

11. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. No comments were made
- b. & c. Councilmember Shmuel asked is this final payment and what is the warrantee?
Ms. Alves-Viveiros said yes, she will check on the warrantee.

12. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

- a. and b. No comments were made

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilmember Shmuel seconded by Councilmember Patel and duly carried, the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of November 24, 2025 were accepted as submitted. Council President Harris abstained she was absent for that meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on November 24, 2025 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

O.2266-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, "TREES," BY AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 25-6.1 EXEMPTIONS, "EXEMPTIONS FROM TREE REPLACEMENT".

(The above Ordinance O.2266-2025 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #29)

Council President Harris declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2266-2025

Joel Bassoff, he is happy to see we are being more stringent.

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Poyner seconded by Councilmember Shmuel and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Poyner seconded by Councilmember Patel, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Patel, Poyner, Shmuel and Council President Harris

ABSENT – Councilmember Patil

O.2268-2025 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP. (BEING TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2025.)

On a motion made by Councilmember Poyner seconded by Councilmember Patel, the Ordinance was **TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2025.**

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Patel, Poyner, Shmuel and Council President Harris

ABSENT – Councilmember Patil

NEW BUSINESS
PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025.

O.2269-2025 ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH FAIRWAY COUNTRY CLUB URBAN RENEWAL LLC, CONCERNING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE PROPOSED BLOCK 412, LOT 5.04 (COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 INMAN AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through, December 3, 2025.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$10,226,676.75
Affordable Housing	0.00
Capital	496,714.41
Cash Performance	0.00
CDBG	26,547.01
Developers Escrow	0.00
Dog (Animal Control)	81.60
Federal Forfeited	17,886.75
Employee Tax	0.00
Grant Funds	306,282.04
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	0.00
Sanitation Fund	17,509.36
Self-Insurance	0.00
Sewer Utility	2,882,507.65
Street Opening	0.00
Tax Sale Redemption	59,489.46
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	0.00
Trust	49,534.28
Edison Water Utility	30,694.03
Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
TOTAL	\$14,113,923.34

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the above-referenced disbursements report is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION R.661-122025

Authorizing refund for redemption of tax sale certificates

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Donna Bobik, reports and advises that at various sales of land for delinquent taxes held by the Edison Township Collector of Taxes, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the attached listing of tax sale certificates were sold; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector further reports that the said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and further advises that the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to a refund of monies paid at the time of redemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling **\$46,115.23**.

RESOLUTION R.662-122025

Authorizing refund for tax overpayments

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Donna Bobik, reports and advises that on various properties located within the Township of Edison, overpayments of real estate taxes have been made due to erroneous or duplicate payments, and

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of the said overpayments, and the Tax Collector advises that the requesters are entitled to refunds as provided the attached listing; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing totaling **\$13,159.50**.

RESOLUTION R.663-122025

Authorizing Cancellation and Refund of Taxes for Exempted Disabled Veteran

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, the dwelling of a disabled veteran shall be exempt from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Attached listing includes veterans who have been determined to have suffered a 100% service-related disability, with the determination of said disability being retroactive to the indicated effective date; and their respective owned properties, identified with their block, lot and qualifier, were already billed for indicated tax year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, the governing body of a municipality may cancel by resolution taxes due on a property which would have been exempt had the claim been made at the time they were due; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, Township Code Section 5-7(d) also authorizes the return of property taxes for the current year and prior year but not greater than for a twenty-four (24) month period in the aggregate, or, should the Veteran's Administration determine that a veteran's disability date is greater than twenty-four (24) months from the date the applicant submits his/her application with the Tax Assessor's office, the Township will only be obligated to return taxes for a period of no greater than twenty-four (24) months from receipt of a completed application to the Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Township Code Section 5-7(d) the listed applicants are also due a refund of property taxes paid from the effective date of the determination; and the Tax Collector has reviewed the applications, approvals and taxes paid and recommends that the listed applicants are entitled to receive refund of paid taxes in the amount indicated on the attached list.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison that property taxes due and assessed as specified on the attached list be cancelled for the indicated quarters, tax years and amounts, and also refunded for the municipal property taxes already paid from the effective date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted disabled parties for the taxes already paid during the applicable exemption periods set forth and for the amount specified in the attached list totaling **\$ 5,664.54**.

