

**CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

**8:12 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) Arrived at 9:30 p.m. Via Zoom
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilwoman Murphy	(LM) Arrived at 8:15 p.m. Via Zoom
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**

Father Oleksii – Holy Ascension

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing Community Development Amendment B-22-MC-34-0103

The Mayor opened the floor to the public.

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

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy and passed on roll call vote to suspend the regular order of business and go into Closed Session.

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

Councilman Gibson	(BG)
Councilman Kolodziej	(JK) Arrived at 9:30 p.m.
Councilman Latona	(AL)
Councilwoman Murphy	(LM) Via Zoom
Councilwoman Pino	(RP)
Councilwoman Sadrakula	(MS)
Mayor Grabowski	(RG)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to approve the Workshop Session, Executive Session, Regular Session Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

C-1 Adriana Alfaro has resigned with the Health Dept. as Social Worker Health Bilingual, effective 08/12/2023.

### **COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES**

C-2 Minutes of Clifton Planning Board of July 27, 2023  
C-3 Minutes of Beautification Committee of August 7, 2023  
C-4 Minutes of North Jersey District Water Supply Commission of July 26, 2023  
C-5 Minutes of Board of Adjustment of August 16, 2023  
C-6 Minutes of Clifton Arts Center of July 24, 2023

### **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

#### **A. Adoption of Ordinance 7845-23**

#### **B. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7845-23**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7845-23.

With no one wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilman Latona, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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 Gibson and carried by roll call vote.

**Ordinance for Adoption of the Floodplain Management Regulations of the City of Clifton - An Ordinance by the Mayor and Council Amending the Clifton City Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 239; to Adopt a New Chapter 239; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date**

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

### **C. Adoption of Ordinance 7846-23**

### **D. Public Hearing on Ordinance 7846-23**

Mayor Grabowski opened the floor to the public with regard to the Ordinance 7846-23.

Gary Perino, 491 Mt. Prospect Ave., asked for someone to define “nuisance”.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., stated the police do not want to issue summonses.

Dave Wyka, 101 Van Breeman Dr., suggested the City offer welcome packets to new residents.

With no one else wishing to be heard, a Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Pino 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 Sadrakula, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula and carried by roll call vote.

### **An Ordinance to Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 332 of the Code of the City of Clifton Entitled "Nuisances" to Add a Provision Regulating Unruly Social Gatherings**

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

## **FIRST READING ORDINANCES**

### **A. Introduction of Ordinance 7847-23**

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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 2 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 Tuesday, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

### **B. Introduction of Ordinance 7848-23**

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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 9 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 Tuesday, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

**C. Introduction of Ordinance 7849-23**

The entitled ordinance was introduced and read by the City Clerk, as first reading, which reading was by title, passed upon motion made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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 5 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 Tuesday, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

**D. Introduction of Ordinance 7850-23**

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 Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Sadrakula 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)**

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, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

**E. Introduction of Ordinance 7851-23**

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 Latona, seconded by Councilman Gibson 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 III Thereof, Entitled "Supervisory Officials and Employees", Section 99-10, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed" (Amends Salary of Supervisors of DPW & Fire Official Position)**

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, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

**F. Introduction of Ordinance 7852-23**

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 Latona, 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 II Thereof, Entitled "Nonuniformed Officials and Employees", Section 99-2, Entitled "Minimum and Maximum Salaries Fixed; Uniform Allowances (Creates Stipend for Assistant to Treasurer)**

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, September 19, 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 Latona, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilwoman Pino, Councilwoman Sadrakula and Mayor Grabowski voted aye. Councilman Kolodziej was absent.

**FLOOR TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Keith Bassford, 92 Mountain View Dr., expressed his displeasure for Councilwoman Pino alluding that he is a racist. He remarked that medical benefits for Council Members should be discontinued. He spoke about the character of people running for public office and stated that the use of electronic devices at the dais should be stopped.

Joe Saino, 102 Trenton Ave., campaigned for a seat on the Board of Education.

Gary Perino, 491 Mount Prospect Ave., thanked the Council for denying a request from the Montclair Country Club to have a fireworks show. He spoke about volunteers joining the Museum Committee, obtaining seedlings from the last surviving tree near the World Trade Center for the City's 911 Memorial garden. He thanked City Manager, Dominick Villano, for having safety signs posted near the schools and urged all residents to be cautious when driving near schools. Mr. Perino announced that the Townhouses recently approved on Valley Road were approved with no sidewalks in the plan.

Gerard Scorziello, 131 Pershing Rd., remarked that the fiscal affairs in the City look bleak. He expressed his displeasure in the way the Councilmembers behave at Council meetings. He stated that the City needs leaders, not politicians.

Cameron Hebron, 61 George Russell Way, campaigned for a seat on the Board of Education.

Alessia Eramo, 35 Merrill Rd., stated that erecting a firehouse on the Public Library complex on Piaget Ave. is not a good idea because it will involve the removal of many old trees. She suggested that a telephone call-in option should be established for people who cannot make it to the meetings.

Mickey Guadet, 28 Bergen Ave., thanked City Manager, Dominick Villano, for having the safety signs erected and crosswalks painted near the schools. She asked that the crossing guard at 43 Clifton Avenue, not be moved to another location. Ms. Guadet asked that a telephone call in option be established for residents who cannot make the meetings. She spoke about the sound system in City Hall chambers and announced a Food Drive and Tricky Tray being hosted by Saint Peter's Haven.

