

**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 2, 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) |
| Councilwoman Pino | (RP) |
| Councilwoman Sadrakula | (MS) |
| Mayor Grabowski | (RG) |

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

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

Pastor Daisy Kirchofer – Crossroads Free Methodist

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, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 18 and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 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

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES

- C- 1 Minutes of Beautification Committee of July 10, 2023
- C- 2 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center of July 24, 2023
- C- 3 Minutes of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of June 28, 2023

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

- O- 7833-23 An Ordinance to Vacate Portions of West First Street and West Second Street in the City of Clifton

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O- 7835-23 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 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

O- 7836-23 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles & Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 2 Handicapped Spaces)

O- 7837-23 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)

A. Adoption of Ordinance 7833-23

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7833-23

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Pino, seconded by Councilman Gibson and passed on roll call vote to table Ordinance 7833-23.

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

(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 7834-23

D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7834-23

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7834-23.

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 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, More Particularly Section 439-18 Entitled "Loading Zones" (Adds Location at Third Street)

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

O- 7838-23 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-13 Thereof, Entitled "Parking Prohibited At All Times on Certain Streets" (Adds Portion of Passaic Avenue)

O- 7839-23 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise & 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 Restricted Handicapped Space)

O- 7840-23 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,

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Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Adds 4 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

O- 7841-23 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 439 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-38 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Deletes 1 Restricted Handicapped Space)

O- 7842-23 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)

O- 7843-23 An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 347 of the Code of the City of Clifton, Entitled "Parking of Truck Tractor, Trailers and Buses", More Particularly Section 347-4 Thereof, Entitled "Violations and Penalties" (Amends Penalties to Include Towing

A. Introduction of Ordinance 7835-23

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 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" (Adds 6 Restricted Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 2, 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.

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

B. Introduction of Ordinance 7836-23

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 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 & Traffic", More Particularly Section 439-37 Thereof, Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets" (Deletes 2 Handicapped Spaces)

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 2, 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.

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

C. Introduction of Ordinance 7837-23

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 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,

August 2, 2023

Entitled "Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences" (Amends Handicapped Parking Placard Number)

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the ordinance now pending be further considered for final passage after public hearing at the regular meeting of the Municipal Council to be held Wednesday, August 2, 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.

FLOOR TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and passed on roll call 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.

CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS

COUNCIL PRIVILEGE

Councilman Gibson

Councilman Kolodziej

Councilman Latona

Councilwoman Murphy

Councilwoman Pino

Councilwoman Sadrakula

Mayor Grabowski

RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPARATELY

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

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

R337-23 Resolution: Approve Claims List Resolution for the July 5, 2023, City Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE**

Claims to be paid the meeting of July 18, 2023

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

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| Current Fund | \$5,262,509.38 |
| Grant Fund | \$ 371,428.99 |
| General Capital Fund | \$ 505,891.63 |
| Sewer Utility -Operating | \$ 55,154.20 |
| Sewer Utility-Capital | |
| Developers Escrow | \$ 26,715.81 |
| Dog Trust | \$ 4,304.23 |
| Police Extra Duty | \$ 200,455.50 |
| Trust Other | \$ 108,317.57 |
| Section 8 Public Housing | \$ 235,264.58 |
| Community Development | \$ 5,878.86 |
| COAH | |
| Self Insurance | \$ 515,294.92 |
| Fire Dedicated Penalties | |
| Revolving Loan Fund | |
| Tax Title Lien Redemption | |
| Unemployment Trust Fund | \$ 855.19 |
| Library | \$ 230,599.73 |
| General Liability Trust | \$ 110,465.75 |
| Workers Compensation Trust | \$ 12,005.94 |
| Federal DOJ Forfeiture | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | \$7,645,142.28 |

R353-23 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 Rice Notice
- CON-3 Vacating Paper Streets - Potential Litigation (O7833-23)
- CON-4 Grullon v. Borough of Glen Ridge, et al - Civil Action No. 2:20-cv-20498-CCC-AME
- CON-5 Newark Branch, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), et als v. City of Clifton - USDC Docket #89-3238 AM
- CON-6 Estate of Lovato v. City of Clifton, et al - Litigation - Docket No. PAS-L-3006-20
- CON-7 Water Safety Training for First Responders
- CON-8 IBEW/DPW Contract

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 July 18, 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

RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

FOR GSPRO Pizzeria LLC
T/A San Remo Pizzeria & Restaurant
ADDRESS 1102 Main Ave Clifton, NJ 07011

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TYPE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INTENDED Restaurant- Continued Use
FORMERLY OR NEW San Remo Pizzeria
ZONE B-C

PERMITTED YES

VARIANCE REQUIRED NO

FINAL APPROVAL WILL BE ISSUED PENDING APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION.
FURTHER PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

(6-0-0-1) 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