RESOLUTION R.664-122025

**AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CAPITAL FUND IMPROVEMENT
AUTORIZATIONS APPROPRIATED BALANCES TOTALING \$10,261,436.32**

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Township of Edison conducted a review of all capital improvements authorizations; has hereby determined that certain appropriated funds provided for in the various capital improvement authorization ordinances listed below are no longer needed for the purposed referenced; and recommends to cancel the funded or unfunded balances of listed improvement authorizations, in the aggregate amount of **\$10,261,436.32**; and

Capital Improvement Authorization Ordinance #	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Bond/Note Funded Amount	Fully Funded Amount	Unfunded Amount	Amount to Be Cancelled
GENERAL \$275,538.09					
1907-2015	Acquisition of fire vehicles and equipment, finally adopted June 10, 2015.		349.31	0	349.31

Capital Improvement Authorization Ordinance #	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Bond/Note Funded Amount	Fully Funded Amount	Unfunded Amount	Amount to Be Cancelled
1914-2015	Various capital improvements, finally adopted September 21, 2015.	223,905.68		0	223,905.68
1961-2017	Feasibility study in connection with the construction of a parking deck on Amboy Avenue, finally adopted February 8, 2017.		49,400.00	0	49,400.00
1972-2017	Acquisition of a warehouse, finally adopted April 24, 2017.	1,883.10		0	1,883.10
WATER \$9,360,973.96					
2055-2019	Preliminary costs in connection with the acquisition and commencement of operations of the water utility, finally adopted November 13, 2019.	9,360,973.96		0	9,360,973.96
SEWER \$624,924.27					
709-93	Sewer utility improvements, finally adopted July 14, 1993.	0		15,870.17	15,870.17
1451-2005	Wastewater collection system improvements, finally adopted February 24, 2005.	0		8,015.00	8,015.00
1566-2007	Acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the sewer utility, finally adopted April 11, 2007.	\$4,591.66		\$300.00	4,891.66
1617-2008	Acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the sewer utility, finally adopted April 28, 2008.	20,419.33		2,800.00	23,219.33
1873-2014	Various sewer improvements, finally adopted July 23, 2014.	572,928.11		0	572,928.11
Total:		10,184,701.84	49,749.31	26,985.17	10,261,436.32

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balance may be returned to either the Capital Improvement Fund, Capital Fund Balance, and/or unused debt authorizations may be cancelled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that list of unexpended and dedicated balances of listed Capital Fund appropriations be cancelled; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Township Auditor and Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby authorized and direct to take any and all actions necessary to modify or amend any applicable supplemental debt statements and/or annual debt statement of the Township to reflect the cancellation of the Funded Amount and Fully Funded Amount set forth above pursuant to this resolution.

RESOLUTION R.665-122025

EXPLANATION: This resolution authorizes the release of certain hydrant metering deposits held by the Township submitted in connection with hydrant metering applications WHM-0003-2025.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex (the “**Township**”) is a public body corporate

and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, CRISDEL GROUP (the “**Applicant 0003**”) provided a \$5,000.00 deposit (the “**Deposit 0001**”) in connection with Hydrant Meter Application WHM-0003-2025 (the “**Application 0003**”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicants returned the meter equipment to the Township Water Department as required by the Applications and seek the return of the Deposits made in accordance with the Applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to return a portion of the Deposits to the Applicants, less the charges calculated in accordance with the Applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to issue **\$1,017.01** from Deposit 0001 to the Township Water Department for the payment of charges calculated in connection with Application 0003; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to return a portion of Deposit 0001 to Applicant 0003 in the amount of **\$3,982.99** and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to execute all necessary paperwork in the release a portion of Deposit 0001 to CRISDEL GROUP. (Applicant 0003) in the amount of \$3,982.99 and a portion of the Deposit 0001 to the Township Water Department in the amount of \$1,017.01 for the payment of charges calculated in connection with Application 0003.
3. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