Bart Ciervo, 306 Delawanna Ave., spoke about speeding on Delawanna Ave, the need for the City Manager to listen to residents, adding a dog park and cleaning up the baseball fields, roads and sidewalks. He asked what was going on with a business on Delawanna Ave. that has never opened and why the trash collectors are picking up garbage for private schools. He asked Councilwoman Pino if all residents are welcome at the Latino Carnival and stated that she is being very disrespectful when she is texting during a Council meeting.

Henry Cholewczynski, 37 Phyllis Pl., spoke about an explosion that happened in the City a number of years ago where several Firefighters and Police officers experienced hearing loss and the issues they faced getting the approval to cover the loss from Workman's Compensation. He explained that building a firehouse on the corner of Piaget and Main Avenues would not work because getting the fire trucks out of the garage on that corner would be extremely difficult. Mr. Cholewczynski discussed issuing summonses for quality of life issues and enforcing recycling infractions.

Samantha Bassford, 92 Mountainview Dr., stated that she keeps hearing the same complaints week after week from residents and that she is embarrassed to be a part of the City with all the inter-fighting and bad behavior from members of the Council at the meetings.

Joann MacBeth, 11 Wheeler St., asked for help with a traffic safety issue at Martin Ave. and Broadway and a sinkhole near Main Avenue. She expressed that she felt the members of the Council were doing their best to help the residents of the City.

Donna Popowich, 57 Dalewood Rd., stated that the last Council meeting was an embarrassment with all the yelling and arguing. She presented a "vote of no confidence" to the Council from members of a social media group. Ms. Popowich remarked that the residents of the City deserve respect and to be listened to. She stated that City projects are done piece meal and the Council has no collective priorities.

Joe Nikischer, 68 Evergreen Ave., Bloomfield, NJ expressed his displeasure for being bashed on social media regarding a carnival he ran as a fundraiser. He said people were accusing him of taking the proceeds for himself and that he ran the carnival without insurance. Mr. Nikischer assured the public that all proceeds go to local charities. He volunteered to help rewrite the existing carnival ordinance.

Judy Bassford, 92 Mountainview Dr., thanked everyone who attended CASA's Overdose Awareness vigil. She discussed regulating smoke and vape shops who are opening near schools.

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.

Councilwoman Murphy left the meeting (via Zoom) at 9:32 p.m.

### **CITY MANAGER PRIVILEGE/RESPONSE TO RESIDENTS**

Mickey Guadet - Mr. Villano stated he would not be moving the crossing guard from 43 Clifton Ave.

Bart Ciervo,- Mr. Villano remarked that the same questions asked by Mr. Ciervo are answered at every Council meeting.

## **COUNCIL PRIVILEGE**

### **Councilwoman Murphy**

Councilwoman Murphy was absent.

### **Councilwoman Pino**

Councilwoman Pino questioned what progress was made for the new firehouse. City Manager, Dominick Villano, explained that a feasibility report was done. She spoke about metered parking and offering parking permits for business owners on Main Avenue. Councilwoman Pino responded to public speaker, Keith Bassford, who felt that since part time City employees do not receive medical benefits, then members of the Council should not receive medical benefits. Councilwoman Pino responded that being a Councilmember is a full-time job and she advocated for all part-time employees to receive medical benefits. She announced the upcoming Town Hall meeting to discuss parking problems in the area of Pershing Road near the Mosque, the Latino Leaders Carnival and that a number of area attorneys have offered to translate CHIP applications for residents pro bono.

### **Councilwoman Sadrakula**

Councilwoman Sadrakula discussed quality of life issues, establishing telephone call-in for the public at Council meetings and enforcing recycling rules. She spoke about the need to educate recycling haulers on what to accept when collecting recycling. Councilwoman Sadrakula also remarked on enforcing sidewalk ordinances, instituting City employee evaluations and parking around houses of worship. She asked that a Zoning Commission meeting be called. Councilwoman Sadrakula announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 to address the parking issues around the area of the Mosque on Pershing Road. She agreed that obtaining seedlings from the last surviving tree from the World Trade Center would be good. Councilwoman Sadrakula asked about the cost of the feasibility study and suggested that a question be put up to the voters on where to place the firehouse. She remarked on the use of Robert's Rules of Order and updating the City's Carnival Ordinance.

Councilwoman Sadrakula left the dais at 9:54 p.m.

### **Councilman Gibson**

Councilman Gibson spoke about the recent Overdose Awareness Vigil held at City Hall. He stated that all City Ordinances must be enforced equally for everyone. He announced that the Council is looking at every dime that is being spent.

Councilwoman Sadrakula returned to the dais at 9:58 p.m.

Councilman Gibson wished all students and staff good luck in the new school year. He remarked that the location of a new firehouse needs to have other options investigated and he spoke about police response.

### **Councilman Kolodziej**

Councilman Kolodziej announced that due to the excessive heat all Clifton schools will be having early dismissal for the remainder of the week.

Councilman Kolodziej entered the meeting in person at 10:03 p.m.

### **Councilman Latona**

Councilman Latona announced local events and holidays.

He expressed good wishes to all for a successful school year and urged all residents to use caution with the expected extra traffic around the schools. Councilman Latona asked that a discussion regarding Robert's Rules of Order be put on the next Council agenda. He announced the upcoming Town Meeting to discuss parking issues around Pershing Road in the area of the Mosque. He remarked on Council approving contract amounts, medical benefits for part time employees,

changes and checks and balances. He apologized to the public for the behavior of the City Council at the last Council meeting.

**Mayor Grabowski**

Mayor Grabowski spoke about stepping up enforcement for quality of life issues. He remarked on recycling and the importance of separating it from regular trash. He asked that all residents clean up after themselves and respect their neighbors.

**RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON SEPARATELY**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona and passed on roll call vote to table Resolutions R421-23, R422-23, R423-23, R424-23 and R425-23.

R421-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and St. Peter's Haven as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 49 Funding for Period August 1, 2023 Through July 31, 2024, Contract Number B-23-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND ST. PETER'S HAVEN AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 49 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023 THRU JULY 31, 2024, CONTRACT NUMBER B-23-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and St. Peter's Haven, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2024, contract number B-23-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$18,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 49.

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R422-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Botany Village Special Improvement District as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 49 Funding for Period August 1, 2023 Through July 31, 2024, Contract Number B-23-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND BOTANY VILLAGE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 49 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024, CONTRACT NUMBER B-23-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Botany Village Special Improvement District, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, contract number B-23-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 49



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R423-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, NJ, Inc. as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 48 Funding for Period August 1, 2023 Thru July 31, 2024, Contract Number B-23-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CLIFTON, N.J., INC. AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 48 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023 THRU JULY 31, 2024, CONTRACT NUMBER B-23-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, N.J., Inc., as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2024, contract number B-23-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$55,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 49

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R424-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and DIAL (Disabled Information, Awareness and Living) as Grant Sub-Recipient of CDBG Award for Year 49 Funding for Period August 1, 2023 Through July 31, 2024 Contract Number B-23-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND D.I.A.L (DISABLED INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND LIVING) AS GRANT SUB-RECIPIENT OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 49 FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023 THRU JULY 31, 2024, CONTRACT NUMBER B-23-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and D.I.A.L. (Disabled Information, Awareness and Living), as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for the period August 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2024, contract number B-23-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$28,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the account to be charged for this contract is: Community Development Block Grant Yr. 49.

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R425-23 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Family Literacy Program at Clifton Public School #17 of CDBG Award for Year 49 Funding for Period August 1, 2023 Thru July 31, 2024, Contract Number B-23-MC-34-0103

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLIFTON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (CDBG) AND FAMILY LITERACY  
PROGRAM AT CLIFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL #17 OF CDBG AWARD FOR YEAR 49  
FUNDING FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023 THRU JULY 31, 2024, CONTRACT  
NUMBER B-23-MC-34-0103**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agreement between the City of Clifton Community Development Office (CDBG) and Family Literacy Program at Clifton Public School #17, as a sub-recipient of a CDBG funding grant, conditioned upon performance of certain services and satisfaction of conditions in connection with Community Development for the City of Clifton for Year 48 funding for the period August 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2024, contract number B-23-MC-34-0103, for a grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, in the form as approved by the Law Department, be and the same is hereby approved by the Municipal Council, and the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City of Clifton;

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

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

R420-23 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Program Budget - Amendment B-22-MC-34-0103 (Transfer of CDBG Funds From: Yr. 48 St. Peter's Homeless Street Outreach Yr. 48 to Yr. 48 Literacy Program \$8,000 transfer 9-5-2023

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET – AMENDMENT B-22-MC-34-0103  
(TRANSFER OF CDBG FUNDS FROM: Year 48 ST. PETERS HOMELESS STREET  
OUTREACH YR. 48 TO YR. 48 Literacy Program \$8,000 Transfer 9-5-2023)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton is an entitlement community under the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton was awarded a contract by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as proposed in budget applications for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton now finds a need to amend the budget to reflect changing needs in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton hereby approve the said amendment as reflected on the attached schedule, and authorizes the City Manager to execute any approvals required by the local HUD office.

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

R393-23 Resolution – Claims List

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE**

Claims to be paid the meeting of September 5, 2023

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

**RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE**

**Claims to be paid the meeting of SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
Meeting of September 5, 2023**

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

Current Fund	\$53,500,478.66
Grant Fund	\$ 621,724.43
General Capital Fund	\$10,525,581.89
Sewer Utility -Operating	\$ 4,116,752.82
Sewer Utility-Capital	\$ 3,161.00
Developers Escrow	\$ 61,899.42
Dog Trust	\$ 10,169.55
Police Extra Duty	\$ 149,205.50
Trust Other	\$ 455,414.27
Section 8 Public Housing	\$ 240,328.38
Community Development COAH	\$ 30,230.80
Self Insurance	\$ 1,047,619.64
Fire Dedicated Penalties	
Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 2,670.00
Tax Title Lien Redemption	
Unemployment Trust Fund	
Library	\$ 241,902.78
General Liability Trust	\$ 20,080.99
Workers Compensation Trust	\$ 67,077.09
Federal DOJ Forfeiture	
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$71,094,297.22</b>

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R394-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$1,000 Stigma Free Wellness Fair

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$1,000.00 from the County of Passaic, Department of Human Services and wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include these amounts as revenue,

September 5, 2023

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$1,000.00,

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated

With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

2023 Stigma Free Wellness Fair - \$1,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$1,000.00  
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

2023 Stigma Free Wellness Fair - \$1,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R395-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$697,521 Local Public Health Infrastructure

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received notice of an award of \$697,521.00 from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) for continuing the Enhancing

Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant, Year 2, (extending to 06/30/2024) and wishes to correct the 2023 Municipal Budget to include the correct amount as revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the correction and /or insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$697,521.00

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:  
Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Year 2 - \$697,521.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$697,521.00 be and the same is hereby correctly appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

- (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Year 2 - \$697,521.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R396-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$10,000 Stormwater Assistance

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$25,000.00 grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for a 2023 Stormwater Assistance Grant, and the City only placed \$15,000 into the 2023 Municipal Budget, and now wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include the difference as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$10,000.00

