

Minutes
Clifton Town Council Special Session
June 3, 2025
3:00 PM
Council Chambers
510 N. Coronado Blvd.

Members Present

Mayor Laura Dorrell

Vice-Mayor Anthony James*

Council member Ray Lorenzo*

Council member Janeene K. Carrillo**

Council member Barbara Waddell Reyes

Council member Barbara Ahmann

***Excused**

+ Arrived Late

****Participated via telephone**

Quorum Present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Dorrell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Discussion only, information on Chase Creek One-Way Plan

Babaletakis wanted it clarified that the one-way on Chase Creek Boulevard starting July 1st will run from 191 to the first entrance of Palacio loop. The council had approved this plan at the last town hall meeting. Signs have been ordered and will be posted in the week leading up to the change, along with maps. The change is intended to increase safety, especially for left turns onto 191 and pedestrian safety. Additional one-way and no left turn signs have been ordered.

Discussion only, discuss the possibility of annually reviewing potential “Key to the City” recipients

Babaletakis presented the idea to the Council to annually consider awarding a key to the city to a Clifton resident for outstanding service. She suggested starting it this year and for the Council to begin thinking of potential recipients. The Council agreed with the idea.

Discussion and/or action location of Festival of Lights

Babaletakis reported that the Festival of Lights Committee, led by the Clifton Social Club, has begun planning, with a second meeting already scheduled. While there was a discussion about potentially using Park Avenue, it is likely the festival will remain on Chase Creek due to tradition

A formal request outlining the town's required contributions will be presented to the council in the coming months

Discussion only; update on Sewer Plug schedule

Babaletakis provided an update on the sewer plug process for residents with outstanding balances and illegal sewer hookups. Six door hangers will be placed on properties with unpaid balances, and eight for illegal hookups in the first round. Residents will have one to two weeks to rectify the situation at town hall before public works proceeds with plugging the sewer. This activity is expected to occur within the next two to three weeks, with a total of 14 properties in the initial phase.

FY2026 Budget Work Session

Babaletakis reviewed the FY2026 budget with the Council. She reviewed each the state shared revenues. There was a slight increase in HURF revenues and a decrease in state income tax revenue. She anticipates including more money from unencumbered funds (savings accounts). These funds will be used for potential projects and grant matches if grants are received. Although we are pulling more funds over it does mean we will spend it, if projects do not come to fruition the funding will not be used.

Babaletakis then did a brief overview of each department. Administration, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Library all have significant decreases to their budgets. Mainly due to the fact that last year they had unencumbered funds included in their budgets for specific projects. Police Department, Dispatch, Magistrate, and Fire Department had larger increases from the general fund. All other departments remained comparable to FY2025.

There will be a PowerPoint presentation at the June Regular Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Waddell Reyes second to the motion made by Council Member Ahmann

Voting in favor of the motion Council Members Dorrell, Carrillo, Waddell Reyes, and Ahmann

Meeting ended at approximately 5:10pm