RESOLUTION R.666-122025

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 authorizes the transfer of funds during the last two months of a fiscal year and during the first three months of the subsequent fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain calendar year **2025** appropriations as budgeted are insufficient to meet the needs for which those appropriations were originally established while certain other appropriations appear to have surplus balances not currently needed to pay claims for which they were budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the following details explain the accounts to which funds need to be transferred and the accounts from which funds will be transferred from to ensure that adequate appropriation balances exist where needed to pay approved claims against the Township;

TO

5-01-23-0220-000-020	EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,500,000.00
		\$ 2,500,000.00

FROM

5-01-22-0195-000-010	CODE ENFORCING SALARY & WAGES	\$ 350,000.00
5-01-25-0265-001-010	FIRE FIGHTING SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 640,000.00
5-01-25-0265-002-010	FIRE PREVENTION SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 140,000.00
5-01-26-0290-000-010	STREETS & ROADS SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 120,000.00
5-01-26-0310-000-010	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 100,000.00
5-01-26-0315-001-010	MUNICIPAL GARAGE SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 100,000.00
5-01-27-0330-006-010	ANIMAL CONTROL SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 250,000.00
5-01-28-0370-000-010	RECREATION SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 200,000.00
5-01-28-0375-000-010	PARKS & TREES SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 200,000.00
5-01-30-0421-000-020	RESERVE FOR TAX APPEALS Expense	\$ 300,000.00
5-01-43-0490-000-010	MUNICIPAL COURT SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 100,000.00

\$ 2,500,000.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the aforementioned **2025** budget transfers are approved and the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to make the required journal entries and adjustments to properly record the transfers to the accounting system.

RESOLUTION R.667-122025

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF A PROCUREMENT CARD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:5-16 permits the use of Procurement Cards (P-cards) by local units for specific circumstances to be used for certain payments, and

WHEREAS, the statute permits a municipality to adopt policies, as stated in Schedule A attached, that permit specifically named employees to use P-cards for the acquisition of goods and services under certain circumstances set forth in the statute, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Bank National Association, 308 Wingfoot Drive, Marvin, NC 28173 has been awarded the State of NJ contract to provide participants with the ability to purchase goods and services through the use of a Procurement Card (P-card) via NJ State Contract # 25-GNSV2-86532 / M4022 Commercial Card Services; and

WHEREAS, transactions must comply with provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the use of a P-card will not change or eliminate any provisions of that law, and

WHEREAS, internal controls that ensure compliance with the statutory authorization and the Local Finance Board’s rules will be in place, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Edison Council does hereby authorize the use of a Procurement Card in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator shall hereby be enabled to sign the Linking Authorization Contract with U.S. Bank National Association for Procurement Card Services.

RESOLUTION R.668-122025

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Ravindhra N.Sriramula, having an address at 23 Montclair Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820, for 23 Montclair Avenue, Account # TP220829RA, Subaccount# 68392738.

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022, Ravindhra N. Sriramulu, having an address at 23 Montclair Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$3,375.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP220829RA, subaccount # 68392738, to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit, on the property identified as 23 Montclair Avenue, Block 545.03, Lot 20.01;

WHEREAS, permit fees were paid for, but then it was discovered that the resident no longer needed to plant 45 trees and no longer required a tree maintenance bond in the amount of \$3,375.00. On May 25, 2023, a revision was made to Tree Permit # 22-275 requiring the resident to plant 23 trees, decreasing the tree maintenance bond amount to \$1,725.00.

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the trees planted have remained alive for the required two-year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of occupancy was issued on September 27, 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$1,725.00 be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,725.00 hereinabove mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$1,725.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP220829RA, subaccount# 68392738, to Ravindhra N. Sriramulu, for the referenced property at 23 Montclair Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820.