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant (2023) - \$10,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$10,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

- (a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

NJDEP Stormwater Assistance Grant (2023) - \$10,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R397-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$8,544.16 Youth Leadership

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$8,544.16 from the County of Passaic for the Clifton Against Substance Abuse (C.A.S.A.) Youth Leadership, September 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025, and wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include these amounts as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$8,544.16

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:  
State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Clifton Against Substance Abuse Grant Youth Leadership (9/1/2023) - \$8,544.16

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$8,544.16 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Clifton Against Substance Abuse Grant Youth Leadership (9/1/2023) - \$8,544.16

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R398-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$17,311.87 Municipal Alliance (CASA)

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received \$17,311.87 from the County of Passaic for the Clifton Against Substance Abuse (C.A.S.A.), July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, and wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include these amounts as revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$17,311.87

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Clifton Against Substance Abuse Grant (7/1/2023) - \$17,311.87

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$17,311.87  
be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Clifton Against Substance Abuse Grant (7/1/2023) - \$17,311.87

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R399-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$4,327.97 Municipal Alliance City Match

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY BUDGET  
CHANGE IN TITLE OR TEXT OF AN APPROPRIATION  
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE CITY MATCH**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the governing body of any county or municipality, make such correction of the title, text, or amount of any appropriation appearing in

the budget as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such county of municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-85, the Governing Body of the City of Clifton, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following corrections in the Budget Year 2023:

That the appropriation provided for in the approved budget entitled:

Operations Outside "CAPS" -

Grant Match – Miscellaneous Expense be decreased by \$4,327.97

And an appropriation in the like amount of \$4,327.97 be added to the budget entitled:

Operations Outside "CAPS" -

Municipal Alliance City Match (7/1/2023) - \$4,327.97

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the foregoing correction, in the opinion of the Governing Body, warranted and authorized by the statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the City for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

The City provided for the possibility of receiving added grants after adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget by providing a line item "Grant Match". The amount of grant and related match requirement now becoming know after the passage of the Municipal Budget. In order to accept the Municipal Alliance Grant, legal provisions for the required match must be made. The City received our Municipal Alliance funding for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The grant received from the County of Passaic requires a 25% City Match. This Resolution is requesting permission for transfer funds from the generic Grant Match Budget Line to the Specific City Match for the Municipal Alliance (CASA) Grant. This above correction will provide for the said legal provision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be properly forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R400-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$15,000 Spotted Lanternfly Program

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received notice of an award of \$15,000.00 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Agriculture, for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Reimbursement Program and wishes to correct the 2023 Municipal Budget to include the correct amount as revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the correction and /or insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$15,000.00

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Reimbursement 2023 Program - \$15,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$15,000.00 be and the same is hereby correctly appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) Reimbursement 2023 Program - \$15,000.00



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R401-23 Resolution - Chapter 159 Resolution to Amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to Include Grant - \$45,000 Additional Funding Title IIIB ARP Funding

**CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION  
AMENDING THE 2023 CITY BUDGET FOR  
ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has received notice of an increased award of \$45,000.00 from the County of Passaic, ARP Support Services – Title III B and wishes to amend the 2023 Municipal Budget to include the correct amount as revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the correction and /or insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$45,000.00

Which is now available as a revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated  
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the  
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues Off-set with  
Appropriations:

Office of Aging Program – ARP Support Services - Title III B from the  
County of Passaic - \$45,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$45,000.00 be and the same is hereby correctly appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(a) Operations Excluded from CAPS  
State and Federal Programs Off-set by  
Revenues:

Office of Aging Program – ARP Support Services - Title III B from the  
County of Passaic - \$45,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City forwards a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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R402-23 Resolution - Emergency Appropriation 2023 Sewer Utility Budget

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION  
RESOLUTION  
CLIFTON SEWER UTILITY**

**WHEREAS**, a Budgetary Emergency has arisen with respect to the Sewer Utility Operating Expense Budget for Sewer Line Jetting has caused the operating expenses to be fully expended

and not enough of an adequate provision was made in the 2023 Budget for the aforesaid purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of emergency appropriation created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$150,000 and three (3%) percent of the total operations in the budget for the year is \$390,243.00,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, by no less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring (5 Yes) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-48 that:

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made for in the amount of \$150,000.00
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2024 Sewer Utility Budget
3. That the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the expenditures to be financed through this resolution are related to the aforementioned emergency
4. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services within three (3) days of approval
5. That one certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City Auditor

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R403-23 Resolution Authorizing and Awarding Contract for On-Call Emergency Sewer Jetting Services for Department of Public Works for the City of Clifton

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR  
ON-CALL EMERGENCY SEWER JETTING SERVICES AND RE-BID SEEKING MULTIPLE  
VENDORS ON ROTATING BASIS  
FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON**

**WHEREAS**, on April 04, 2023, via resolution R192-23, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton authorized bids to be solicited for “On-Call Emergency Sewer Jetting Services for the City of Clifton” based on and,

**WHEREAS**, two bids were received on August 15, 2023, from National Water Main Cleaning Company and AAA Advanced Plumbing & Drain Cleaning; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon attorney review of the submitted documents, National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032-4314, was deemed the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and,

**WHEREAS**, the DPW director has requested that the City Council authorize the 2023 Contract for On-Call Emergency Sewer Jetting Services, for a total not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00 for the term on September 1,2023 and end on August 31,2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the City was to award this contract to multiple vendors on the rotating basis and by obtaining only one responsive Bid does not resolve the intent, I hereby seek permission to award the contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company and rebid the Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the contract for the On-Call Emergency Sewer Jetting Services be and is hereby approved and authorized to National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032-4314 in accordance with the bid received on August 15, 2023, for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00 per year. Term of contract shall commence on September 1, 2023, and end on August 31, 2025. The City of Clifton may renew said contract for two years with one-year extension in accordance with the bid received on August 15,2023

