

**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 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.

8:05 P.M. CALL OF ROLL

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

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the Municipal Council for the year 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:

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| Councilman Gibson | (BG) | |
| Councilman Kolodziej | (JK) | |
| Councilman Latona | (AL) | |
| Councilwoman Murphy | (LM) | Arrived at 9:15 |
| 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

Nancy Ferrigno – City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

2023 Municipal Budget

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

Steve Goldberg, 124 Charles Street, spoke about an increase he received in his sewer fee.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and failed on roll call to close the public hearing and pass Resolutions R297 and R298.

R297 Resolution - Amendment to the 2023 Municipal Budget

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2023 was approved on the 16th day of May, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2023 be made:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
11. Appropriations for Sewer Utility		
Operating		
Salaries & Wages	\$952,600	\$903,600
Other Expenses	\$494,400	\$543,400

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2023 local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, approved by the City Council on the 20th day of June, 2023.

(3-4-0-0) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Murphy and Mayor Grabowski voted aye; Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Motion failed.

R298 Resolution – Adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2023 City of Clifton Municipal Budget was introduced at the May 7, 2023, Meeting of the Mayor and City Council (R234-23); and,

WHEREAS, the 2023 Municipal Budget was advertised for a Public Hearing and Adoption at the June 20, 2023, Meeting of the Mayor and City Council in the June 2, 2023, edition of The Herald News; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the adoption of the Municipal Budget was held on June 16, 2023, as advertised, for the 2023 Municipal Budget, which includes the Sewer Utility Budget; and,

WHEREAS, an Amending Resolution (R297-23) to the 2023 Municipal Budget was also introduced and approved at the June 20, 2023 Meeting of the Mayor and City Council and did not need to be advertised; and,

WHEREAS, the User-Friendly Budget Document, as required by the State of New Jersey (NJSA 40A:4-10), was submitted to the State of New Jersey with the Introduced Budget and will again was submitted for the Adopted 2023 Municipal Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton that the following statements of Revenue and Appropriations attached hereto constitutes the local Budget of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, for the Year 2023, as adopted by the Mayor and City Council, by no less than a majority of the full membership of the City Council (4).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Certified Copies of the 2023 Municipal Budget be files through the State of New Jersey’s F.A.S.T. portal for the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, and one certified copy to the Passaic County Tax Office.

(3-4-0-0) Councilman Kolodziej, Councilwoman Murphy and Mayor Grabowski voted aye; Councilman Gibson, Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula voted nay. Motion failed.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Pino to amend the Budget to add one point to the Budget to change the FMBA salary guide. With no second, the Motion failed.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to schedule an additional budget meeting.

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

PRESENTATION

Keith Oakley Proclamation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Kolodziej, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2023.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- C-1 Christopher Peltyszyn / Dept of Health - starting as Keyboarding Clerk 1 effective 06/01/2023 at \$32,500.00 annually.
- C-2 Samantha Sanabria Clifton Police - starting as Keyboarding Clerk I effective 06/01/2023 at \$30,500.00 annually.
- C-3 Colin Newbury Clifton Police - starting as Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee effective 06/01/2023 at \$31,837.38 annually.
- C-4 Elris Johnson Dept. of Public Works - starting as Part Time Laborer effective 06/01/2023 at \$15/hr.
- C-5 Nicholas Miller Dept of Public Works - Laborer 1 has advanced from temporary to permanent status effective 06/01/2023 at \$31,200.00 annually.

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C-6 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center of April 24, 2023
- C-7 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of June 7, 2023
- C-8 Minutes of Historical Commission of May 4, 2023
- C-9 Minutes of Advisory Board of Health of May 9, 2023
- C-10 Minutes of Environmental Commission of May 10, 2023
- C-11 Minutes of Traffic Safety Council of June 15, 2023

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7829-23

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7829-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7829-23.

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.

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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 Kolodziej, 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 7 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

C. Adoption of Ordinance 7830-23

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7830-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7830-23

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.

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 Kolodziej, 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" (Deletes 3 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

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

E. Adoption of Ordinance 7831-23

F. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7831-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7831-23

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, 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 Latona, seconded by 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 Number)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7832-23

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

An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 99 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Salaries and Compensation, More Particularly Article II Thereof, Entitled "Nonuniformed Officials and Employees", Section 99-2, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Fixed" (Creates Title of & Compensation for Lead Poisoning Inspector)

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 Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and that the City Clerk be authorized to publish said ordinance together with statutory notice as required by law.

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7833-23

Upon a Motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Pino, Ordinance 7833-23 was tabled.

An Ordinance to Vacate Portions of West First Street and West Second Street in the City of Clifton

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

FLOOR TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Suzanne Sia, 58 Elmwood Dr., spoke about quality of life issues such as speeding, traffic and noise from loud parties.

Steve Goldberg, 124 Charles St., discussed an increase in wildlife in open areas due to overdevelopment. He remarked that the City should be held accountable for protecting wildlife whose habitat has been disturbed. Mr. Goldberg spoke out against anti-Semitism.

Chris D'Amato, 81 Merrill Rd., challenged the person who is responsible for the anti-Semitic graffiti to come forward. He asked that all Council members be transparent and stop putting on shows, grandstanding and fishing for votes. He thanked Keith Oakley for his many years of service to the City. Mr. D'Amato spoke highly about the Tank Pull, Pride Flag Raising and the CASA Program.

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

Loriann Desimone, 12 Donna Drive, spoke about the delay in the Oak Ridge Park improvements. She remarked that all parks should be inclusive of the handicapped. Ms. Desimone stated that she did not get noticed on recent sidewalk work being done in her neighborhood.

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Faith Webb, 23 Strangeway Terr., announced that Mt. Prospect park has no recycling container. She spoke about accessibility of all parks for the handicapped. Ms. Webb remarked on the Council's inability to pass a budget in a timely manner.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., thanked Council for deciding to start a Museum Committee. He asked how the Clifton Arts Center was formed. He remarked that he asked to discuss a museum many weeks ago and wondered what took so long for the item to be put on the agenda.

Michelle Guadet, 28 Bergen Ave., asked what the timeline is to begin implementing and enforcing approved Ordinance 7828-23 prohibiting parking in the area of Clifton Ave. and Fleisher Place. She remarked on the need to repaint crosswalks and add pedestrian signs.

Brijesh Shah, 20 Louis Dr., spoke about a violation he received due to a tree roots, from a City-owned tree, lifting his sidewalk. He expressed his disappointment that the City makes the homeowner responsible for repairing the sidewalk.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., thanked City Manager, Dominick Villano, for the picnic tables placed in Dunney Park. He asked when garbage cans and curb your dog signs will be placed in the park. Mr. Ciervo announced that the brass plaque that was in the park was stolen. He stated that since the decision was made not to place a dog park in Weinbrock Field, then one should be placed in Lowry field because there is already water pipes running through the field. Mr. Ciervo presented a petition he acquired with 48 signatures in favor of a dog park.

Henry Cholewczynski, Phyllis Place, remarked on the budget, garbage, recycling, lowering waste tonnage and parking enforcement. He also discussed a sewer project being done in Latteri Park by the Department of Public Works.

Tejal Desai, 105 Speer Ave., thanked the Council for all the hours they are putting in working on the budget. She asked why layoffs of City employees is not being considered if certain individuals are not performing at an acceptable level.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej and passed on roll call to close the public session.

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

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

City Manager, Dominick Villano, stated that since the Council has yet to adopt a budget that he will begin looking at stopping overtime, employee layoffs, furloughs and putting any promotions on hold.

Mr. Villano replied to Suzanne Sia. He stated he would inform the Police Chief about the quality of life issues on Elmwood Drive.

Mr. Villano replied to Steve Goldberg. He stated he would check with the Division of Fish and Wildlife as to any action the City can take regarding the increase of wildlife in residential areas.

Mr. Villano remarked that a resolution will be adopted to support the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. He also stated that he wished the person who placed the bigoted graffiti on the Allwood overpass would come forward and he announced that the area is being watched closely.

Mr. Villano responded to Ms. Desimone and mentioned that he would call her and discuss the delays with the Oakridge Park improvement project and look into why she was not notified regarding recent sidewalk work in her neighborhood.

Mr. Villano replied to Faith Webb. He commented that there were recycling bins in Mt. Prospect park and he will have them replaced.

Mr. Villano mentioned that the City's goal is to have all parks ADA compatible.

Mr. Villano replied to Gary Perino. He announced that Council has elected to have a Museum Committee formed and that he would look into how the Clifton Arts Center was formed.

Mr. Villano replied to Mr. Brijesh Shah. He explained the City Ordinance regarding trees, sidewalks and the responsibility of the homeowner. He stated that the choice of trees that are being planted now, do not have roots that will uproot sidewalks.

Mr. Villano replied to Bart Ciervo. He announced that the plaque that was stolen from Dunney Park will be replaced. He replied to Mr. Ciervo's petition regarding a dog park and stated the City sends the letters out to only property owners within 200 feet of the area where the dog park is being proposed.

Mr. Villano replied to Henry Cholewczynski. He remarked the recycling monitoring is currently in place and that adding parking enforcement has been presented to Council.

Mr. Villano replied to Tejal Desai. He stated that Civil Service requires a plan if the City is considering layoffs.

Mr. Villano replied to Michelle Guadet. He explained that the Ordinance to clear crosswalks and restrict parking will take approximately one month to begin enforcing. He announced that the City is working on replacing any faded signs.

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Councilwoman Sadrakula asked that a discussion item be put on the next agenda to talk about having telephone call in for the public at Council meetings. She asked that Administration draft a resolution supporting the IHRA. She announced that the Museum committee will need volunteers. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked for a list of any employees who are eligible to retire in the next five years. She asked for a report regarding uncut grass and the penalties issued. She spoke about a banner at Able Hardware that was required to be removed but pointed out that other businesses have banners that have not been asked to be removed. Councilwoman Sadrakula spoke about ADA accessibility in parks, layoffs and performance reviews, budget issues and the recent estimated tax bill.

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Gibson thanked everyone who sent cards and well wishes during his recent illness. He spoke about numerous resident complaints regarding quality of life issues due to loud parties.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 10:05 p.m.

He congratulated the 2023 Graduating Class. He announced that school will be closing soon and urged all residents to be mindful to children swimming, biking and playing. Councilman Gibson asked City Manager, Dominick Villano, if any employees are working from home. Mr. Villano responded that no employees are currently working from home.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 10:09 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Kolodziej announced that the Action Committee met. He voiced his concern regarding the condition of City parks and suggested the Council implement an Open Space tax to fund parks, museums and other amenities. He responded to Ms. Suzanne Sia regarding her noise complaints. Councilman Kolodziej stated that he made a Motion to add more police so these issues can be addressed but rather than passing the Motion, Council sent it to the Police Committee. He spoke about adding additional DPW employees to aid in repairing sidewalks that are uprooted by trees. Councilman Kolodziej announced that layoffs of City employees will result in reduced services and keeping taxes as low as possible has consequences. He spoke about how the appropriation cap is utilized, explained that lower trust fund reserves reduces the amount of interest revenue and also lowers the City's credit rating.

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Councilwoman Murphy left the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Councilman Kolodziej announced that taxes need to be raised to meet the City's long term budget goals. He spoke about the lack of votes to pass the Cap Bank Ordinance. Councilman Kolodziej questioned why Council members are insisting on RFP's for all professional services in search of the lowest quote, yet when the Council voted to hire Labor Counsel, it is costing the City 40K more than the current Labor Counsel.

Councilman Latona

Councilman Latona spoke about the Special Olympics program held at the Recreation Center. He congratulated the Class of 2023. Councilman Latona announced the upcoming City picnic and fireworks display and urged all residents to watch out for children now that schools are out. He discussed parking issues, quality of life complaints, graffiti, the open hiring for City Hall positions, recycling, checks and balances and the budget process.

Councilwoman Murphy

Councilwoman Murphy was absent

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Pino announced the Clifton Theater League will be putting on a production of "The Prom". She spoke about the recent anti-Semitism graffiti on Allwood Road and said she would have the issue addressed at the next Civil Rights Committee meeting. She wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day. She thanked Keith Oakley for his service to the City. Councilwoman Pino spoke about the recent Pride Flag raising event, School #4 fundraiser and the Special Olympics program held at the Recreation Center. She announced that her Facebook page is up and running and congratulated the Class of 2023.

Mayor Grabowski

Mayor Grabowski thanked Keith Oakley for his many years of service to the City. He spoke about the process of making Motions and enforcement of Ordinances. Mayor Grabowski discussed cutting overtime, services and layoffs due to the fact that no budget has been adopted. He asked the public to bring ideas on how to reduce the budget to the next budget meeting.

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPERATELY

R305-23 Resolution Approving and Accepting Revisions to By-Laws of Clifton Cable Advisory Television Committee

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona, and passed on roll call vote to table Resolution R305-23.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE CLIFTON CABLE ADVISORY TELEVISION COMMITTEE (REVISING PAGE 3, SECTION 8 ENTITLED OFFICERS)

WHEREAS, the By-laws of Clifton Cable Advisory Television Committee were previously approved by the Mayor and Municipal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee wishes to make a revision by changing thereto the month:

City of Clifton Cable Advisory Television Committee Bylaws

• • • Section 8. Officers

The Clifton CATV Committee shall elect from among their members officers which shall consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected at the last meeting of each year for a term of one year, starting in the month of January.

...

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby approve and accept the revised Bylaws of the Clifton Cable Advisory Television Committee and all other provisions of the above-entitled bylaws are not further amended and remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

(3-2-0-2) Councilman Latona, Councilwoman Pino and Councilwoman Sadrakula voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej and Mayor Anzaldi voted nay. Councilman Gibson and Councilwoman Murphy were absent.

R307-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Wiski II, LLC t/a Dingbatz

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Wiski II, LLC t/a Dingbatz, 620 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

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

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:

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

3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:

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

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

DJ music, or up to five-piece band

5. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

6. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not Applicable.

7. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

9. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

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

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private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.

- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a "teen night" for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

R308-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Ghost Hawk Brewing Company, LLC t/a Ghost Hawk Brewing Company

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR GHOST HAWK BREWING COMPANY, LLC T/A GHOST HAWK BREWING COMPANY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Ghost Hawk Brewing Company, LLC t/a Ghost Hawk Brewing Company of 321 River Road, #6, Clifton, New Jersey (BC Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

Three (3) nights per week: Sunday, Friday and Saturday
Sunday Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday Hours: 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The entertainment nights and hours are specifically subject to the Special Ruling of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control that took effect July 1, 2022, which limits brewery licensees holders to 25 on-site entertainment events per year. When conducting entertainment, the applicant shall provide the City Clerk with seven days advance notice of its intention to exercise one of its 25 annual on-site entertainment events. In the event that the Special Ruling shall be modified by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control during the term of this Resolution to permit more on-site entertainment events, the applicant shall be able to hold additional entertainment events consistent with this Resolution without appearing before the Municipal Council.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

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

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

DJ, 5-Piece Band, Karaoke or Stand-up Comedian

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

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5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

In-house security and private security company.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a "teen night" for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

R309-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Madin S. Bawwab, MRM Lebanese Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a/ Beirut Lebanese Cuisine at 1543 Main Avenue

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR MADIN S. BAWWAB,
MRM LEBANESE CUISINE, INC., D/B/A /BEIRUT LEBANESE CUISINE AT 1543 MAIN
AVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Madin S. Bawwab, MRM Lebanese Cuisine, Inc., d/b/a /Beirut Lebanese Cuisine, of 1543 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (B-C Zone), is approved, and entertainment is authorized for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, on the following terms and conditions:

1. NIGHTS - STANDARD ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

One (1) night per week:
Saturday
Hours: 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS/HOURS:

New Year's Eve

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

Two-piece band

4. TERM OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT:

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

5. SECURITY/PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Not applicable.

6. NOISE LEVELS:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

7. OUTSIDE DEBRIS CLEANUP:

In accordance with the Code of the City of Clifton.

8. REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS:

- A. An entertainment license is not required for private parties. A private party is defined as a gathering or celebration that is by invitation only and is not advertised or open to any members of the general public and in which no admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door. Any party or event that is advertised in any media, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, internet, radio or television shall not be considered a private party. Any party or event in which an admission fee is charged to guests, whether in advance or at the door, shall not be considered a private party.
- B. There will be no loud or offensive music, no go-go or exotic dancers; no dancing or other entertainment of a lewd, licentious or lascivious manner; no topless, bottomless or indecently exposed entertainers or service employees; no entertainers under eighteen (18) years of age.
- C. No establishment that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages shall advertise, promote or hold a “teen night” for individuals under the age of 18. When holding a private party in which individuals under the age of 21 are invited, no alcoholic beverages may be served to individuals under the age of 21.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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

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

R295-23 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the June 20, 2023, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE
Claims to be paid the meeting of JUNE 20, 2023
Meeting of June 20, 2023**

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

Current Fund	\$	3,924,789.33
Grant Fund	\$	490,701.17
General Capital Fund	\$	177,827.94
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$	51,277.27
Sewer Utility-Capital		
Developers Escrow	\$	2,214.00
Dog Trust	\$	2,711.25
Police Extra Duty	\$	87,457.50
Trust Other	\$	171,472.45
Section 8 Public Housing	\$	232,327.16
Community Development	\$	15,426.30
COAH		
Self Insurance	\$	1,571,700.52
Fire Dedicated Penalties		
Revolving Loan Fund	\$	7,120.00
Tax Title Lien Redemption		

Unemployment Trust Fund		
Library	\$	88,403.85
General Liability Trust	\$	117,643.33
Workers Compensation Trust	\$	16,495.96
Federal DOJ Forfeiture		
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$	6,957,568.03

R296-23 Reclassification of Payments

**CITY OF CLIFTON
RESOLUTION
RECLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to reclassify the following payments as follows:

CHECK#	DATE	PAYEE	AMT.	FROM	TO
20783 (partial)	12/07/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
20783 (partial)	12/07/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
20947 (partial)	12/21/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
20947 (partial)	12/21/2022	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
21271 (partial)	02/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
21271 (partial)	02/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
21271 (partial)	02/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
21271 (partial)	02/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$206.05	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-021
21271 (partial)	02/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
21482 (partial)	03/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
21482 (partial)	03/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$206.05	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-021
21482 (partial)	03/22/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
21679 (partial)	04/19/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
21679 (partial)	04/19/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$206.05	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-021
21679 (partial)	04/19/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023
21882 (partial)	05/17/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$82.42	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-018
21882 (partial)	05/17/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$206.05	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-021
21882 (partial)	05/17/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$247.26	01-201-31-440-270	02-213-40-702-023

R299-23 Resolution - Amending Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator and Pension Certifying Officer

**RESOLUTION AMENDING
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
AND PENSION CERTIFYING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton currently offers three (3) existing 457 Deferred Compensation Plans for our employees; and,

WHEREAS, employees are required to have a Plan Administrator sign off on all withdrawal, and / or transfers between or into said Plans; and,

WHEREAS, currently the Plan Administrators are both Joseph Kunz and Dee Bartlett for all Deferred Compensation Plans; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton is required to have a Pension Certifying Officer to Certify Pension applications, loans, and enrollments; and,

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer is currently the Certifying Officer for all the City of Clifton pension systems, and the Chief Financial Officer is the Certifying Officer Supervisor; and,

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer has given notice that she is leaving the City of Clifton; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs to formally add both a Plan Administrator and a Certifying Officer to keep both the Deferred Compensation Plans and Pension paperwork current,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that Edith Mayton be authorized to sign as Plan Administrator in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer for the three (3) Deferred Compensation Plans currently offered by the City of Clifton,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Edith Mayton be named the City of Clifton's pension Certifying Officer,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this become effective immediately to ensure a smooth transition between employees.

R300-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Office Supplies from W.B. Mason off the NJ State Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM
W.B. MASON OFF THE NJ STATE CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton has a need to purchase office supplies for its departments and divisions; and

WHEREAS, W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, was awarded Jersey State Contract No. A-00003 to provide discounted pricing off their office supplies catalog, which the City is permitted to use cooperatively; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been extended until May 6, 2024; 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 IF RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned purchases above from W.B. Mason Co Inc., 535 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, off the New Jersey State Contract No. A-00003, at a cost not to exceed \$125,000 from May 5, 2023 through May 6, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as-needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for each department and division usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

R301-23 Resolution Awarding Contract to Fairfield Maintenance, Inc. off of New Jersey State Contract for Maintenance and Repairs of Fuel Tanks and Equipment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO FAIRFIELD MAINTENANCE INC. OFF OF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF FUELTANKS AND EQUIPMENTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works of the City of Clifton has a need to do maintenance and repair of above ground fuel tanks and equipment at various locations in the City; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield Maintenance Inc., 414 Fairfield Road, Fairfield New Jersey, 07004, was awarded Jersey State Contract No. 42264 under T-0849 -Above Ground Fuel Tanks associated equipment installations and Tank Removal and Services; and

WHEREAS, the contract has been extended until August, 2023; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council do hereby approve and authorize the aforementioned services above from Fairfield Maintenance Inc., 414 Fairfield Road, Fairfield New Jersey, 07004, off the New Jersey State Contract No. 42264 under T-0849, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 from August 18, 2022 through August 28, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a properly executed purchase order, processed as-needed, shall be the instrument of fund encumbrance for each department and division usage, budgetary appropriations considered.

R302-23 Resolution Awarding Professional Engineering Design Services Contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program TAP-2020 Main Avenue Streetscape Project

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT TO GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE OF THE NJDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM TAP-2020 MAIN AVENUE STREETSCAPE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton requires professional engineering design services for the preliminary engineering phase of the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Tap-2020 Main Avenue Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer recommends that a contract be awarded to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

accordance with its submitted proposal, dated April 6, 2022, revised September 20, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$193,028.83; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposal and the recommendation of the City Engineer, the Municipal Council wishes to award a contract to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for the provision of said services, in the amount of not to exceed \$193,028.83; 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 not to exceed \$193,028.83 and the duration of the contract is until completion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a professional engineering design services contract for the preliminary engineering phase of the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Tap-2020 Main Avenue Streetscape Project is hereby awarded to **GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC.**, in accordance with its proposal dated April 6, 2022, revised September 20, 2022 in the amount of not to exceed \$193,028.83, 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; 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: Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. Lebanon, NJ
Services: Design services for the preliminary engineering phase
Project: NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Tap-2020 Main Avenue
Streetscape Project
Cost: Not to exceed \$193,028.83
Term: Until completion

R303-23 Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Keith Oakley for Service to the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO
KEITH OAKLEY FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

WHEREAS, Keith Oakley, a life-long resident of the City of Clifton, will be leaving the City after almost 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Keith was born on November 26, 1953 to his parents Lewis and Mary Oakley and has two sisters (Barbara Evans and Cindy Weber) and a brother (Wayne Oakley). Keith is the proud father of Kara, Maryfrances, Mathew and Emilie and has four granddaughters and is the husband of the love of his life, Michele; and

WHEREAS, Keith has been involved in City functions and organizations throughout his tenure with the City; and

WHEREAS, Keith has been a member of the Clifton Veterans Committee for 30 years; he co-founded the Clifton Veterans Avenue of Flags; he has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton for 62 years; he is a past president and now holds the position of Club Historian; he was a court volunteer in the Juvenile Court System for 30 years; he has been a member of the Clifton Elks Lodge #1569 for 30 years and is a past Exalted Ruler and is now an honorary member that serves as a Trustee and State Inner Guard; he has given much time to the NJEDDA (North Jersey

Elks Developmental Disabilities Agency); he is also a member of the Sons of American Legion and serves as commander for both Squadron 8 and the County;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, New Jersey, on behalf of the City and all its citizens, do hereby formally and officially extend to

KEITH OAKLEY

their sincere thanks and appreciation for his contribution of time and talent to the good and welfare of the City of Clifton through his years of dedicated service to the **CITY OF CLIFTON**; and

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

R304-23 Resolution Proclaiming August 31, 2023 as Overdose Awareness Day

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 31, 2023
AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton recognizes the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton resolves to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim August 31, 2023 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Clifton.

R306-23 Resolution Approving and Accepting By-Laws of Clifton Advisory Beautification Committee

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING BY-LAWS OF CLIFTON ADVISORY
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby approve and accept the by-laws of the Clifton Advisory Beautification Committee.

R310-23 Resolution Authorizing Submission of Grant Application from the City of Clifton Health Department and the New Jersey Department of Health for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2024

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FROM
THE CITY OF CLIFTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC
HEALTH CAPACITY 2024**

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton wishes to apply through the Health Department, for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity 2024 Grant from the New Jersey Department of Health for a grant of \$406,046 for the funding period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the funding breakdown will be as follows:

- **\$30,008** in Outbreak Preparedness (OP) State funds to enable each non-LINCS Agency LOI LHD to strengthen outbreak preparedness/response capacity by reimbursing eligible COVID-19 and other infectious disease-related expenses not covered by any other funding source.

- **\$183,822** in Local Health Outreach Coordinator (LHOC) funds for each non-LINCS Agency LOI LHD to continue to employ at least one (1) full-time Local Health Outreach Coordinator (LHOC) to assess, mitigate and respond to populations disproportionately affected by the social and health impacts of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

- **\$192,216** in Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist (IDPG) funds for each funded non-LINCS Agency LOI LHD to continue to employ at least one full-time Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist to assist with outreach to populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, POD planning, logistics, testing, contact tracing, and resolving laboratory reporting issues within the jurisdiction, and other activities related to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Municipal Council have reviewed the application and have approved said request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby authorizes the application for such a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Health Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute said application and any associated documentation on behalf of the City of Clifton.

R311-23 Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Participate in Electronic Tax Sale Process and Award Contract for Online Tax Sale Hosting to RealAuction.com

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE PROCESS AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR ONLINE TAX SALE HOSTING TO REAL AUCTION. COM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Government Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated new rules under N.J.A.C. 5:33-1. in which an electronic municipal tax lien sale shall be authorized by a resolution of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, the contracting requirement for electronic tax sales in New Jersey for amounts greater than \$6,600 requires the solicitation of at least two (2) quotations and may be awarded to the vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and,

WHEREAS, efforts were made to obtain multiple quotes and the following two quotes were received for the online tax sale hosting proposal:

1. Real Auction – Price per Certificate Advertised \$15.00 (900 Est) \$ 13,500
2. Max Spann - No-online solution.

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Joseph D. Kunz has advised that an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating an environment for a more complete tax sale process; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein be authorized to participate in the electronic tax sale programs; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton that the Tax Collector is authorized to participate in the electronic tax sale process and that a contract for the online tax sale hosting be, and hereby is, awarded to RealAuction.com in accordance with their proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector, Elaine Erlewein shall, and hereby is, authorized to take the necessary actions to participate in the electronic tax sale program.

R312-23 Resolution Approving Access Agreement, Filming Protocols and Film Permit Fee Between the City of Clifton and Objective Media Group Limited

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCESS AGREEMENT, FILMING PROTOCOLS AND FILM PERMIT FEE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON AND OBJECTIVE MEDIA GROUP LIMITED

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department was approached by Objective Media Group Limited, trading as Purple Productions (“Objective Media Group”) of 210 Broadway, Salford, Manchester, UK, M50 2UE to participate in a television show titled “Motorway Cops” to air on the Paramount+ network; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Police Department wishes to participate in the production in order to serve as an example of professional law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clifton Legal Department has reviewed and approved an Access Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, and Filming Protocols, attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Objective Media Group shall pay a \$1,500 compliance service fee to the City of Clifton Police Department and a \$500 film permit fee; 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 Access Agreement and Filming Protocols are hereby authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council accepts the \$500 film permit fee as payment in full for the permit in accordance with Clifton Code Chapter 317-5(G); and

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

R313-23 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Cancellation of Mortgages Between City of Clifton and Marilyn Norton; Anna Toops; and Savas G. Floris (Clifton Home Improvement Program)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE BETWEEN CITY OF CLIFTON AND MARILYN NORTON; ANNA TOOPS; and SAVAS G. FLORIS (CLIFTON HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Marilyn Norton, a mortgage in the amount of \$1,400.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 7 Stanley Street, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 23.06, Lot 8); and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2016, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Anna Toops, a mortgage in the amount of \$9,600.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 72 Maple Hill Road, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 38.07, Lot 26); and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2017, in conjunction with a CHIP grant to Savas G. Floris, a mortgage in the amount of \$7,250.00 was given by the City of Clifton for property situated at 56 Linwood Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Block 78.04, Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, the Program Director of the Clifton Home Improvement Program has advised that the aforesaid mortgages have expired;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute Cancellation of Mortgage in a form satisfactory to the Law Department.

R314-23 Resolution Rescinding Resolution R286-23 and Approving the Year 49 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the Use of CDBG Funds

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION R286-23 AND APPROVING THE YEAR 49 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive Federal funds available through the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive funding, the preparation of a One Year Action Plan Yr. 49- FY 2023 is required, in compliance with 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 576 and 968; and

WHEREAS, the five-year Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024, approved by Resolution R-257-20 dated 7/21/2020 established goals for the use of the federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant Program and identified how the City will meet the requirements of these programs in the administration of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified it will receive \$1,208,668 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires grant agreements, assurances and certifications to be executed prior to issuing a grant award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, in the State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, as follows:

1. That the City Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development, affordable housing and emergency homeless activities with federal financial assistance including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

2 That the Annual Plan for the FY 2023 CDBG Program is hereby in all respects approved and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said Plans with the minutes of this meeting.

3. That the Mayor is authorized to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and also any supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in connection with the review of this Application.

R315-23 Resolution Authorizing Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles - January, 2023 Auction

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES JULY, 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

2008 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCP 367X8 A0421 02
2013 MAZDA 6 1YVHZ 8BH1D 5M123 30

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

2012 BUICK REGAL 2G4GR 5EK5C 91357 66

NICOLETTE TOWING 618 LEXINGTON AVE 973-253-0025

2019 KAWASAKI Z90 JKAZR 2A15K A0033 99

TELEP MOTORS 574 VAN HOUTEN AVE 973-779-0283

2005 NISSAN TITAN 1N6AA 06B75 N5387 76
1999 FORD F350 1FTSF 31L3X EA178 26
2018 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2GNAX JEV3J 63459 23
2008 ACURA TL 19UUA 76558 A0507 51
2009 CHEVROLET EXPRESS 1GCFG 15X79 11293 28

R316-23 Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Lien Properties and Bill Property Owners and Collect for Reimbursement of Expenditures Made by City of Clifton for Emergency Order Clean-Ups

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN PROPERTIES AND BILL PROPERTY OWNERS AND COLLECT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY CITY OF CLIFTON FOR EMERGENCY ORDER CLEAN-UPS

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

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

<u>Address</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>	<u>Administrative Fee</u>	<u>Total Lien</u>
62 Lake Avenue Blk 4.16, Lot 42	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 325.00
128 Long Hill Drive Blk 38.06, Lot 26	\$ 325.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 425.00
416 Hillside Avenue Blk 81.17, Lot 4	\$ 275.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 375.00
163 W. 1 st Street Blk 16.07, Lot 2	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
132 W. 1 st Street Blk 16.05, Lot 18	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00

13 Madeline Avenue Blk 9.18, Lot 18	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 275.00
20 Madison Avenue Blk 12.12, Lot 18	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
106 Speer Avenue Blk 43.03, Lot 22	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00
405-407 Clifton Blvd. Blk 29.10, Lot 6	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
648 Van Houten Avenue Blk 37.01, Lot 20	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
55 Harvey Road Blk 55.13, Lot 4	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
10 Lincoln Avenue Blk 18.12, Lot 14	\$ 375.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 475.00
166 Hazel Street Blk 16.13, Lot 13	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00
615 Clifton Avenue Blk 20.11, Lot 2	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00

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

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

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

R317-23 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Resignation and Confirmation of an Administrative Law Judge State of New Jersey Chief Municipal Prosecutor - City of Clifton - Daniel Brown

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RESIGNATION AND
CONFIRMATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR CITY OF CLIFTON - DANIEL BROWN**

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2023, Municipal Prosecutor, Daniel Brown, after years of dedicated service to the City of Clifton, officially resigned from his position of Chief Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Clifton effective June 16, 2023, in order to accept an appointment to the bench as an Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023 Daniel Brown commences his new position as an Administrative Law Judge for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career as Chief Municipal Prosecutor, Daniel Brown has always dispensed justice with mercy and compassion, while always displaying an attitude of professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, he has been a credit to both the Municipal Court and the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge his long-time 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

CHIEF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR DANIEL BROWN

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 new career; and

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

R294-23 Executive Session

**CITY OF CLIFTON
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 Resume for Chief Municipal City Prosecutor - Personnel Matter
- CON-2 Closed Session Caucus Regarding Labor Counsel Interviews
- CON-3 Legal Questions Regarding IBEW DPW Contract 2022-2025
- CON-4 Grullon v. Borough of Glen Ridge, et al - Civil Action No. 2:20-cv-20498-CCC-AME
- CON-5 Liguori's Delicatessen LLC t/a Agamies Delicatessen Caterer/Grocery/Milk – Continued Use Application
- CON-6 Late - Fraudulent Check

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 June 7, 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 Crepe Castle

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR: Crepe Castle, LLC
T/A: Crepe Castle
ADDRESS: 852 Route 3 West
TYPE OF FOR ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED: Restaurant – Continued Use
FORMERLY OR NEW: B&V Coffee
ZONE:
PERMITTED: Yes
VARIANCE REQUIRED: No

L-2 Sweet N Cake

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR: Sweet N Cake, LLC
T/A: Sweet N Cake
ADDRESS: 457 Clifton Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011
TYPE OF FOR ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED: Caterer – Continued Use
FORMERLY OR NEW: Sugamama Bakeshop
ZONE: BC
PERMITTED: Yes
VARIANCE REQUIRED: No

L-3 Happy Vegans

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Happy Vegan, LLC t/a Happy Vegans, 1279 Main Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011 for Restaurant – Continued Use, 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 Agamies Delicatessen

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Liguori’s Delicatessen, LLC t/a Agamies Delicatessen, 62 Market St., Clifton ,NJ 07012 for Caterer/Grocery/Milk – Continued Use, 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-5 Tiny Tots Play N’ Learn Academy

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Tiny Tots Play N’ Learn Academy, LLC t/a Tiny Tots Play N’ Learn Academy, 317-319 Lakeview Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011 for Restaurant – New, is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

Council returned to Executive Session.

Council Returned to Public Session.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Kolodziej to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno
City Clerk

Raymond Grabowski, Mayor