RESOLUTION R.669-122025

EXPLANATION: This resolution provides for refund to Akmal Bukhari Sajjad Syed Of 35 Clark Ave, Edison, NJ 08817

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2025 a check was submitted for a electric work at 35 Clark Ave in Edison for permit 2025-4252, total amount of \$282.00, check number 179 by Akmal Bukhari was submitted, Job was cancelled due to company going out of business

WHEREAS, the Township Construction Official recommends the refund of the municipal permit fee, on Construction Permit #2025-4252, in the amount of \$282.00, less \$7.00 DCA fee and 20% percent review fee, \$55.00 for a total refund in the amount of \$220.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$220.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to Akmal Bukhari Sajjad Syed of 35 Clark Ave, Edison, NJ 08817

RESOLUTION R.670-122025

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOWS, SPREADERS, HYDRAULICS AND CONTROLS

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase Snow Plows, Spreaders, Hydraulics and Controls for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System #2-SOCCP; and

WHEREAS, various vendors have been awarded Contracts #CC-0043-24 Snow Plows, Spreaders, Hydraulics and Controls and #CC-0043-24R and #CC-0043-24R2 Parts and Accessories for Snow Plows, Salt Spreaders and Hydraulics and Controls through this Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, the total not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00, cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order(s) and any other necessary documents in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, with various vendors, with the approved Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System vendor through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract as set forth above.

2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq.

RESOLUTION R.671-122025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS UNDER PUBLIC BID NO. 24-30-02: EDISON COURTS– PHASE II; AUTHORIZES A CLOSE-OUT CHANGE ORDER FOR FINAL AS-BUILT QUANTITIES; AND AUTHORIZES FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENT FOR RELEASE OF RETAINAGE AND CLOSE-OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison advertised for a construction contract for the Edison Courts – Phase II, Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey under Public Bid No. 24-30-02; and

WHEREAS, Shore Top Construction Corp. 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, NJ 07728 was awarded a construction contract through resolutions R.263-052024 and R.635-102024 in a contract amount not to exceed \$1,129,584.60 for the project; and

WHEREAS, upon tabulation and review of as-built construction quantities and necessary field changes during construction, it has been determined by the Township DPW Director that there is a net reduction of \$35,167.10 in the final construction costs resulting in a revised and final total construction contract amount of \$1,094,417.50, as detailed in the attached Close-out Change Order; and

WHEREAS, the Township DPW Director has reviewed the project and certifies the construction work has been completed, and therefore recommends project acceptance, release of the performance bond following receipt of a two-year maintenance bond; and that final payment, including retainage, be made to Shore Top Construction Corp., in an amount of \$210,434.96 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$1,094,417.50.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the project under Public Bid No. 24-30-12: Edison Courts – Phase II, is deemed accepted by the Township of Edison, and that the performance bond shall be released upon receipt of a fully executed Maintenance Bond, and that final payment, including retainage, shall be made to Shore Top Construction Corp., in an amount of \$210,434.96 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$1,094,417.50, and that the remaining contract balance of \$35,167.10 be deducted from the contract, be unencumbered after final payment is made, and said unexpended contract amount shall be restored to the appropriate Township account.

RESOLUTION R.672-122025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTED IMPROVEMENTS UNDER PUBLIC BID NO. 24-30-12: EDISON COURTS– PHASE III; AUTHORIZES A CLOSE-OUT CHANGE ORDER FOR FINAL AS-BUILT QUANTITIES; AND AUTHORIZES FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENT FOR RELEASE OF RETAINAGE AND CLOSE-OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison advertised for a construction contract for the Edison Courts – Phase III, Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey under Public Bid No. 24-30-12; and

WHEREAS, Halecon Inc. 136 Billion St. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 was awarded a construction contract through resolution R.737-122024 in a contract amount not to exceed \$1,083,471.00 for the project; and

WHEREAS, upon tabulation and review of as-built construction quantities and necessary field changes during construction, it has been determined by the Township DPW Director that there is a net reduction of \$75,393.17 in the final construction costs resulting in a revised and final total construction contract amount of \$1,008,077.83, as detailed in the attached Close-out Change Order; and

WHEREAS, the Township DPW Director has reviewed the project and certifies the construction work has been completed, and therefore recommends project acceptance, release of the performance bond following receipt of a two-year maintenance bond; and that final payment, including retainage, be made to Halecon Inc., in an amount of \$220,993.41 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$1,008,077.83.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the project under Public Bid No. 24-30-12: Edison Courts – Phase III, is deemed accepted by the Township of Edison, and that the performance bond shall be released upon receipt of a fully executed Maintenance Bond, and that final payment, including retainage, shall be made to Halecon Inc., in an amount of \$220,993.41 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$1,008,077.83, and that the remaining contract balance of \$75,393.17 be deducted from the contract, be unencumbered after final payment is made, and said unexpended contract amount shall be restored to the appropriate Township account.

RESOLUTION R.673-122025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER FOR ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED 2026 OR NEWER KENWORTH T480 REAR LOAD GARBAGE TRUCK

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, Department of Public Works, is in need of one (1) new and unused 2026 Kenworth T480 Rear Load Garbage Truck with options and will purchase them under this cooperative pricing system from Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ LLC (chassis), Sanitation Equipment Corp. (body), and Cliffside Body Corporation (accessories); and

WHEREAS, GABRIELLI KENWORTH OF NJ LLC, 2306 Route 130 North, Dayton, NJ 08810 has been awarded Contract # ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 Trucks under NJ state approved coop #65MCECCPS; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this purchase (chassis) shall not exceed \$169,983.80; and

WHEREAS, SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP., 80 Furler Street, Totowa, NJ 07512 has been awarded Contract # ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 Trucks under NJ state approved coop #65MCECCPS; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this purchase (body) shall not exceed \$154,096.71; and

WHEREAS, CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION, 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022 has been awarded Contract # ESCNJ 23/24-04 Class 4-8 Trucks under NJ state approved coop #65MCECCPS; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this purchase (accessories) shall not exceed \$28,868.97; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this purchase shall not exceed \$352,949.48; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

3. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$352,949.48 and any other necessary documents, with GABRIELLI KENWORTH OF NJ LLC, SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORP., and CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION, the approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey vendors through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Educational Services Commission of New Jersey cooperative pricing system contract as set forth above.
4. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$352,949.48** are available for the above as follows:

- **\$169,983.80** Account No. **C-10-25-2253-101-001 Acquisition of Vehicles, Trucks, & Equip [SR500675]**
- **\$154,096.71** Account No. **C-10-25-2253-101-001 Acquisition of Vehicles, Trucks, & Equip [SR500676]**
- **\$28,868.97** Account No. **C-10-25-2253-101-001 Acquisition of Vehicles, Trucks, & Equip [SR500674]**

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.674-122025

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing and approving the Person-to-Person transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption License held by Havana Central NJ1, LLC (INACTIVE) to TIG Social, LLC located at 100 Menlo Park, Suite FS15B.

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Township of Edison (“Township”) for a Person-to-Person transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License No. 1205-33-014-011 (“License”),Havana Central NJ1, LLC . (“Seller”) TIG Social, LLC (“Applicant”) to be located at 100 Menlo Park, Suite FS15B.

WHEREAS, the Applicant’s submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the License has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 13 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the License and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this transfer has been published in the Home News Tribune, a New Jersey publication, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, no legally valid objections have been received nor made as to why this transfer should not be granted to the Applicant.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-to-Person transfer of the License to the Applicant TIG Social, LLC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect December 12, 2025.

(New license # 1205-33-014-012)

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WHEREAS, St. James Episcopal Church has requested a waiver of any and all permit and/or application fees for the replacement of their hot water heater at 2131 Woodbridge Avenue.

WHEREAS, under the building code, St. James Episcopal Church as a non-profit tax exempt organization, is entitled to a waiver of fees due to the Township of Edison, except the DCA fee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison feels that it would be appropriate to waive any applicable fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Edison, that it does hereby waive any application fees and/or permit fees except the DCA fee, due to the Township of Edison as a result of the application being submitted by St. James Episcopal Church.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Patel, Poyner, Shmuel and Council President Harris

ABSENT: Councilmember Patil

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Harris opened the meeting for public comment.

Joel Bassoff, O.2268-2025 made a suggestion the mayor salary be removed from the ordinance. He added it's not a good look, approving a 32% for a mayor right after an election. What has changed about the Office of Mayor to justify this massive increase after previous increase. It if is truly about the office and not for the person, then the issue of a salary increase would have been put on the agenda before the election so that whoever might be elected to that office would get the increase. That's how the state does it for the Governor. The Governor salary is \$175,000 to run the entire state and that will be going up for the next governor to \$210,000. Governor Murphy did not give himself a raise, the legislature authorized a raise for whoever might be elected to that office because it is not to pertain to the person but the office. He would like to know how anyone can justify the office of the Mayor of Edison calls for a salary that is almost as much as the office of Governor of New Jersey. Maybe you should wait until before the next election otherwise this looks like a money grab and looks like the council are puppets. Please consider when the ordinance is up for adoption to saver that part of it and consider it separately. What do you think has changed about the Office of the Mayor that justifies such a massive increase?

Council President Harris, addressed a couple of points. First of all, she is not crazy about the timing of this either. She agrees with Joel on that, however just by comparison, Mayor McCormick of Woodbridge makes over \$200,000 as a full time Mayor and Mayor Joshi is a full time Mayor. The salary increase he got before was when this position went to full time so he is just simply going to \$198,000 is putting him on par if you are going to do apples to apples

with a Township of a similar size and that it will put him on par with that particular mayor. Regarding the puppet thing, she doesn't consider herself a puppet on this, she is personally in favor of this and it makes sense in view of making the comparison with what Mayor McCormick makes which he has the same population.

Councilmember Coyle, said he couldn't agree more with Council President and he thanked her for supporting the mayor's salary increase. At the beginning of this change we have had part time mayors with multiple job and now we have a full time Mayor this being his only job. This Mayor has done a great job, there is a lot going on in each department. He would say he has a full and part time job here. He's here a lot and available to all the council and every department, aside from infrastructure, water, sewer he is up day and night alone. We have increased our public safety, police, fire which he is on every meeting. There has been a significant involvement. Look at what we have accomplished. Its justifiable he is running a two Hundred Million Dollar Company. He handling all of our bonds, consulting refinancing in our finance department and one thousand employees. He thinks it very fair what the mayor gets considering this is his sole responsibility. He is grateful and happy for the residents you are getting our value.

Councilmember Poyner, remarked if you go based on CPI inflation, the one of the originals ordinances back in 93, the mayor salary was \$75,000. If you adjust from inflation from 93 to today that would be \$170,000. The difference verse now he has personally been on site to see the extracurricular stuff that happens. This is not just a nine to five job it is constant there are disruptions not your typical type of position. That is why he personally is in favor.

Sue Barber has comments on O.2268-2025. In 2022 we went to a full- time mayor and doubled the salary which was complete reasonable and understandable. Now we are raising another 32% not sure how you justify that. Nobody gets an increase like that for doing the same job. Why do the taxpayers of Edison need to support such an increase? She pointed out the mayor salary would be more than Newark and Patterson whose populations are triple Edison's and he will be very close to Jersey City. Edison Mayor will be paid more than the entire State of new Jersey pays for the Governor. She appreciates the job is not an easy job, but also appreciates that one is applying for a job, if they don't like the salary, you don't accept the position. Please explain how the justification for increasing the taxpayer burden is by such a large amount and why is there no top range on the salary when all the other salaries have top ranges. She feels personally it is irresponsible to do this, especially in this economy when affordability is on everyone mind. Why weren't these increases part of the budget process and why don't we factor in cost of living Increases. She feels this is not really justified. She asked you all think long and hard about this.