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R404-23 Resolution Authorizing Final Payment Repairs to Fire Station No. 1 - T&A  
Carpentry and Home Restorations

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT  
REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION NO. 1  
T&A CARPENTRY AND HOME RESTORATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, T&A CARPENTRY AND HOME RESTORATIONS of Clifton,  
New Jersey, did complete REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION NO. 1 project in and for the City of  
Clifton for the total amount of \$383,967.20

And previous payments on account of said total have been paid in the amount of. \$376,363.00

Leaving this FINAL PAYMENT of ..... \$ 7,604.20

**WHEREAS**, said work was authorized by contract duly awarded at a regular meeting of the  
Governing Body of the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor has posted a Maintenance Bond, for a period of two years, in the  
amount of \$38,396.80; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has inspected the work done and has determined that said work  
has been properly done and completed, to the best of his knowledge, in accordance with the terms  
and provisions of the contract as amended, if amended, and hereby recommends that the said work  
be accepted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Clifton does hereby formally accept  
the work as shown as completed in this resolution and contract.

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is authorized  
and directed to include the said claim totaling \$7,604.20 on the claim list.

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

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE ROAD ROCK SALT FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON  
OFF OF NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A:40A:11-12a**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton, Department of Public Works has need to purchase Road Rock  
Salt; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State contract price at \$81.55 per ton for Rock Salt is lower than all  
other available cooperative contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works recommends authorization to procure Road Rock  
Salt at \$81.55 per ton, on an as-needed basis from Morton Salt located at 444 West Lake Street,  
Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract number 20-Fleet-  
01519, which expires June 20, 2024; and

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

Government Services approved cooperative purchasing program, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-  
12a; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Clifton to procure Road Rock Salt via the above  
New Jersey State contract at \$61.49 per ton, as other such cooperatives are higher in price per ton,  
including the Morris County Cooperative Contract, currently priced at \$92.89 per ton; 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 Purchasing Agent to procure goods as-needed from Morton Salt, 444 West Lake Street, Suite 3000, Chicago, Illinois 60606 via New Jersey State contract 20-Fleet-01519, in an estimated not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00, for the period of September 1, 2023, through to April 30, 2024 (the 2023-2024 Winter Season).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, funds shall be available from 15-286-56-004-000, Storm Recovery Trust Fund.

Budget adoption and subsequent year budgetary appropriations considered.

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R406-23 Resolution Awarding the Contract to ESO Solutions, Inc. for the City of Clifton EMS Software Services for the Fire Department

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO ESO SOLUTIONS INC. FOR CITY OF CLIFTON EMS SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton Fire Department has a need of basic proprietary EMS software and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton has a need to acquire such service as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5

**WHEREAS**, as a determination has been made as follows:

1. The known or estimated cost of the goods or service to be provided will exceed \$17,500.
2. Price quotes have been solicited and received from one service provider.
3. The anticipated term of this contract is for the calendar year 2024.
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), the maximum dollar value of this contract shall be \$18,031.59 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds; 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 exceed \$18,031.59, and the duration of the contract is from January 6, 2024 to January 5, 2025; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for rendering such software services by ESO Solutions Inc. 11500 Alterra Pkwy Ste 100 Austin TX 78759-3192 for fees of \$18,031.59 for year 2024.

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R407-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Heavy-Duty Automotive Truck Parts and Repair Services for Department of Public Works City of Clifton, as-Needed, off the Bergen County Co-Op Contract Purchasing Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2 et seq.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HEAVY-DUTY AUTOMOTIVE TRUCK PARTS AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY OF CLIFTON AS-NEEDED OFF THE BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT PURCHASING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has, and continues to have, a need to purchase Heavy Duty Automotive Parts and Services, which are available off of the Bergen County Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Association (11BCCP), the DLGS approved sister cooperative under Bergen County (CK04), from which a contract for Medical Supplies, BC-Bid-21-60, was awarded to multiple vendors, including the following: At Northern New Jersey, Beyer Bros Corp, Automotive Brakes, Cliffside Body Corporation, Hawthorne Chevrolet., Gabrielli Truck Sales, Hudson County Motors, P& A Parts, Samuels, United Ford and United Motor Parts and Parts Authority LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the above contract, BC-Bid-21-60, provides a list of contractors from which quotes for Automotive Parts and Accessories may be obtained, with all due diligence having been performed by Bergen County, for the term of November 3, 2021 through November 2, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, quotes for Automotive Parts and Accessories may be obtained by Departments, as needed, with a not to exceed amount of \$50,000 for the term of November 3, 2021 through November 2, 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 procurement of Medical Supplies, via the aforesaid Bergen County cooperative contract, and therefore delegates the power to make the same to the **Amisha 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 procurements as needed from the above-named awarded contractors off the Bergen County's NJCPA Cooperative Contract No. BC-Bid-21-60, through to November 3,2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the using departments shall be required to obtain written quotes from the list of awarded contractors, and that the City's use of this cooperative shall not exceed \$50,000 from date of award through to November 3,2023.

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R408-23 Resolution for Reappointment and Replacement of Members to the Hazardous Materials Control Board

**RESOLUTION FOR REAPPOINTMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTROL BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a re-appointment form from the secretary of the Hazardous Material Control Board recommending reappointment and replacement of the following members:

- Fire P/S – Michael Pressler
- Fire Alternate – Chief Frank Prezioso
- OEM – Jason Anzelmo
- Police – Samuel Arnowitz
- Police Alternate – Michael Davey

**WHEREAS**, said members' terms will expire on August 31, 2026;

September 5, 2023

**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 reappointment and replacements be and are hereby approved for a three-year term, commencing on September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2026.

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R409-23 Resolution Authorizing New Vending Machine License - Clifton Obgyn

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW VENDING MACHINE LICENSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey are in receipt of a New Vending Machine License from Clifton Obgyn, 1033 U.S. Highway 46, Clifton, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, all paperwork has been completed by the various applicants and all fees have been paid; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that approval for a new Vending Machine License to Clifton Obgyn be and is hereby granted.

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R410-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Serelem, Inc./Juan Melendres t/a J. Aldo's Bar & Pizzeria

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR SERELEM, INC./JUAN MELENDRES T/A J ALDO'S BAR & PIZZERIA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Serelem, Inc./Juan Melendres, t/a J Aldo's Bar & Pizzeria, of 40 Highland 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:**

Three (3) nights per week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
Hours: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:**

New Year's Eve

**3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:**

Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

DJ Music or Karaoke

**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 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.

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R411-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Athenia Veterans Post, Inc.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR ATHENIA VETERANS POST, INC.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of the Athenia Veterans Post, Inc., of 147 Huron Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (RB1 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:**

Two (2) nights per week: Tuesday and Thursday  
Tuesday: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

**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):**

Karaoke and Open Mic Night (Local Bands not to Exceed Four Instruments and One Singer at Any One Time)

**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.

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R412-23 Resolution Authorizing Entertainment License for Italian American Family Association t/a Italian American Family Association

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR ITALIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION T/A ITALIAN AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, that the application of Italian American Family Association t/a Italian American Family Association, of 280-282 Parker Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey (Zone PD-1), 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: Either Friday or Saturday  
Hours: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**2. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTS:**

New Year's Eve

**3. OPTIONAL ENTERTAINMENT HOURS:**

Hours: 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

DJ Music or 4-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 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.

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R413-23 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement – Keyboarding Clerk II – Michele Acocella

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –  
KEYBOARDING CLERK II  
MICHELE ACOCELLA**

**WHEREAS**, August 1, 2023, Keyboarding Clerk II, Michele Acocella, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed as Keyboarding Clerk 1 on February 24, 2015 and her retirement will conclude an eight career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure with the City of Clifton, Michele has always displayed an attitude of professionalism and dedication to duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Michele has been a credit to the City of Clifton during all this time, and this Governing Body wishes to acknowledge her 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

**KEYBOARDING CLERK II  
MICHELE ACOCELLA**

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

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

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R414-23 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Police Lieutenant - William J. Frank

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –  
POLICE LIEUTENANT – WILLIAM J. FRANK**

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2023, Police Lieutenant, William J. Frank, officially retired from his position with the Clifton Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed as a Police Sergeant on January 3, 1995, and his retirement will conclude a nearly twenty-eight-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he has been a credit to both the Police Department 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

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER  
WILLIAM J. FRANK**

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

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

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R415-23 Resolution of Congratulations Upon Retirement - Assistant Assessor - Elizabeth Gagnon

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS UPON RETIREMENT –  
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR – ELIZABETH GAGNON**

**WHEREAS**, June 1, 2023, Assistant Assessor, Elizabeth Gagnon, officially retired from her position with the City of Clifton, Assessor’s Department; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed as an Assistant Assessor on February 8, 1999 and her retirement will conclude a twenty-four-year career in service to the public and the City of Clifton; and

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

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

**ASSISTANT ASSESSOR  
ELIZABETH GAGNON**

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

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

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R416-23 Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation to Daron Vasquez - Historical Commission

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO DARON VASQUEZ FOR SERVICE ON THE CLIFTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**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

**DARON VASQUEZ**

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 on the **CLIFTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION**; and

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

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R417-23 Resolution of the City of Clifton Accepting Grant Funding (Year 2) from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) and Authorizing Entry into and Execution of a Grant Agreement

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLIFTON ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING (YEAR 2) FROM THE NJ ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) AND AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a grant in the amount of \$697,521 for the funding period October 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024 (Year 2) for Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure 2023-2024 from the NJ Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) is accepted and the entry into and execution of a grant agreement is authorized; and

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

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R418-23 Resolution Amending Resolution R376-23 Adopted by the Municipal Council on August 2, 2023 Authorizing the Cancellation and Refund of a Portion of the 2022 2nd Quarter Taxes, the 2022 3rd and 4th Quarters, and the 2023 1st and 2nd Quarter Taxes on Property Known as Block 43.16, Lot 6, 80 Wesley Street, Owned by a Disabled Veteran (Amends Resolution R376-23 to Include the 3rd Quarter 2023 Property Taxes)

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R376-23 ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON AUGUST 2, 2023 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF A PORTION OF THE 2022 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER TAXES, THE 2022 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERS, AND THE 2023 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER TAXES ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 43.16 LOT 6, 80 WESLEY STREET, OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN (AMENDS RESOLUTION R376-23 TO INCLUDE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023 PROPERTY TAXES)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has confirmed that Firman A. Masri is the owner of the property know as Block 43.16, Lot 6, 80 Wesley Street and has been declared 100% disabled by the US Department of Veteran Affairs as of May 2, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2023, the Council adopted R376-23 refunding a pro-rated portion of the 2022 second quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,319.52, canceling and refunding the 2022 third and fourth quarter tax payments in the amount of \$4,372.54, canceling and refunding the 2023 first and second quarter taxes in the amount of \$4,199.71 for a total refund of \$9,891.77; and canceling the remaining 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, while the application was pending Council approval, the 2023 third quarter tax payment in the amount of \$2,188.91 was made on the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of the application, wishes to amend R376-23 to include the 2023 third quarter tax payment on the subject property in the amount of \$2,188.91, bringing the total refund to \$12,079.88;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that R376-23 be hereby amended and that the Tax Collector and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed:

1. To refund the pro-rated portion of the 2022 second quarter tax payments in the amount of \$1,319.52, cancel and refund the 2022 third and fourth quarter tax payments in the amount of \$4,372.54, cancel and refund the 2023 first and second quarter taxes in the amount of \$4,199.71; cancel and refund the 2023 third quarter taxes in the amount of \$2,188.91 for a total refund of \$12,079.88; and:
2. To cancel the remaining 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter property taxes and:
3. To keep said subject property tax exempt for the totally disabled veteran for as long as he shall qualify for the exemption and for so long as the exemption is authorized by law based upon the facts and circumstances of this matter.

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R419-23 Resolution Authorizing the Clifton Public Housing Agency to Utilize the Small Area Fair Market Rent Rule and to Adjust the Payment Standards to 110 Percent of the Fair Market Rent for the Section 8 Voucher Program Beginning October 1, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLIFTON PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY TO UTILIZE THE SMALL AREA FAIR MARKET RENT RULE AND TO ADJUST THE PAYMENT STANDARDS TO 110 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET RENT FOR THE SECTION 8 VOUCHER PROGRAM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 1976, the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Clifton, pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (42 USC 1437 F), adopted a resolution establishing the Clifton Public Housing Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Public Housing Agency administers the Section 8 Voucher Program and the purpose of this Agency is to make available certain federal funds to aid the housing needs of certain low- and moderate-income citizens of the City of Clifton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Section 8 Voucher Program utilizes the published fair market rents by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair Market Rents are used as a guide to determine the level of HUD subsidy for various HUD programs such as the Housing Choice Voucher Program, however, the fair market rent is not in itself the standard used for determining rents. Each HUD rental assistance program is governed by its own set of statutes and regulations which determine how much rent HUD will pay; and

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**WHEREAS**, Federal Register Document 2016-27112 Filed on 11-15-16 and Final Rule Docket FR-5855-F-03 effective 1-17-17 has established a Small Area Fair Market Rent Rule entitled: Department of Housing Urban Development - Establishing a More Effective Fair Market Rent System; Using Small Area Fair Market Rents (SAFMR) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program Instead of the Current 50th Percentile FMRs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Public Housing Agency is adopting a payment standard schedule which will establish the Housing Choice Voucher payment standard amounts for each fair market rent area and unit size in its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clifton Public Housing Agency may establish the payment standard amount for a unit size at any level between 90 percent and 110 percent of the published Fair Market Rent for that unit size. The Clifton Public Housing Agency wishes to increase the payment standard to 110 percent of the published fair market rents; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) regulations, the payment standards should be periodically updated and changed to reflect the changes in the H.U.D. published fair market rents; and

**WHEREAS**, the following chart depicts the published Fiscal Year FY2023 Advisory Small Area FMR's for Passaic County defining Small Areas using Zip Codes within the metropolitan area and are effective as of October 1, 2023

ZIP Code	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bd
07011	\$1,330	\$1,590	\$1,840	\$2,280	\$2,870
07012	\$1,320	\$1,580	\$1,830	\$2,270	\$2,860
07013	\$1,270	\$1,520	\$1,760	\$2,190	\$2,750
07014	\$1,490	\$1,780	\$2,070	\$2,570	\$3,230
07015	\$1,220	\$1,460	\$1,690	\$2,100	\$2,640

**WHEREAS**, due to the rise in current rental costs for suitable living quarters in the City of Clifton and recognizing the need to encourage housing choice voucher holders the ability to secure safe, secure and decent housing; and

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R426-23 Resolution Authorizing the Award to and the Execution of Contract with Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP for Professional Planning Services for the City of Clifton Community Development Block Grant Program Yr. 47 from August 1, 2023 Through July 31, 2024 - Professional Planning and Administrative Services

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD TO AND THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH JILL A. HARTMANN, PP, AICP FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CLIFTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024 - PROFESSIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifton Community Development Department requires certain specialized administrative and professional planning services of an expert in connection with its operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to request for proposals, one proposal was received from the current planner, Jill A. Hartmann dated July 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, such services constitute "Professional Services" with the ambit of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and also based upon price and other factors considered, the Council wishes to award the contract to Jill A. Hartmann whose proposal is most advantageous to the City; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the value of the contract is not to exceed \$85,000.00 per annum and the duration of the contract is for one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby along with the determination of value;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the award of contract for professional planning and special administrative services for the for the Community Development Block Grant Program from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 hereby authorized to Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP, of Mahwah, NJ in accordance with the proposal dated July 10, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00 per annum and that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract and the required copies in the form as approved by the Clifton Law Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the required Certificate of Availability of Funds for the above contract has been obtained and is endorsed hereon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the original of this resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for the public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Clifton and that the City Clerk shall forward an executed copy of the said contract to the Clifton Community Development Department; 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

**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 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: Jill A. Hartmann, PP, AICP, Mahwah, NJ 07430  
Services: Consultant Planning Services for Community Development Block Grant Program  
Amount: Not to exceed \$85,000.00  
Term: August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024

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R427-23 Resolution Awarding Contract for Providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services to Mullin & Lonergan Associates - CDBG Yr. 49 (August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024)

**RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO  
MULLIN & LONERGAN ASSOCIATES - CDBG Yr. 49 (August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024)**

**WHEREAS**, the City's Professional Planner for the CDBG Program solicited proposals for providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to request for proposals, a proposal was received by and the City's Professional Planner for the CBDG Program recommends the award of a contract for said services to Mullin & Lonergan Associates of Pittsburg, PA, who provided the most advantageous quotation to the City, price and other factors considered; and

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**WHEREAS**, the contract is within the bidding threshold and therefor 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. 19:44-A-20.5*, and, therefore, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification has been received from the contractor and is incorporated into the contract awarded hereby, along with the Determination of Value; and

**WHEREAS**, the value of the contract is in accordance with the proposal dated July 3, 2023 not to exceed \$30,000.00; and the duration of the contract is until completion; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds available for the payment of the services per the certification of the availability of funds below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a contract for the providing Community Development Specialist Planning and Technical Services be and the same is hereby awarded to Mullin & Lonergan Associates of Pittsburg, PA, in accordance with their proposal at a total price not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Clifton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the original of the resolution and the contract above referred to be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk of the city of Clifton.

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R428-23        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>
229 Valley Road Blk 22.15, Lot 41	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00
329 Delawanna Avenue Blk 72.02, Lot 12	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
182 Maplewood Avenue Blk 22.11, Lot 21	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00
648 Van Houten Avenue Blk 37.01, Lot 20	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
180 Rowland Avenue Blk 49.07, Lot 26	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
10 Lincoln Avenue Blk 18.12, Lot 14	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00

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11 Emerson Street Blk 25.05, Lot 12	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 350.00
62 Lake Avenue Blk 4.16, Lot 42	\$ 275.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 375.00
24 North Court Blk 45.02, Lot 62	\$ 275.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 375.00
24 North Court Blk 45.02, Lot 62	\$ 225.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 325.00

**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.

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R429-23 Executive Session

**CITY OF CLIFTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 September 5, 2023 at which time, said subject(s) shall be discussed; and

- CON-1 NAACP Consent Decree - Legal Opinion
- CON-2 Litigation Update: Pending Grievance Arbitrations
- CON-3 Rice Notices and Executive Session - Legal Opinion
- CON-4 Vapor Business Ordinance - Legal Opinion - Potential Litigation
- CON-5 Legal Questions Regarding IBEW-DPW Contract 2022-2025 and Sewer Jetting Bids
- CON-6 Chief Municipal Prosecutor Position - Personnel Matter
- CON-7 Clifton Supervisors Association (CSA) - Contract Negotiations - 2023-2026
- CON-8 PBA, Local 36 - Contract Negotiations
- CON-9 Request for Creation of Chief Assistant Municipal Attorney Title - Personnel Matter
- CON-10 Estate of Lovato v. City of Clifton, et al - Litigation - Docket No. PAS-L-3006-20
- CON-11 IBEW Retiree Health Benefits Dispute 2021

**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 Somos Tu Peru Café, Llc**

**RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SOMOS TU PERU CAFÉ LLC  
T/A SOMOS TU PERU CAFÉ

for permission to conduct a:

CATERER/GROCERY/MILK- CONTINUED USE

for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:

117 LAKEVIEW AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011

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



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**L-2 We Bake Fresh, LLC**

**RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

For We Bake Fresh LLC  
T/A We Bake Fresh  
Address 851 Van Houten Ave Clifton, NJ 07013  
Type Of Food Establishment Intended Grocery/Bakery-Continued Use  
Formerly Or New Gourmet Desserts Outlet  
Zone Np-23-0147  
Permitted Yes  
Variance Required No  
Final Approval Will Be Issued Pending Approval Of This Resolution.  
Further Processing And Approval Of Various City Departments

**L-3 Sweet N Cake**

**RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE APPLICATION OF SWEET N CAKE LLC  
T/A SWEET N CAKE  
for permission to conduct a: CATERER-CONTINUED USE  
for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:  
457 CLIFTON AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of  
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

**L-4 Al-Aqsa Supermarket**

**RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE APPLICATION OF AL-AQSA SUPERMARKET LLC  
T/A AL-AQSA SUPERMARKET  
for permission to conduct a:  
CATERER/GROCERY/MILK-CONTIUNED  
USE  
for a period ending January 31, 2024 on the premises known as:  
1378 MAIN AVE CLIFTON, NJ 07011  
be and the same is hereby approved and licenses so issued in the compliance with the approval of  
the Board of Health, Fire Department, Police and Zoning Officer.

**L-5 Village Stationary**

**RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

For Smart Village Inc  
T/A Village Stationary  
Address 385 Valley Rd Clifton, NJ 07013  
Type Of Food Establishment Intended Grocery-Continued Use  
Formerly Or New Village Stationary  
Zone B-B  
Permitted Yes  
Variance Required No  
Final Approval Will Be Issued Pending Approval Of This Resolution.  
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**L-6 Nazarco**

**RESOLUTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

For Nazarco Inc.  
T/A Nazarco  
Address 85 Crooks Ave Clifton, NJ 07011  
Type Of Food Establishment Intended Grocery  
Formerly Or New  
Zone B-D  
Permitted Yes  
Variance Required No  
Final Approval Will Be Issued Pending Approval Of This Resolution.  
Further Processing And Approval Of Various City Departments.

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

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

Upon roll call, the following were noted present:

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sadrakula, seconded by Councilman Latona to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Ferrigno  
City Clerk

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Raymond Grabowski, Mayor