

**Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Alternative Expenditure Limitation  
Special Session  
February 10, 2022  
3:00 P.M.**

**Members Present**

Mayor Luis Montoya  
Vice-Mayor Laura Dorrell\*  
Council member Anthony James  
Council member Ray Lorenzo  
Council member B. Waddell Reyes\*  
Council member Ray West  
Council member, Karen Crump-Frye

\*Excused

Quorum Present

**Call To Order:** The Special Session of the Clifton Town Council was called to order at approximately 3:10 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option:**

**Presentation/information on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option – Staff:** Town Clerk, Espie Castaneda explained that this was the second Public Hearing to explain the Home Rule Option. The information was presented using power point software. The presentation provided historical information on the implementation of a state-imposed expenditure limit affecting Cities and Town's that was state-wide voter approved in 1980. However, the same legislation offered alternatives to the state-imposed expenditure limit. She explained that these alternatives or options include Home Rule, Permanent Base Adjustment; One-Time Override and Capital Projects Accumulation Fund. These alternatives also need voter approval. She further explained that current population figures as well as current inflation factors are used to calculate the projected state-imposed limit to help each community determine whether to pursue one of the allowed alternatives.

Ms. Castaneda provided the calculation for the projected state-imposed limit for the next four years. Next, she provided a comparison using the town's FY2022 budget and current inflation factors as the basis to project the next four years of a local controlled expenditure limitation.

She highlighted the benefits of pursuing the Home Rule Option to include:

- ✓ Allows local control in establishing an expenditure limit in the next four years;
- ✓ Home Rule does NOT enable the town to spend more than the revenues it receives;
- ✓ The town has been granted voter approval to operate under this option in the past;
- ✓ Home Rule does NOT increase or decrease the revenues that the town receives from sales tax and state shared revenues or from other sources;
- ✓ Home Rule has NO impact on taxes or tax rates.

Final comments of the presentation included the process to secure the proposition on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot.

**Public Comments:** There were no questions or comments at this time.

### **New Business**

**Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01: A Resolution Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation:** Mayor Montoya noted two public hearing opportunities had been given to the public in order to become informed about the alternative expenditure limitation option, a.k.a. Home Rule and to express their thoughts as to whether or not council should pursue it by presenting it to the voters of the town during the August 2, 2022 Primary Election. He continued to say, that at this time council should consider whether to move forward with the process by approving Resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01: A Resolution Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation was made by Council member Karen Crump-Frye. Second to the motion was made by Council member Ray West.

Voting in favor of the motion were Council members Crump-Frye, West, Lorenzo, James and Montoya. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:39 p.m.