Councilmember Poyner, point of clarification in the form of the municipalities she mentioned are a different form of governments, they are all cities not townships so they have different set up.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros added with regard to the budget cost of living adjustments are in the budget. Every year we do budget for them.

Tom Lecky, regarding Ordinance O.2269-2025 there was no term and he feels it is vague. There were no supporting documents. That area to put two five story building plus a community center, he lives in that area and it took him over five minutes to pull out onto Inman Ave. What about our quality of life, overcrowding? It's hard to understand how it will be. Regarding, salaries you compared to Mayor McCormick maybe he is over paid. He feels we should be more responsible on how to spend taxpayer's money.

Council President Harris, point of clarification these units on Iman are going to be, she believes 55 and older units.

Councilmember Poyner, addressed a couple of questions, as far as pilot propose it would be a thirty-year program. He explained the attachments that are missing the council gets those documents many of those are application documents that have items of confidentially that why they are not published. In terms of the development of the land it is one of the largest contaminated pieces of land in the Township. That is one of the reasons the request fo the Pilot Program is there because there will be a lot of remediation costs associated with it on top of the actual development cost. Any development that goes there will have a traffic impact. The size of the structures is guided by the Redevelopment Plan that was approved.

Councilmember Patel, added without this Pilot we would not have this dilapidated spot be built upon and its important because as of right not we are not getting much revenue from that spot. Hopefully with this Pilot we can convert that project into something that helps the rest of the residents out as well as makes that a more useful plan. Also, as it's a Pilot and age restricted, there will not being any kids going into schools. There are some benefits we will be getting along with some downsides which we will balance in the long term.

Council President Harris, by comparison the project that is going up on Durham in Metuchen is huge and is not age restricted. She is very concerned on what the traffic will look like there. Although it will be in Metuchen the stretch of Durham to Edison, she sees it to be a nightmare on traffic.

Councilmember Coyle, he believes that property has been thirty years plus with an environmental issue unknown. That could impact the environment and surrounding neighbors. Finally, we have an investor who wants to take the time to cleaning it up and develop for common cause fifty-five and up who is taking the risk. This is a win for the town for a property that has sat for over thirty years. It's a wonderful commitment for the town finally see a property come together no different than on Plainfield Avenue property. He is looking forward to more things happening.

Councilmember Patel added if we had developed that property thirty years ago, we would have had thirty million dollars added to our budget, that we potentially lost out, that's a significant amount of change that we could have used for the benefits.

Hearing no further comments from the public Councilmember Coyle made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Poyner and duly carried.

FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Coyle, had no report.

REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, Public Works Committee, he did have a light discussion for regarding preparation for snow and is very pleased we are well prepared. He is working on meeting date for 2026.

Council President Harris, she gave an Animal Shelter adoption report. She expressed how proud of the Animal Shelter and the wonderful job they are doing. She was happy to have been the liaison to them. Cultural Arts did not have a meeting their next meeting will be January 6, 2026. She hopes to be a regular member since she will not be on council in the new year.

POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Harris announce all of the upcoming events in our Township for the month of December. She also encouraged everyone to participate in our Community Health Assessment Survey which is on our website.

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Councilmember Brescher:

- a. None

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. None

Councilmember Patel:

- a. None

Councilmember Patil:

- a. Absent

Councilmember Poyner:

- a. Ordinances for Consideration
- b. Community Initiatives
- c. Resident Concerns & Issues

Councilmember Shmuel:

- a. None

Council President Harris :

- a. Removal of proposed Ordinance – Council Salary

Council President Harris wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah.

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Coyle, seconded by Councilmember Poyner the meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m.

Margot Harris
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk