$	2,464.71
General Liability Trust	\$	29,046.98
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	26,097.00
Trust Escrow	\$	-
Reserve for Housing	\$	-
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	\$	-
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	15,354,907.79

R127-24 Resolution - Temporary Budget Increase #3 - Grant

**2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET
AMENDMENT NUMBER 3**

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, the City has received several Grants that need to be added to the Temporary 2024 Municipal Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Temporary Appropriations Amendments are hereby authorized to provide for Grants named below, 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	CASA (FY25)	\$ 12,984.00
Health Department	CASA (FY25) – City Match	\$ 4,328.00
Total Temporary Budget and Debt Service:		<u>\$ 17,312.00</u>

R128-24 Resolution - Adopting Change to An Existing Deferred Compensation Plan

**RESOLUTION
FOR ADOPTING A CHANGE
TO AN EXISTING DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton (hereinafter referred to as the “Employer”) by resolution adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”) effective December 19, 2011, for the purpose of making available to eligible employees the accrual of tax benefits under a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to provide for Designated Roth Contributions and In-plan Roth Conversions under its Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts the attached Amendment, which Amendment has been approved by the Division of Local Government Services and assigned identifier 83-PD-VALIC-061912, to Deferred Compensation Plan Document, identifier 81-PD-VALIC-103111, to be part of and incorporated into its existing Deferred Compensation Plan Document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

R129-24 Resolution - Deferred Compensation Plan Designated ROTH Contributions

**AMENDMENT
SPECIMEN SECTION 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS
DESIGNATED ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR IN-PLAN ROTH CONVERSIONS
ARTICLE I
PREAMBLE**

- 1.1 **Effective Date of Amendment.** The Employer adopts this Amendment to the Plan to add Designated Roth Contributions and/or permit In-plan Roth Conversions under Code Sections 402(e)(1) and 402A(c), as amended and added, respectively, by the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (“SBJA”). This Amendment is intended as good faith compliance with the requirements of Code Sections 402(e) and 402A and guidance issued thereunder, and this Amendment shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with such guidance. This Amendment is effective as of the Effective Date(s) specified in Article II, below.
- 1.2 **Supersession of inconsistent provisions.** This Amendment supersedes the provisions of the Plan to the extent those provisions are inconsistent with the provisions of this Amendment.
- 1.3 **Construction.** Except as otherwise provided in this Amendment, any reference to “Section” in this Amendment refers only to sections within this Amendment and is not a reference to the Plan. The Article and Section numbering in this Amendment is solely for purposes of this Amendment, and does not relate to any Plan article, section or other numbering designations.

- 1.4 **Effect of restatement of Plan.** If the Employer restates the Plan, then this Amendment shall remain in effect after such restatement unless the provisions in this Amendment are restated or otherwise become obsolete (e.g., if the Plan is restated onto a plan document which incorporates Designated Roth Contribution and/or In-plan Roth Conversion provisions).

**ARTICLE II
EMPLOYER ELECTIONS**

The Employer adopts this Amendment to the Plan to permit Designated Roth Contributions and/or In-plan Roth Conversions, in accordance with the following elections:

- 2.1 **Designated Roth Contributions.** *(Check one.)*
- ☐ Designated Roth Contributions are not permitted.
- ☒ Participants may make Designated Roth Contributions in lieu of or in addition to pre-tax Elective Deferral Contributions effective May 1, 2024. *(enter a date no earlier than [date Amendment approved by the Division of Local Government Services]).*
- ☐ N/A. The Plan already permits Designated Roth Contributions.
- 2.2 **In-plan Roth Conversions.** *(Check one.) (Note: Employer cannot allow In-plan Roth Conversions unless it also elects to allow, or the Plan already permits, Designated Roth Contributions under Section 2.1, above.)*
- ☒ In-plan Roth Conversions are not permitted.
- ☐ Participants may convert certain pre-tax amounts to Roth contributions in an “in-plan” rollover/conversion, but only if such amounts are currently distributable under the terms of the Plan, effective _____ *(enter a date no earlier than [date Amendment approved by the Division of Local Government Services]).*

**ARTICLE III
AMENDATORY PROVISIONS**

- 3.1 **Designated Roth Contributions/In-plan Roth Conversions permitted.** The Plan’s definitions and terms shall be amended as follows to allow for Designated Roth Contributions as of the effective date entered in Section 2.1, above, and/or to allow for In-plan Roth Conversions as of the effective date entered in Section 2.2, above. Designated Roth Contributions shall be treated in the same manner as pre-tax Elective Deferral Contributions for all Plan purposes. In-plan Roth Conversions will be subject to the Plan rules related to Designated Roth Contribution accounts.
- 3.2 **Designated Roth Contribution.** The amount of a Participant’s Compensation that he elects to defer to the Plan (as Deferred Compensation) on an after-tax basis.
- 3.3 **Elective Deferral Contribution.** The amount of a Participant’s Compensation that he elects to defer to the Plan (as Deferred Compensation) on a pre-tax basis.
- 3.4 **Employer Contribution.** The amount (if any) that the Employer contributes to the Plan (as Deferred Compensation) that does not reduce (on a pre-tax or an after-tax basis) the Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year.
- 3.5 **Designated Roth Contributions.** If elected by the Employer in Section 2.1, above, a Participant may designate that all or a portion of his/her elective contributions to the Plan be treated as after-tax Roth contributions (referred to herein as “Designated Roth Contributions”). Such designation must be made before the date upon which the amounts designated would otherwise have been payable to the Participant (but for the election to defer), and such designation must be irrevocable on and after that date. Designated Roth Contributions (and the earnings thereon) shall be accounted for separately from all other contributions to the Plan (including rollovers of Roth contributions from other plans and

In-plan Roth Conversions) and the earnings on those contributions. If a Participant takes a distribution of less than 100% of his Account (including an in-service distribution or an unforeseeable emergency withdrawal), the Participant may designate whether such distribution shall be made from the Participant’s pre-tax Elective Deferral Contributions or after-tax Designated Roth Contributions.

3.6 **In-plan Roth Conversions.** If the Plan permits Designated Roth Contributions and if the Employer so elects in Section 2.2, above, a Participant may elect to convert certain pre-tax Elective Deferral Contributions, Employer Contributions or rollover contributions to after-tax Roth contributions in an in-plan (taxable) conversion (referred to herein as “In-plan Roth Conversions”). Such conversion shall be accomplished through a direct rollover from the Participant’s applicable pre-tax account to his Roth conversion account (such that there is no actual distribution from the Plan). In-plan Roth Conversions are expressly limited to amounts that are currently distributable to the Participant under both Code Section 457(d)(1)(A) and the terms of the Plan. For example, rollover contributions made on or after January 1, 2006, may be distributed at any time and, therefore, may be converted at any time. By contrast, amounts attributable to Elective Deferral Contributions and Employer Contributions (and rollover contributions made before January 1, 2006) cannot be distributed (and therefore cannot be converted) before the Participant has attained age 70½ or has had a Severance from Employment. If the Plan allows in-service distribution of small, inactive accounts, such amounts shall also be eligible for conversion under this section. All In-plan Roth Conversions shall be taxable to the Participant in the year of the conversion.

R131-24 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Treatment Works Approval on Behalf of the Porada Development Group/The Vistas at Vincent LLC for the Proposed Single-Family Subdivision Development

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TREATMENT WORKS
APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF THE PORADA DEVELOPMENT GROUP/THE VISTAS
AT VINCENT LLC FOR THE PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY SUBDIVISION
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, an application for a treatment works approval has been received from **PAGE CONSULTANTS, INC., 6 FOREST AVENUE, PARAMUS, NJ 07652** for connection to an existing sanitary sewer for conveyance to Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to service a facility to be known as **THE VISTAS AT VINCENT PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT, 110 VINCENT DRIVE, CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY 07013**; and

WHEREAS, based on the scope of the proposed activities, the regulations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection require a municipal endorsement of this project to properly process a treatment works approval; and

WHEREAS, the existing sewer is structurally sound with adequate capacity to accommodate the projected flow from the proposed construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineer and the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute a statement of consent on behalf of the City of Clifton and that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to the applicant.

R132-24 Resolution Awarding Contract to DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC for C-4 Licensed Sewer Collection System Operator Services for Period from January 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO DeBLOCK ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES, LLC FOR C-4 LICENSED SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR
SERVICES FOR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for C-4 Licensed Sewer Collection System Operator Services for the City of Clifton is awarded to DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC, for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, at a fee of \$1,000 per month, not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the term of the contract.

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

R136-24 Resolution Awarding Contract for Purchase of One (1) 2024 Harley Davidson Motorcycle for Traffic Division of Police Department

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE FOR TRAFFIC
DIVISION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department wishes to purchase one (1) new 2024 Motorcycle through Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Program); and

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

		Cost	Trade in Values of four bikes	Total Cost after trade-in
1.	Hannum Mt Holly Sales(Liberty Harley-Davidson)	\$24,952.92	\$24,500.00	\$452.92
2.	Bergen County Harley Davidson	\$25,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$6000.00

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

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

WHEREAS, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from Hannum Mt Holly Sale. and is incorporated in the contract awarded hereby; and

WHEREAS, cost of one (1) motorcycle is being offset by trade-in of four (4) obsolete 2012 Harley Davidson Motorcycle (FLHTP), further enabling the Clifton Police Department to maximize and maintain funding from Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Grant; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the submitted quotes, it is recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible vendor Hannum Mt Holly Sales (Liberty Harley-Davidson) in the amount of \$452.92.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council that the contract (by way of a purchase order) for purchase of 2024 Harley Davidson Motorcycles be awarded to the lowest respondent, Hannum Mt Holly Sales (DBA: Liberty Harley-Davidson12 West Milton Ave, Rahway NJ 07065 in an amount not to exceed \$452.92. Term of contract shall commence April 1, 2024, and end on March 31, 2025; and

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

R138-24 Resolution Rejecting Bids for Facility Accommodation Upgrades for Fire Stations 2, 4 and 6

**RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR FACILITY ACCOMMODATION
UPGRADES FOR FIRE STATIONS 2, 4 AND 6**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorized bids to be solicited for Facility Accommodation Upgrades for Fire Stations 2, 4 and 6, with the return date for said bids for Tuesday, March 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received, the lowest of which was \$1,623,000 (base bid) and \$1,939,400 (base bid plus alternates); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, the two bids received on March 12, 2024, for Facility Accommodation Upgrades for Fire Stations 2, 4 and 6 are rejected for the following reasons pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2:

- 1) The bids substantially exceed the estimated costs and anticipated appropriation; and
- 2) the City of Clifton wishes to readvertise the specifications to receive additional bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to return the bids bonds placed on deposit with said bids to the respective bidders.

R139-24 Resolution Awarding Contract to Kristin Ragon, Esq. for Attorney to the Clifton Rent Leveling Board - April 5, 2024 - April 4, 2025

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO KRISTIN RAGON.ESQ. FOR
ATTORNEY TO THE CLIFTON RENT LEVELING BOARD
APRIL 5, 2024 - APRIL 4, 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires the services of Legal Counsel to the Clifton Rent Leveling Board; and

WHEREAS, Kristin Ragon, Esq. of Goldman, Davis, Krumholz & Dillon, P.C. of Hackensack, New Jersey has previously performed these services to the satisfaction of the Rent Leveling Board; and

WHEREAS, said legal services are again required from April 5, 2024, through April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the services shall be rendered at the same rate of \$125.00 per hour and not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the contract term without the approval of the Municipal Council and the adoption of a supplementary resolution; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- 1. A contract for professional legal services for Legal Counsel to the Clifton Rent Leveling Board in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department, is awarded to Kristin Ragon, Esq. of Goldman, Davis, Krumholz & Dillon, P.C. of

March 19, 2024

Hackensack, New Jersey for the term of April 5, 2024 through April 4, 2025 and the rate to be paid for said services is \$125.00 per hour, not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the term of the contract without the express approval of the Municipal Council and adoption of a supplementary resolution.

- 2. The required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.
- 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton.
- 4. The original of this resolution and the contract in question should be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the City Clerk’s Office of the City of Clifton.

R140-24 Resolution Authorizing Awarding Contract for Annual Pond Management to Tigris Pond Management Specialist

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL POND MANAGEMENT TO TIGRIS POND MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need for annual pond maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works solicited quotations from two vendors for annual pond maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the one proposal received was from Tigris Pond Management Specialist, located at 56 US Highway 130, Bordentown, New Jersey 08620 for a total cost of \$8,150.00 inclusive of all necessary equipment, materials, labor and travel to perform up to ten aquatic pesticide applications as set forth in their proposal dated January 11, 2024, incorporated herein by reference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract for annual pond maintenance for the term of April 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024, is hereby awarded to Tigris Pond Management Specialist for an amount not to exceed \$8,150.00 for the services described in their proposal dated January 11, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract, upon approval by the Law Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Clifton.

R141-24 Resolution Authorizing and Approving Extension of Atlantic Coast Fibers Contract for the Marketing of Recyclables for the Period of May 1, 2024, Through April 30, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXTENSION OF ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS CONTRACT FOR THE MARKETING OF RECYCLABLES FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2024, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

WHEREAS, Atlantic Coast Fibers and the City of Clifton previously entered into a contract for marketing of recyclables for the term of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2024, with an option to extend from May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to exercise the one-year extension at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton that it hereby authorizes a one-year extension to the current contract with Atlantic Coast Fibers for the marketing of recyclables for the period of May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025.

R142-24 Resolution Authorizing Cyber Liability Insurance for 4/6/24 to 4/6/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE
FOR THE PERIOD 4/6/24 TO 4/6/25**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the City’s Broker of Record, Polaris Galaxy Insurance Company, 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 management for the period beginning April 6, 2024 and ending April 6, 2025 for Crum & Forster, for the reason that this provider has offered the best and most cost effective services for the City of Clifton:

Crum & Forster Insurance Company
305 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

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 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: Crum & Forster Insurance Company, 305 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960
Services: Cyber liability insurance
Estimated Cost: \$31,596.00
Term: 4/6/24 - 4/6/25

R143-24 Resolution for Appointment to the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of an application from Sandi Halpert to become a Member of the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Sandi Halpert be and is hereby appointed to the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee commencing this day for a term of three years.

R144-24 Resolution for Reappointment of Member to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION FOR RE-APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBER TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a re-appointment form from the secretary of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board recommending re-appointment of Barbara Picciocchi; and

WHEREAS, said member's term will expire on March 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said member is being re-appointed to said committee for a term of three years commencing March 26, 2024, through March 25, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above-mentioned member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board be and is hereby re-appointed for a three-year term, commencing on March 26, 2024, through March 25, 2027.

R145-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Tax Collector - Elaine Erlewein

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
TAX COLLECTOR
ELAINE ERLEWEIN**

WHEREAS, March 1, 2024, Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed as Tax Collector on August 16, 2016, and her retirement will conclude an eight-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, she has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge her service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**TAX COLLECTOR
ELAINE ERLEWEIN**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace, and happiness in her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **ELAINE ERLEWEIN**.

R146-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Police Officer, Vincent J. LaRosa

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
POLICE OFFICER
VINCENT J. LAROSA**

WHEREAS, March 1, 2024, Police Officer, Vincent J. LaRosa, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Police Officer on February 9, 2001, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-three-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**POLICE OFFICER
VINCENT J. LAROSA**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **VINCENT J. LAROSA**.

R147-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Firefighter, Andrew J. Zaborniak

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FIREFIGHTER
ANDREW J. ZABORNIAK**

WHEREAS, March 1, 2024, Firefighter, Andrew J. Zaborniak, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on February 9, 1999, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-five-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**FIREFIGHTER
ANDREW J. ZABORNIAK**

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their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **ANDREW J. ZABORNIAK**.

R148-24 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Firefighter, Joseph Lauritano

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –
FIREFIGHTER
JOSEPH LAURITANO**

WHEREAS, March 1, 2024, Firefighter, Joseph Lauritano, officially retired from his position with the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed as a Firefighter on February 9, 1999, and his retirement will conclude a twenty-five-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to the City of Clifton during this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his service to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton do hereby extend to

**FIREFIGHTER
JOSEPH LAURITANO**

their sincere congratulations and thanks for a job well done, as well as their best wishes for continued good health, peace and happiness in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof presented to **JOSEPH LAURITANO**.

R149-24 Resolution Proclaiming March 6, 2024, as Black Balloon Day in the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 6, 2024, AS
BLACK BALLOON DAY IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with 67,367 drug overdose deaths in 2018; and

WHEREAS, opioid addiction is driving this epidemic with more than 65% overdose deaths related to prescription opioids and illicit opioids (heroin and illicit fentanyl). Americans are more likely to die of an opioid overdose than they are from a car accident; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, across the United States, families and loved ones remember and celebrate the lives lost to overdose – This day has become known as Black Balloon Day; and

WHEREAS, Black Balloon Day is designed to increase public awareness of the opioid epidemic, provides a way to remember those who have overdosed and brings those who have lost a loved one together to demonstrate that they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, as with many things with the opioid epidemic, Black Balloon Day began with a family’s loss. Diane and Lauren Hurley began Black Balloon Day in remembrance of Greg Tremblay, a father of four, son-in-law of Diane and brother-in-law of Lauren, who died of an overdose when he was 38 years old on March 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Black Balloon Day helps create awareness around the important issue of providing support to those struggling with substance use disorder and their loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council, that the City of Clifton, New Jersey, proclaims March 6, 2024, as

**BLACK BALLOON DAY
IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

and we encourage all our citizens to join in this special observance by sending out virtual balloons and sharing pictures to remember and celebrate the precious lives lost to overdose.

R150-24 Resolution Recognizing April 2024 as National Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE
MONTH IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples as model citizens and public servants; and

WHEREAS, they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council, that the City of Clifton, New Jersey, recognizes and celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society, and hereby declares the month of April 2024 to be

**NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

and we encourage all our citizens to join in this special observance.

R151-24 Resolution Proclaiming March 2024 to be "Women's History Month" in the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 TO BE “WOMEN’S HISTORY
MONTH” IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Our Country in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

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WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of Our Country by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of Our Country by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in Our Country; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, peace movement, and other movements, especially the gender equality movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, we should remember and celebrate women and ensure that women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion; identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the needs of women; engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim March 2024 to be

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF CLIFTON

and we call upon all our citizens to recognize and honor the women of our Great City who have given so generously of their time and talents for the betterment of our community; to remember and learn more about the generations of women who have left enduring imprints on our history; and to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

R152-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of New & Used Car Lot License - Unique Auto Sales

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

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 Renewal from Unique Auto Sales, Inc. 524 Lexington Avenue, Clifton, NJ; 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 License to Unique Auto Sales, Inc. be and is hereby granted.

R153-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Vending Machine License - JMK Food Service

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 JMK Food Service, LLC, Millburn, 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 and Health 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 JMK Food Service, LLC be and is hereby granted.

R154-24 Resolution Authorizing New Vending Machine License - F & L Recycling

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW VENDING MACHINE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a new Vending Machine License application from F and L Recycling LLC, 180 Kingsland Road, Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Zoning, 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 a new Vending Machine License to F and L Recycling LLC be and is hereby granted.

R155-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Limousine License – Rodriguez Transportation

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 Jose Rodriguez the owner and operator of Rodriguez Transportation LLC, 23 Bird 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 renewal application from Jose Rodriguez the owner and operator of Rodriguez Transportation LLC, 23 Bird Avenue in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Rodriguez Transportation, LLC

Owner and Operator:
Jose Rodriguez

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Approved Vehicles:
2024 BMW 740X1 WBA33EH04RCR23998

Approved Parking Location:
23 Bird Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011

R156-24 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.

Marycel’s Florist	1080 Main Avenue
Stop & Shop #813	160 Kingsland Road
Stop & Shop #2802	1189 Broad Street

R157-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operators License - Courtside Pub

**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 Renewal from Courtside Pub, 66 Center Street, 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 to Courtside Pub be and is hereby granted.

R158-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddlers License - Mike's Ice Cream

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Muhiedin Zidan owner of Mike’s Ice Cream in the City of Clifton, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments;
and

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 a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Muhiedin Zidan owner of Mike’s Ice Cream in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Mike’s Ice Cream

Owner:
Muhiedin Zidan

Approved Operator:
Muhiedin Zidan

Approved Vehicle:
2008 Ford Van Z1FT2534L98DN60632

Parking Location:
1152 Main Street – Paterson, NJ 07503

R159-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddler License - Magic Cone

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Douha Khawatmi owner of Magic Cone Ice Cream in the City of Clifton, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments;
and

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 a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Douha Khawatmi owner of Magic Cone Ice Cream in the City of Clifton is hereby granted.

Company name:
Magic Cone Ice Cream

Owner:
Douha Khawatmi

Approved Operator:
Douha Khawatmi

Approved Vehicle:
2001 Dodge Ram 3500 2B6LB31291K516500

Parking Location:
305 Paxton Street, Paterson, NJ 07503

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R160-24 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Ice Cream Peddler License - Summer Ice Cream

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICE CREAM PEDDLERS LICENSE
RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson, New Jersey; 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 Health and Police Departments; and

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 a renewal application for an Ice Cream Peddlers License from Ahmad Abdelrahman owner of Summer Ice Cream, 12 Grove Street in the City of Paterson is hereby granted.

Company name:
Summer Ice Cream

Owner:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Operator:
Ahmad Abdelrahman

Approved Vehicle:
2003 GMC SUV 1GDHG35R221232888

Parking Location:
12 Grove St. – Paterson, NJ 07503

R161-24 Resolution Approving Submission of an Application to the County of Passaic Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Improvements to Anzaldi Park

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC
PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ANZALDI PARK**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton wish to enhance Anzaldi Park through the installation of new field lights with grant assistance from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to further the public interest and quality of life by obtaining grant funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Passaic County for the aforesaid park improvement project located at Block 29.02, Lot 20.02, 38 John Samra Way, Clifton, NJ 07013; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 6:30 PM to afford the public an opportunity to be heard on this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, that Dominick Villano, City Manager, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized to:

Make application for such a loan and or/grant;
Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and
Act as the authorized correspondent.

R162-24 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant from the Preserve New Jersey
Historic Preservation Fund of the New Jersey Historic Trust (Grant No. 2023.2052 Morris Canal)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE PRESERVE
NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND OF THE NEW JERSEY
HISTORIC TRUST (GRANT NO. 2023.2052 MORRIS CANAL)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that authorization is hereby given for acceptance of a grant in the sum of \$444,995 from The Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund of the New Jersey Historic Trust, Grant No. 2023.2052 for the following project: Morris Canal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Raymond Grabowski is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey in an amount up to that awarded for the proposed project and the seal the grant agreement.

R163-24 Late - Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract to Neglia Engineering
Associates for Engineering Services in Connection with the Morris Canal Drainage
Improvements Project

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO NEGLIA
ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION
WITH THE MORRIS CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional Engineering services in connection with the Morris Canal Drainage Improvements project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton previously awarded Neglia Engineering Associates a contract for such services for \$36,751.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that an increase in this contract be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated March 18, 2024, in an additional amount not to exceed \$19,990.00 for additional design services; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and the recommendation of the City Engineer, the Municipal Council wishes to award an additional contract to Neglia Engineering Services for the provision of said services, in an amount not to exceed an additional \$19,990.00; 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional services contract is hereby awarded to **NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES** for additional professional engineering services in connection with the Morris Canal Park Improvements Project in accordance with its proposal dated March 18, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$19,900.00 for additional design services, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; 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.

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R164-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing Emissions Repairs to DPW Truck 44

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMISSIONS REPAIRS TO DPW TRUCK 44

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires emissions repairs to DPW Truck 44; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends the award of a contract for emissions repairs for DPW Truck 44 to Allegiance Trucks, located at 525 West Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program (BC-BID-21-60) at a cost of \$8,516.01 as set forth in his memorandum dated March 18, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the award of a contract for emissions repairs for DPW Truck 44 to Allegiance Trucks, located at 525 West Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program (BC-BID-21-60) at a cost of \$8,516.01; 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.

R165-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Janitorial Supplies for City Owned Buildings

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF JANITORIAL SUPPLIES FOR CITY OWNED BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires janitorial supplies for use in buildings owned by the City of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has identified and recommends the purchase of suitable janitorial supplies available from Spruce Industries located at 759 East Lincoln Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing and Shared Services Program at a cost of \$6,378.18 as set forth in his memorandum dated March 12, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the purchases of janitorial supplies available from Spruce Industries (ESCNJ 21/22-18) located at 759 East Lincoln Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing and Shared Services Program at a cost of \$6,378.18; 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.

R166-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Emissions Control Parts for DPW Sweeper 109

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EMISSIONS CONTROL PARTS FOR DPW SWEEPER 109

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires emissions control parts for DPW Sweeper #109; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has identified and recommends the purchase of suitable emissions control parts from Jesco Company, located at 1275 Bloomfield Avenue, Building #5, Unit 27C, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing and Shared Services Program at a cost of \$7,466.36 as set forth in his memorandum dated March 12, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the purchase of suitable emissions control parts from Jesco Company, located at 1275 Bloomfield Avenue, Building #5, Unit 27C, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing and Shared Services Program at a cost of \$7,466.36; 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.

R167-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing and Approving Invoice from Atlantic Coast Recycling for the Processing and Marketing of Curbside Recycling for the Month of February 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING INVOICE FROM ATLANTIC COAST RECYCLING FOR THE PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

WHEREAS, Atlantic Coast Fibers and the City of Clifton are parties to a contract for the processing and marketing of curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton approve Atlantic Coast Fibers’ invoice for services performed in February 2024 in connection with this contract in an amount of \$6,417.33 as set forth in his memorandum dated March 12, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby approves and authorizes Atlantic Coast Fibers’ invoice for the processing and marketing of curbside recycling services performed in February 2024 in connection with this contract in an amount of \$6,417.33.

R168-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing and Approving Invoice from Atlantic Coast Recycling for the Processing and Marketing of Curbside Recycling for the Month of December 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING INVOICE FROM ATLANTIC COAST RECYCLING FOR THE PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, Atlantic Coast Fibers and the City of Clifton are parties to a contract for the processing and marketing of curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton approve Atlantic Coast Fibers’ invoice for services performed in December 2023 in connection with this contract in an amount of \$12,510.40 as set forth in his memorandum dated March 12, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton hereby approves and authorizes Atlantic Coast Fibers’ invoice for the processing and marketing

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of curbside recycling services performed in December 2023 in connection with this contract in an amount of \$12,510.40.

R169-24 Late - Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Kitchen Equipment for the Field House at Anzaldi Park from Economy Paper and Restaurant Supply Co., Inc.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIELD HOUSE AT ANZALDI PARK FROM ECONOMY PAPER AND RESTAURANT SUPPLY CO. INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires kitchen equipment for the Field House at Anzaldi Park; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Recreation solicited three quotations from vendors for kitchen equipment as set forth in her memorandum dated February 29, 2024 and recommends the award to the vendor submitting the lowest quotation dated February 1, 2024, Economy Paper and Restaurant Supply Co. Inc. of 180 Broad Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, at a cost not to exceed \$15,814.71; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Field House at Anzaldi Park from Economy Paper and Restaurant Supply Co. Inc. of 180 Broad Street, Clifton, New Jersey 07013, at a cost not to exceed \$15,814.71; 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.

R170-24 Late - Resolution Awarding Contract for Grooming Services for Anzaldi Park, off the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract, from JCW, Inc. dba Sports Care SFM

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR GROOMING SERVICES FOR ANZALDI PARK, OFF THE ESCNJ COOPERATIVE CONTRACT, FROM JCW INC DBA SPORTS CARE SFM

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor requested authorization to award a contract for a three-step Spring and Fall grooming for Double soccer field as set forth in the memo dated March 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the contract is available off the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract #22/22-37, from JCW Inc DBA Sports Care SFM; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor has recommended the purchase of rooming Services from JCW Inc DBA Sports Care, located at 795 East Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, which is available off the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract #22/22-37 at a cost not to exceed \$14,800.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes grooming services for Double Soccer Field from JCW Inc DBA Sports Care SFM off of the ESCNJ Cooperative Contract #22/22-37 located at 795 East Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, through the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing and Shared Services Program at a cost of \$14,800.00; 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.

R171-24 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 Paterson Zoning Board of Adjustment Application - 151-159 Crooks Avenue – Litigation
- CON-2 Outside Counsel for Tax Appeals - Status Update - Former Roche Property
- CON-3 City's Donation to Lauren Murphy Scholarship Fund - Legal Opinion
- CON-4 Food Distributions on City Property - Legal Opinion
- CON-5 Clifton Supervisors Association (CSA) - Contract Negotiations - 2023-2026
- CON-6 Contract for Professional Medical Services - Potential Litigation
- CON-7 Raising of Christian/Easter Flag
- CON-8 Palma Report Payment Update
- CON-9 Amuel Arnowitz, et al v. City of Clifton, et al

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 March 19, 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 Mena & Peralta Supermarkets

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR MENA & PERALTA SUPERMARKET LLC
T/A MENA & PERALTA SUPERMARKETS
ADDRESS 218 DAYTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW C-TOWN SUPERMARKET
ZONE PD-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-2 Village News

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR GICHIA LLC
T/A VILLAGE NEWS
ADDRESS 401 PIAGET AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED GROCERY/MILK-CONTINUED USE
FORMERLY OR NEW VILLAGE NEWS
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.

March 19, 2024

A Motion was made by Councilman D’Amato, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej to return to Executive Session.

Councilwoman Sadrakula objected to discussing the following items in Executive Session:

CON-3 City's Donation to Lauren Murphy Scholarship Fund - Legal Opinion

CON-4 Food Distributions on City Property - Legal Opinion

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG) Absent
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.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilman Pino, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno, City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor