

**Minutes
Town of Clifton
Town Council Special Session
June 25, 2026**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dorrell at 2:05 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town's legal counsel, Matt Schuimo participated via telephone

T Council Member	Title	Attendance	Arrival Time if late
Barbara Ahmann	Council Member ▾	Excused Absence ▾	
Chad Brown	Council Member ▾	Telephonic/Virtual ▾	
Laura Dorrell	Mayor ▾	Telephonic/Virtual ▾	
Anthony James	Vice Mayor ▾	In Person ▾	
Akos Kovach	Council Member ▾	In Person ▾	
Raymond Lorenzo	Council Member ▾	Excused Absence ▾	
B. Waddell Reyes	Council Member ▾	In Person ▾	

Call to the Public

Sheriff Ellison from Greenlee County addressed the council regarding an upcoming event on July 4th, during which approximately 400 side-by-side vehicles are scheduled to travel through the community. The Sheriff noted that the event is operating under a U.S. Forest Service permit, but added that he is currently unaware if additional groups will be joining the procession.

Clifton Police Department Chief Omar thanked the staff at NAPA for their empathetic response during a recent incident involving an individual experiencing a mental health crisis. Chief Omar praised the staff for providing assistance, such as food and water, rather than choosing to press charges against the individual.

Public Hearing on Liquor License application at 163 Park Ave:

Presentation/information on the liquor license application as applied for by The Clifton Hotel and Bar located at 163 Park Ave. to the Arizona State Liquor Board - Cindy Blackmore presented an application for a new liquor license for the Clifton Hotel and Bar, located at 163 Park Avenue, as the business is under new ownership. The town's role is to provide a recommendation to the Arizona State Liquor Board, and staff confirmed they had no objections to the application .

Public Comments open at 2:10 p.m.

Council members discussed the application, focusing on the contact person, Michelle, and the ownership structure involving MK Holding Ventures LLC. It was clarified that the license is held by an individual to satisfy state residency requirements, even though the entity owns the establishment.

Closed Public Hearing at 2:15 p.m.

New Business

Discussion and possible action to recommend granting or denying the liquor license application as applied for by The Clifton Hotel and Bar located at 163 Park Ave. to the Arizona State Liquor Board.

Motion: to recommend that the state liquor board approve the liquor license application as applied for by The Clifton Hotel and Bar located at 163 Park Ave. to the Arizona State Liquor Board.

Motion Made by:	Council Member Kovach ▾	Seconded By:	Council Member Brown ▾
Aye Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None ▾	Recused:	None ▾
Motion	Carries ▾	Time:	2:17 p.m.

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

Presentation/information on the Alternative Expenditure Limitation – Home Rule Option - Town Manager Cindy Blackmore presented the second public hearing for the Home Rule option, a state-imposed spending cap exemption that requires voter approval every four years. The alternative expenditure limitation allows the town to use its own funding sources and local priorities, whereas the default state-imposed limit would cap spending at just over \$5.7 million.

Public Comments opened at 2:23 p.m.

Council Member Kovach questioned how long does this last for?

The town manager clarified that every four years this needs to be voted on.

Close Public Hearing at 2:25 p.m.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03: A Resolution Proposing an Extension of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation

Motion: to adopt resolution number 2026-03, proposing the extension of the alternative expenditure limitation.

Motion Made by:	Vice Mayor James ▾	Seconded By:	Council Member Kovach ▾
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Aye Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None ▾	Recused:	None ▾
Motion	Carries ▾	Time:	2:27 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on the Purchase of furniture, fixtures & equipment for the Town Manager's home.

Cindy Blackmore requested guidance on setting a "not to exceed" budget for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the town manager's home, which is nearing completion.

Motion: to approve funding for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Town Manager's home, subject to a maximum budget of \$25,000.

Motion Made by:	Council Member Kovach ▾	Seconded By:	Council Member Brown ▾
Aye Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell	Nay Votes:	☐ Council Member Ahmann ☐ Council Member Brown ☐ Council Member Kovach ☐ Council Member Lorenzo ☐ Council Member Waddell Reyes ☐ Vice Mayor James ☐ Mayor Dorrell
Abstained:	None ▾	Recused:	None ▾
Motion	Carries ▾	Time:	2:38 p.m.

Adjournment at 2:39 p.m.