

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2023

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

8:00 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Grabowski called the meeting to order and presided, and announced that the location of exits should be noted for use in case of fire or other emergencies and also that smoking regulations apply to the building and cell phones should be deactivated and turned off and read the following Statement of Compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 2023 which was published as legal advertisements in the Herald News on December 12, 2022 and was additionally advertised in the Record on December 12, 2022. Further notice of this meeting was given on Friday prior to the meeting to The Herald News and by posting of said notice on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the Clifton Website which notice stated that formal action may or may not be taken on matters to come before the Municipal Council.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

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

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

City Clerk – Nancy Ferrigno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to approve the Regular, Workshop, Executive Session Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Hayley Fabian Keyboarding Clerk 1 - Office of the City Clerk, has advanced from part time to full time status effective 12/16/2022 at \$28,969.49 annually.
- C-2 Kenneth Collucci has retired with the Clifton Fire Dept. as Firefighter 1, effective 01/01/2023.
- C-3 Walter Cardell has retired with the Clifton Fire Dept. as Firefighter 1, effective 01/01/2023.
- C-4 James Jorgensen has retired with the Finance Dept. as Purchasing Agent, effective 01/01/2023.
- C-5 Joseph Ivanicki III has resigned with the Dept. of Public Works as Laborer 1, effective 12/29/2022.
- C-6 Nicholas Miller has resigned with Clifton Police Dept. as Public Safety Telecommunicator,, effective 01/01/2023.

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- C-7 Neurys Medina Equipment Operator -DPW has been promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator effective 01/01/2023 at \$60,000 annually.
- C-8 Michael Brown Equipment Operator -DPW has been promoted to Traffic Maintenance Worker effective 01/01/2023 at \$52,295.56 annually.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-9 Minutes of Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities of November 21, 2022
- C-10 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of January 4, 2023
- C-11 Minutes of Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of December 14, 2022

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7789-23

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7789-23

Mayor Anzaldi opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7789-23

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and carried by 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)

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

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7790-23

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7790-23

Mayor Anzaldi opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7790-23

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and carried by roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 3 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7791-23

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7791-23

Mayor Anzaldi opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7791-23

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Latona and carried by roll call vote.

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 8 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

G. Adoption of Ordinance 7792-23

H. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7792-23

Mayor Anzaldi opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7792-23

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

The following entitled ordinance had been introduced and having passed on first reading, which first reading was by title and said entitled ordinance having been published according to the law and thereafter placed on the Agenda of the present meeting, said ordinance was brought up for public hearing at the opening of such hearing said ordinance was given a second reading which reading was by title and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and upon motion, adopted said hearing was closed and said ordinance was thereafter finally passed without amendments, upon motion regularly made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and carried by 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 Numbers)

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

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FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7793-23

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation", More Particularly Article VI Thereof, Entitled "Confidential Officials and Employees", Section 99-34, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Compensation for 2023); Section 99-37 Entitled "Hospitalization and Insurance (Amends Health Insurance Plans for Retirees); and Section 99-42 Entitled Holidays (Adds Juneteenth)

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE

City Manager, Dominick Villano, announced that he met with the Director of Passaic Valley Water Commission. Mr. Villano stated that the Director agreed to attend a first quarter Council Meeting to address and Council questions or concerns. He stated that since Councilman Kolodziej is a Commissioner on the Passaic Valley Water Commission Board, that he would provide regular updates concerning the Commission.

FLOOR TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mayor Grabowski read the Rules of Participation for the Public Session.

Trini Mestre, 63 Valley Rd., thanked that Council for providing a civil Council meeting. She encouraged people to attend Council meetings to have their voices heard. Ms. Mestre spoke about constant road construction on Valley Road.

Joseph Saino, 102 Trenton Ave., congratulated the new Council. He spoke about Clifton High School students fighting after school and issues faced by businesses on Main Avenue when the homeless leave the Recreation Building warming center.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., congratulated the new Council. He spoke about political signs that have not been removed after the election, placing a moratorium on new development, parking space sizes, transparency in Government and accidents at the intersection of Allwood Rd. and Mt. Prospect Ave. He asked that each Council person bring forth one new idea at each Council meeting that would improve the City.

Samantha Bassford, 92 Mountain View Dr., questioned why there were metal detectors at the Court room entrance. She spoke about cars idling at the Recycling Center. Ms. Bassford suggested that Council members take a course regarding professionalism on social media.

Christine Kraszewski, 111 Edgewood Ave., spoke about Polystyrene recycling.

Michelle Guadet, 28 Bergen Ave., congratulated the new Council. She spoke about numerous road closures, crosswalk painting and the need for Crossing Guards. She announced a fund raiser being held by Saint Peter's Haven.

Francesco Muoio, J5 The Meadows, congratulated the newly elected Council. He suggested, as a cost savings to the City, to eliminate medical benefits for any part time City employees.

Jim Daly, 170 Beverly Hill Rd., congratulated the newly elected Council. He announced a forum being held by his organization “Clifton Citizens for Change” to discuss changing the way Council officials are elected in Clifton.

Judy Bassford, 52 Mountainview Dr., spoke about discolored water in the City and questioned the use of a metal detector at the entrance of the courtroom holding the Council meeting.

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

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

Mayor Grabowski remarked that any political signs on public property are removed by the City but any signs on private property cannot be removed by the City.

City Manager, Dominick Villano, stated that the Supreme Court has made it difficult to stop the advertising of political candidates.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej suggested that public speaker, Judy Bassford, attend the next Passaic Valley Water Commission meeting to become informed on what the Commission has planned to address the discolored water issue. He spoke about the need for a new Sewer Rate Study. Councilman Kolodziej discussed Styrofoam recycling and asked if the recent decision to comingle recyclables has added any cost benefit to the City. Councilman Kolodziej explained the State of NJ Anchor program and urged all residents to sign up to receive their rebate.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona, discussed coordinating digging up roads with utilities to eliminate opening the roads several times. He spoke about fights involving students of Clifton High School and asking the County Sheriff for help. Councilman Latona spoke about an issue of homeless individuals disrupting local businesses on Main Avenue. He spoke about the prompt removal of political signs, updating Zoning Laws, the Master Plan, recycling, the need to hire and retain Crossing Guards, eliminating medical benefits for part time employees and Council members. Councilman Latona remarked on the efforts of “Clifton Citizens for Change” to modify the way the Council is elected and the need to obtain an infrastructure plan from Passaic Valley Water Commission.

Councilwoman Murphy

Councilwoman Murphy discussed the excessive closing of Valley Road due to construction. She spoke about the warming shelter and explained that it is not being used as homeless housing. She spoke about the need to hire more Crossing Guards and announced her upcoming committee meetings.

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino spoke about Clifton High School students fighting, issues with the Main Avenue warming center, the need for a traffic safety study at the intersection of Haddonfield and Broad Street due to numerous accidents. She asked if the annual meeting notice was published in the Spanish newspaper. Councilwoman Pino questioned some items in the Disability Committee’s meeting minutes. City Manager, Dominick Villano, referred Councilwoman Pino to the Disability

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Committee. Councilwoman Pino expressed her condolences to the family of Loretta Hochmuth on her passing.

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula discussed eliminating health benefits for part time employees and health benefits and life insurance for Council members. She spoke about a change in health care for Confidential employees. Councilwoman Sadrakula said she received calls that many street lights are out on Lakeview Avenue. She announced the upcoming budget meeting on January 31, 2023 and spoke about a calendar to simplify the arranging of meetings. Councilwoman Sadrakula discussed the disproportionate amount of road digging around the City. She remarked that the fighting between Clifton High School students can be handled with Clifton Police and the Superintendent of Schools. Councilwoman Sadrakula addressed a remark regarding moratoriums on new construction. She stated that the Zoning Board is an autonomous board and separate from Council. Councilwoman Sadrakula voiced some concerns regarding the group “Clifton Citizens for Change” and their effort to change the way the City currently votes for Mayor and Council. She announced that Passaic Valley Water Commission is working on a plan to replace outdated water pipes. Councilwoman Sadrakula spoke about the large amount of funding granted to Paterson and Passaic, New Jersey and asked why Clifton does not receive as much funding as these sister cities.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson suggested to the City Manager, to remove the Christmas decorations since most of the lights are out. He spoke about recycling and waste management to help bring taxes down. Councilman Gibson announced an upcoming meeting for the purpose of helping the City’s homeless population and a meeting hosted by “Clifton Citizens for Change” looking to change the way the Mayor and Council are elected. He spoke about the recent rash of fights between high school students and suggested the Police Department reach out to the County Sheriff for help. Councilman Gibson stated that the numerous accidents at the corner of Allwood Road and Mt. Prospect Avenue will be brought to the Traffic Safety Committee. He spoke about the shortage of Crossing Guards. Councilman Gibson remarked that he supports the efforts of Saint Peter’s Haven. He announced that a discussion regarding City trees and sidewalks will be on the next Council agenda. Councilman Gibson expressed his condolences to the family of Loretta Hochmuth on her passing.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski explained that the reason the metal detectors are in use at the Council meetings is because we should never take for granted the public’s safety or the safety of Council and City employees. He spoke about the need to update the City’s Master Plan and remarked that the new Council has the ability, knowledge and experience to get that done.

Councilwoman Pino asked Councilwoman Murphy what Committee meetings she would be attending in the upcoming week.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and passed on roll call vote to table Resolution R058-23,

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

R001-23 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS TO BE PAID
MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023**

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

Current Fund	\$2,466,079.66
Grant Fund	\$ 28,957.75
General Capital Fund	
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$ 25,463.49
Sewer Utility-Capital	
Developers Escrow	
Dog Trust	\$ 1,113.75
Police Extra Duty	\$ 98,875.00
Trust Other	\$ 54,501.73
Section 8 Public Housing	\$ 235,710.83
Community Development	
COAH	
Self Insurance	
Fire Dedicated Penalties	
Revolving Loan Fund	
Tax Title Lien Redemption	
Unemployment Trust Fund	
Library	\$ 83,966.38
General Liability Trust	
Workers Compensation Trust	
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$2,994,668.59

R056-23 Resolution - 2022 Budget Appropriation Transfer Resolution - Current Fund

**RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET TRANSFERS
2022 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
CURRENT FUND**

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

WHEREAS, certain 2022 appropriation reserves are expected to be insufficient to meet expenditure requirements for 2022 liabilities, and certain 2022 appropriation reserves have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton (not less than two-thirds of the full membership thereof affirmatively concurring (5)) that the transfers listed below, between 2022 appropriation reserves, be made.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount - Out</u>	<u>Amount - In</u>
Insurance – Group Health	01-203-23-221-111		\$ 490,000.00
Financial Admin S&W	01-203-20-130-101	\$ 25,000.00	
Tax Collector S&W	01-203-20-150-101	\$ 20,000.00	
Engineering S&W	01-203-20-165-101	\$ 25,000.00	
Healthcare Waiver	01-203-23-221-111	\$ 20,000.00	
Building (DPW) OE	01-203-26-290-503	\$ 25,000.00	

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Roads Dept OE	01-203-26-292-242	\$ 25,000.00	
Senior Citizens S&W	01-203-27-336-101	\$ 75,000.00	
Animal Control S&W	01-203-27-340-102	\$ 50,000.00	
Purchase/Lease Autos	01-203-31-458-251	\$ 100,000.00	
Sanitation OE	01-203-32-465-502	\$ 20,000.00	
Statutory – Social Security	01-203-36-472-300	\$ 50,000.00	
Statutory – DCRP	01-203-36-477-501	\$ 5,000.00	
Municipal Court – OE	01-203-43-490-308	\$ 50,000.00	
		\$ 490,000.00	\$ 490,000.00

R057-23 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract to Neglia Engineering for Additional Design Services to Prepare a Mitigation Plan, Revise the NJDEP Application and Preparing Bid Documents in Connection with Weasel Brook Stabilization and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Through Ravine Park

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
CONTRACT TO NEGLIA ENGINEERING FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN
SERVICES TO PREPARE A MITIGATION PLAN, REVISE THE NJDEP
APPLICATION AND PREPARING BID DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH WEASEL BROOK STABILIZATION AND SANITARY SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH RAVINE PARK**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton previously awarded professional engineering services for survey, design and bid document preparation for Weasel Brook stabilization and sanitary sewer improvements through Ravine Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton now requires professional engineering services for additional design services to prepare a mitigation plan, revise the NJDEP application and preparation of bid documents in connection with Weasel Brook stabilization and sanitary sewer improvements through Ravine Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends a contract supplementing their existing contract be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates in accordance with its submitted proposal, dated January 4, 2023, in the amount of not to exceed \$17,990.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and the recommendation of the City Engineer, the Municipal Council wishes to award a supplemental contract to Neglia Engineering Associates for the provision of said services, in the amount of not to exceed \$17,990.00; 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.; and

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

WHEREAS, the value of the contract is determined to exceed \$17,990.00, and the duration of the contract is until completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a supplemental professional engineering services contract for additional design services to prepare a mitigation plan, revise the NJDEP application and preparation of bid documents in connection with Weasel Brook stabilization and sanitary sewer improvements through Ravine Park is hereby awarded to NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, in accordance with its proposal dated January 4, 2023, in the amount of not to exceed \$17,990.00, without the adoption of a supplemental resolution authorizing additional funding; and

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

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

**CITY OF CLIFTON
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

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

Awarded to: Neglia Engineering Associates, Lyndhurst, NJ
Services: Additional design services to prepare a mitigation plan, revise the NJDEP application and preparation of bid documents in connection with stabilization and sanitary sewer
Project: Weasel Brook improvements through Ravine Park
Cost: Not to exceed \$17,990.00
Term: Until completion

R058-23 Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying Payment to Najarian Associates for the Pearl Brook/Third River Original Flood Study for Approved Out of Scope Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING PAYMENT TO
NAJARIAN ASSOCIATES FOR THE PEARL BROOK/THIRD RIVER
ORIGINAL FLOOD STUDY FOR APPROVED OUT OF SCOPE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R094-22, adopted by Council February 15, 2022, Najarian Associates was awarded a contract in the amount of \$45,800.00 to model, analyze and quantify flooding in the Pearl Brook/Third River study area and draw basic conclusions; and

WHEREAS, subsequent commencement of work, additional tasks were requested and became necessary to address concerns raised by constituents as well as members of the City Council, at several public session progress meetings; and

WHEREAS, Vajira Gunawardana, P.E., of Najarian Associates, presented a letter dated December 12, 2022, detailing the additional work that had to be performed, confirmed by the City, and requiring an amendment to the original contract in the amount of \$38,189.90; and

WHEREAS, barring the process by which the work was authorized, it is important to note that the original drainage study and the follow-up feasibility study were submitted and prequalified for ARPA funding eligibility, inclusive of the amendment request; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby requests the Governing Body ratify the total expended amount of \$78,989.90 to Najarian Associates, and this Governing Body wishes to approve and ratify the same and the expenditure of funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the services performed by Najarian Associates, and a total not to exceed amount of \$78,989.90 is hereby ratified.

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R059-23 Resolution Awarding Bid Contract for Vegetative Waste Disposal to RER Supply, LLC

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID CONTRACT FOR
VEGETATIVE WASTE DISPOSAL TO RER SUPPLY LLC**

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution R403-22, adopted on September 6, 2022, Council authorized advertising for Vegetative Waste Disposal Services; and

WHEREAS, On October 12, 2022 the City received two bids which substantially exceeded appropriations, and Council rejected the same, and authorized to re-advertise for bids pursuant to R502-22, adopted November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday December 8, 2022, the Purchasing Agent received and opened two sealed bids One from R.E.R Supply and other from Nature’s choice in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and RER Supply LLC was found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director recommends an award of three (3) years to RER supply LLC located at 4 South Corporate Drive Riverdale, NJ 07547, with the following options:

Below is the list of bidders along with their respective bids for Option 1: Delivered by Scavengers or City Vehicles

Description/Item Number	R.E.R Supply (1/1/2023-12/31/2025)
Item# 4 Brush Waste Disposal - 18000 cubic yards	\$7.24/Cubic Yard Total: \$130,320.00
Item# 10 Tree Stumps & Logs Transported 6000 cubic yards	\$10.77//Cubic Yard Total: \$64,620.00
Total Contract Price A:	\$194,940.00

	Option Year One		Option Year Two
Item Number/Description	<u>1/1/2026-12/31/2026</u>	<u>Item Number/Description</u>	<u>1/1/2027-12/31/2027</u>
Item #5 - Disposal of Brush approximately 6000 cubic yards @ \$7.98 per cubic yard	\$47,880.00.00	Item #6 - Provide Disposal of Brush approximately 6000 cubic yards @ \$8.38 per cubic yard	\$50,280.00
Item#11 Disposal of Logs & Stumps 2000 cubic yards @ \$11.49 per cubic yard	\$22,980.00	Item#12 Disposal of Logs & Stumps 2000 cubic yards @ \$11.98 per cubic yard	\$23,960.00
Total Contract Price	\$70,860.00		\$74,240.00

Below is a list of bidders along with their respective bids for Option 2 : Transported by Contractor

Description/Item Number	R.E.R Supply (1/1/2023-12/31/2025)
Item# 13 Disposal of Vegetative Waste - 45000 cubic yards	\$15.07/Cubic Yard Total: \$678,150.00
Item#19 Leaves Collected from DPW Yard 30,000 cubic yards	\$8.02/Cubic Yard Total: \$240,600.00
Total Contract Price: B	\$918,750.00

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	Option Year One		Option Year Two
<u>Item Number/Description</u>	<u>1/1/2026-12/31/2026</u>	<u>Item Number/Description</u>	<u>1/1/2027-12/31/2027</u>
Item #14 - Veg Waste Disposal-15000 cubic yards @\$16.52 c/y	\$247,800.00	Item #15 - Veg Waste Disposal 15,000 cubic yards @ \$12.94 c/y	\$259,650.00
Item #20 – Leaves-10,000 cubic yards @ \$8.76 c/y	\$87,600.00	Item #21 – Leaves - 10,000 cubic yards @ \$9.16 c/y	\$91,600.00
Total Contract Price:	\$335,400.00		\$351,250.00

Hence the total amount of the contract for three years will be A+B = \$1,113,690.00 for the term of three years (1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025)

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent concurs with the Public Works Director that it is in the best interest of the City to award the contract as prescribed above, which allows the City to operate vegetative waste removal service without interruption, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.*, the Municipal Council wishes to award the above contract to RER Supply LLC located at 4 South Corporate Drive Riverdale, NJ 07547, in accordance with the bid specifications and proposal as submitted and made part hereof; 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 is authorized to RER Supply LLC for the providing of vegetative waste disposal for a contract period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.
2. The Total cost of the Three-Year Contract with the Options Requested will be \$1,113,690.00 plus the options set forth above exercisable in the future sole discretion of the City.
3. The option for Brush Logs and Stumps to be chipped on site by RER Supply as needed, at a cost of \$6490 per day, shall be encumbered via purchase order at time of such service requirement.
4. Funding for the above options under this Contract shall be available in Account # 01-203-32-465-502 Solid Waste Removal and is Subject to Future Budget Approvals.

R060-23 Resolution Awarding Contract to Sole Bidder for the Collection of Solid Waste, Collection of Bulk Waste, and the Collection of Vegetative Material Services

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO SOLE BIDDER
FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE, COLLECTION OF BULK WASTE, AND
THE COLLECTION OF VEGETATIVE MATERIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2022 the Purchasing Agent received bids for the Collection of Solid Waste, Collection of Bulk Waste, and Collection of Vegetative Material Services; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was submitted from Suburban Disposal; and

WHEREAS, at the January 17, 2023 Council Meeting, the governing body wishes to approve the contract for the Collection of Solid Waste, Collection of Bulk Waste, and the Collection of Vegetative Waste Services be awarded to the sole bidder Suburban Disposal, 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey as follows:

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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TWO (2) TIMES PER WEEK, BULK WASTE ONE (1) TIME PER WEEK AND VEGETATIVE MATERIAL COLLECTION, ONE (1) TIME PER WEEK – 2 SECTIONS FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND TEN (10) MONTHS WITH TWO(2)ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS

	Collection of All Residential and Commercial Solid Waste For (2) Two years and (10) ten months with two One year Renewal options
Year 1 (10 months)	6,809,000.00
Year 2	8,426,000.00
Year 3	8,994,000.00
Combined Total 3 Years	24,229,000.00
Renewal Option Year 1(Year 4)	9,581,000.00
Renewal Option Year 1(Year 5)	10,444,000.00
Combined Total Four Years- Ten Months	44,254,000.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract for the collection of solid waste, collection of bulk waste, and the collection of vegetative material services for a period of two years and ten months, commencing March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 with two (2) one (1) year renewal options to be exercised at the City’s discretion, is hereby awarded to the low bidder, Suburban Disposal of 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07006 as outlined above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Clifton, upon approval by the Law Department; and

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

\$6,809,000.00 (2023)	01-201-32-465-502
\$8,426,000.00 (2024)	01-201-32-465-502 - Subject to adoption of the 2024 budget
\$8,994,000.00 (2025)	01-201-32-465-502 - Subject to adoption of the 2025 budget
\$9,581,000.00 (2026)	01-201-32-465-502 Option Year 1
\$10,444,000.00 (2027)	01-201-32-465-502 Option Year 2

R061-23 Resolution of Council Liaison Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS
TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Council Members are appointed as Council Liaison representatives to the following Boards and Committees on the City of Clifton Organizational listing for a term ending December 31, 2023:

Board/Committee	Liaison
Planning Board	Ray Grabowski
	William Gibson
ACTION Clifton	Lauren Murphy
	William Gibson
	Joe Kolodziej
	Alt. Ray Grabowski

Advisory Beautification Committee	Ray Grabowski
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
Affordable Housing Agency	Mary Sadrakula
Board of Health	Ray Grabowski
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
Board of Recreation	Lauren Murphy
	Alt. William Gibson
Bureau of Insurance/Health Benefits Committee	Ray Grabowski
	Joe Kolodziej
	Lauren Murphy
Christmas Spirit Committee	Joe Kolodziej
	Rosemary Pino
Civil Rights Committee	Rosemary Pino
	William Gibson
	Tony Latona
Clean Communities Committee	Rosemary Pino
	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Joe Kolodziej
Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Committee	Joe Kolodziej
	Ray Grabowski
Clifton CA-TV Committee	Joe Kolodziej
	Alt. Tony Latona
Clifton Veterans' Committee	Tony Latona
	Joe Kolodziej
	William Gibson
Code Enforcement Committee	Rosemary Pino
	William Gibson
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula
Committee on City Manager Matters	Lauren Murphy
	Ray Grabowski
	Joe Kolodziej
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula
Committee on Economic Development	Ray Grabowski
	Mary Sadrakula
	Lauren Murphy
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
Committee for Grants/Revenues/Facilitations with Legislators	Tony Latona
	William Gibson
	Rosemary Pino
	Alt. Lauren Murphy
Committee on Police Matters	Ray Grabowski
	Lauren Murphy
	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Joe Kolodziej
Disabilities Committee	Tony Latona
	Alt. Ray Grabowski
Downtown Clifton Economic Development Group	Joe Kolodziej
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
DPW Committee	Tony Latona
	Joe Kolodziej

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	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Ray Grabowski
Finance/Bond Advisory Board	Lauren Murphy
	Joe Kolodziej
	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Ray Grabowski
Fire Review Committee	Ray Grabowski
	Lauren Murphy
	Rosemary Pino
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula
Friends of Morris Canal	William Gibson
	Alt. Lauren Murphy
Hazardous Materials Control Board	William Gibson
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula
Historic Botany Village SID Board of Directors	Lauren Murphy
	Alt. William Gibson
Historical Commission	William Gibson
	Alt. Lauren Murphy
Joint Board - Council Alliance Committee	Lauren Murphy
	Mary Sadrakula
	Rosemary Pino
	Alt. Tony Latona
Office of Emergency Management	William Gibson
Picnic Committee	Tony Latona
	William Gibson
	Rosemary Pino
Real Estate Committee	Tony Latona
	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
Recycling Committee	William Gibson
	Tony Latona
	Alt. Ray Grabowski
Revolving Loan Fund Committee	Ray Grabowski
	Tony Latona
	Mary Sadrakula
Safety Town Committee	Rosemary Pino
	Joe Kolodziej
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	Tony Latona
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula
Sewer Committee	Mary Sadrakula
	Tony Latona
	Alt. Lauren Murphy
Traffic Safety Council	William Gibson
	Alt. Rosemary Pino
Tree Committee	William Gibson
	Rosemary Pino
	Mary Sadrakula
	Alt. Ray Grabowski
Towing Sub Committee	Tony Latona
	William Gibson
	Mary Sadrakula

	Alt. Lauren Murphy
Youth Week Committee	Ray Grabowski
	Rosemary Pino
	Alt. Tony Latona
Zoning Ordinance Review Committee	Tony Latona
	William Gibson
	Rosemary Pino
	Alt. Mary Sadrakula

R062-23 Resolution to Approve Applying for DCA Grant for Hird Park

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLYING FOR DCA GRANT FOR HIRD PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$134,400.00 to carry out a project to upgrade park features at Hird Park, including the development of a walking path, rain garden, and sculptures that will promote local artistry and storytelling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 1) that the City of Clifton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and, 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Clifton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor, Raymond Grabowski, City Manager, Dominick Villano, and Clerk, Nancy Ferrigno, are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

R063-23 Resolution for Reappointment to the Traffic Safety Council

RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CLIFTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a reappointment form from the secretary of the Clifton Traffic Safety Council recommending reappointment of the following members:

Larry Waxman
 Izzy Friedman
 Shaindy Silberberg

WHEREAS, said members' terms expired on December 31, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above-mentioned members of the Clifton Traffic Safety Council be and are hereby re-appointed for a three-year term, commencing on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

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R064-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Billiards License - Clifton Billiards

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Billiard Room License Renewal from Clifton Billiards, 1158 Main Avenue in the City of Clifton; and

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

WHEREAS, all inspections have been completed by the Zoning, 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 Billiard Room License to Clifton Billiards be and is hereby granted.

R065-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Games of Skill Operator Licenses

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GAMES OF SKILL OPERATOR LICENSE RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of Games of Skill Operator License Renewals from various businesses in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Games of Skill Operator Licenses to the businesses below be and are hereby granted:

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| The Rock Bar & Grill | 414 Main Avenue |
| Italian American Club | 282 Parker Avenue |
| Pub 46 | 1081 Route 46 East |
| The Grande Saloon | 940 Van Houten Avenue |

R066-23 Resolution Authorizing Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker License Renewal - Clifton Jewelers

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSIENT MERCHANT AND PAWNBROKER SHOP LICENSE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a Transient Merchant and Pawnbroker Shop License Renewal from Clifton Jewelers, 852 Route 3, Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of Transient Merchants and Pawnbrokers License for Clifton Jewelers, be and is hereby granted.

R067-23 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of New & Used Car Lot License - B&M Auto Mall

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 B&M Auto Mall, 543 Hazel Street, in the City of Clifton; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for the renewal of a New and Used Car Lot License to B&M Auto Mall of Clifton be and is hereby granted.

R068-23 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles - January, 2023 Auction

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES JANUARY, 2023 AUCTION

WHEREAS, the following motor vehicles have been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, it is required that the sale of same be approved by the Governing Body of the Municipality

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following motor vehicles be authorized for sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. : 14 - 157, N.J.S.A. 39 : 10A-1 AND N.J.S.A. 40A : 11 - 36 subject to the minimum bid of \$10.00 plus starting bid price as per market value.

**ANTHONY'S TOWING
793 VAN HOUTEN AVE
973-778-7554**

2005 MERCEDES-BENZ C240
2011 COT 6X1

WDBRF 81J35 F6630 75
4YMUL 1010B V0168 72

**E.C.R.B.
65 CLIFTON BLVD
973-773-2929**

2012 SUBARU LEGACY
2009 SUBARU OUTBACK
2011 VOLKSWAGEN ROUTAN
2016 HONDA CB3
2010 HONDA CIVIC

4S3BM BG69C 30206 56
4S4BP 61C69 63273 63
2V4RW 3DG9B R6708 23
MLHNC 5215G 52001 38
2HGFA 1F5XA H5374 25

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**NICOLETTE TOWING
618 LEXINGTON AVE
973-253-0025**

2006 MERCEDES-BENZ 350 SERIES
2012 FORD FUSION

WDBUF 87J66 X1805 02
3FAHP 0JA9C R2156 04

**TELEP MOTORS
574 VAN HOUTEN AVE
973-779-0283**

2008 CHRYSLER TW COUNTRY
2011 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER

2A8HR 54P78 R7587 64
WDYPE 8CCXB 55513 90

R069-23 Executive Session

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it essential in the furtherance of the public interest, to discuss, in closed session, as expressly permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the following subject(s), to wit:

CON-1 MSU License Agreement Negotiations

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 January 17, 2023 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

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

LICENSES

L-1 Master Pizza

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of RD Smart, LLC t/a Master Pizza, 1326 Main Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011 for a Caterer – continued use, for a period ending December 31, 2023, is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-2 Kanoon Restaurant

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Kanoon Restaurant Corp. t/a Kanoon Restaurant, 349 Hazel St., Clifton, NJ 07011 for a Restaurant – continued use, for a period ending December 31, 2024, is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-3 Allwood Liquor

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Akki Wine and Liquor, Inc. t/a Allwood Liquor, 60 Market St., Clifton, NJ 07012 for a Grocery – continued use, for a period ending December 31,

2024, is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

L-4 Hunan Wok

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR: Hunan Wok 168 Corporation
T/A: Hunan Wok
ADDRESS: 859C Clifton Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013
TYPE OF FOR ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED: Restaurant – Continued Use
FORMERLY OR NEW: Hunan Wok
ZONE: B-C
PERMITTED: Yes
VARIANCE REQUIRED: No

L-5 Revive Body Nutrition

FOR: Revive Body Nutrition, LLC
T/A: Revive Body Nutrition
ADDRESS: 9 Sheridan Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOR ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED: Restaurant – New
FORMERLY OR NEW: Office
ZONE: M-2
PERMITTED: Yes
VARIANCE REQUIRED: No

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno
City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor