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1600 Kerrigan Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Friday, May 18, 2018
Commencing at 6:52 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
WENDY A. GRULLON, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

ERIN M. KNOEDLER, CITY CLERK

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CITY CLERK: Good evening.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

CITY CLERK: Good evening.

This is a Special Public Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners being held on Friday, May 18th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at Sara M. Gilmore Academy, 1600 Kerrigan Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

This meeting has been called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided to The Jersey Journal, The Record, The Hudson Reporter, and has been posted on the bulletin board in City Hall and made available to the public in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

CEREMONIAL ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

CITY CLERK: The first item on the agenda is a Ceremonial Administration of Oaths of Office for the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to ask
you all to please stand for our colors being displayed by the Union City Police Department Honor Guard.

Please join our Police Chief, Richard Molinari, with our Pledge of Allegiance.

CHIEF MOLINARI: Please join me in honoring our country.

(Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please remain standing.

Singing our National Anthem will be John Jay Herbert.

(Whereupon, the National Anthem was performed by John Jay Herbert.)

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please remain standing as the Union City Police Honor Guard resets themselves.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)
(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please be seated.

We will now administer the oath of office to the five -- the four -- the five Commissioners.

Administering the oath of office to the first -- first four Commissioners will be our Honorable Judge Lilia Munoz.

CITY CLERK: Thank you.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will swear in Lucio Fernandez first.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Repeat after me.

(Whereupon, Lucio P. Fernandez was sworn as Commissioner of the Union City Board of Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

(Applause.)
CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now swear in Wendy Grullon.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

MS. GRULLON: Thank you.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

(Whereupon, Wendy A. Grullon was sworn as Commissioner of the Union City Board of Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now swear in Maryury Martinetti.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: Congratulations, Wendy.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Congratulations.

(Whereupon, Maryury A. Martinetti was sworn as Commissioner of the Union City Board of Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)
JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CITY CLERK: Judge Munoz will now be swearing in Celin Valdivia.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

(Applause.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Come on, don’t -- don’t be shy. Come on.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Do you prefer to swear or affirm?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Swear.

(Whereupon, Celin J. Valdivia was sworn as Commissioner of the Union City Board of Commissioners by the Honorable Lilia A. Munoz.)

JUDGE MUNOZ: Congratulations.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you, Judge.
(Applause.)

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

CITY CLERK: I'd like to call Mr. Dennis McAlevy to the podium please.

Mr. McAlevy will swear in Brian P. Stack.

(Applause.)

MR. McALEVY: You ready?

MAYOR STACK: I'm ready.

(Whereupon, Brian P. Stack was sworn as Commissioner of the Union City Board of Commissioners by Mr. Dennis McAlevy, Esquire.)

MAYOR STACK: So help me God.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

(Whereupon, the Board discussed and took action on the following item:

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Resolution Appointing the Mayor.)
CITY CLERK: There are two items on the
Regular Agenda this evening.

The first item is a Resolution Appointing
the Mayor.

May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I nominate Brian
P. Stack for Mayor of the City of Union City.

CITY CLERK: May I have a second?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I second --

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- that motion.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I'm sorry.

CITY CLERK: Motion made by Commissioner
Martinetti.

Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes. Yes.
CITY CLERK: Congratulations.

(Applause.)

CITY CLERK: Congratulations, Mayor.

(Whereupon, the Board discussed and took action on the following item:

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Resolution Approving the Designation of Department for Commissioners.)

CITY CLERK: The second item on the Regular Agenda is a Resolution Approving the Designation of Departments for Commissioners.

May I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Fernandez.

Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you like to make public comments of each Commissioner?

MAYOR STACK: Why don't you -- maybe just announce if you could, like what department each Commissioner will be in.

All right? That will be good.

CITY CLERK: Of course.

So the Resolution tonight appoints the following Departments:

The Department of Public Safety is Mayor Brian P. Stack.

The Department of Public Affairs is Commissioner Lucio Fernandez.

The Department of Public Works is Commissioner Wendy Grullon.

The Department of Parks and Public Property, Commissioner Celin Valdivia.

And the Department of Revenue and Finance is Commissioner Margie Martinetti.

(Appause.)
CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would each Commissioner like to make public comment --

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

CITY CLERK: -- and you as well?

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti can start.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Good afternoon to all.

Thank you.

Thank you so much for being here today.

This is a wonderful day. Not for Union -- not for us but for Union City because we elected again our Mayor, Brian Stack, for four more years of progress.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm simply proud and humbled to be standing here before you.

Thank you for the honor of making me your new Commissioner again.

I promise you to continue working next to Brian Stack and my colleagues to continue the progress that Union City has had. We see it every day, everywhere we go.

We're sitting here in this beautiful school
that was built under our Administration. And we
see it in the streets. We see it in the
pavements. We see the trees -- every time we
come out of the house and we see the beautiful
trees, that’s thank you to Brian Stack. His
Administration, his vision for Union City.
(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I would like to
say thank you to my family.

My husband Martin, my son Martin, my
daughter Angelina, my mom, my nieces and nephew,
for your love, your support and understanding;
because being in public office is not easy. But
they’re there. And that’s the reason that I get
up every morning and say I’m going to do this
again.

And with a love for Union City -- I love my
people here. Thank you for making me part of
your family. Thank you so much for being here.

And a special, special thanks to the
volunteers. Thank you from the bottom of my
heart.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: You come to
Headquarters when it rains, when it snow, when
it's sunny, every time that Brian Stack calls you were there.

Thank you so much for being part of our family. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your love.

And, again, thank God for the -- for this day, for my family, and for making part of yours.

Thanks, again.

Have a wonderful day.

God bless.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm sorry, I just wanted to say some words in Spanish. I just got a lot of nervous.

(Whereupon, Commissioner Maryury A. Martinetti addressed the audience in Spanish.)

(Applause.)

CITY CLERK: Next, Commissioner Valdivia.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Good evening, everyone.

(Whereupon, there was a chorus of good evening.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: To our residents of Union City, it is an honor -- I am honored,
grateful and humbled to serve as your
Commissioner.

When I mean the residents of Union City, I mean all residents. Doesn’t matter your race, your creed, whether you’re a citizen, whether you’re not a citizen, whether you voted, whether you didn’t vote, this Administration is here to serve you and to serve everyone.

I also want to thank publicly -- publicly, our Mayor, Mayor Stack, for giving me the opportunity to serve in your Administration. It’s been a wonderful experience. I’m looking forward to the next four years to serve this community with all of you.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I also want to thank my fellow Commissioners, Margie, Lucio and Wendy the new member of -- of the team. I am very proud of you. I respect you. Because you all have the same vision of serving Mayor Stack and this community and giving a hundred percent in doing so.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I want to make this short but I want to thank my family.
My mother's been over here with me. My father is under the weather right now but I am blessed that I have my Uncle -- (indiscernible) -- representing my father.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I was very fortunate, I grew up with a very large family on both sides. On the Valdicias I had six uncles and aunts. Not only -- (indiscernible) -- my Uncle Luis and my father who's not doing too well.

I also want to thank my wife, Odalis.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: You saw some of my kids up here; Peter, Celin Alexander, Mimi, and my four grandchildren. And my two sisters, who I love very much; Yolanda, who is here, Dalila's not here.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: And I only have one of my cousins, I have so many, but one of them is here, is David Valdivia. David is somewhere around here. I love you, David.

Thank you very much and God bless you.

(Applause.)
(Whereupon, Commissioner Celin J. Valdivia addressed the audience in Spanish.)

(Appause.)

MAYOR STACK: Good job, Celin.

Erin? Announce Wendy.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you, everyone, for being here tonight.

First of all I want to thank God for all my blessings. To my family for being here tonight, thank you for always being there for me.

It’s a great honor for me to be sworn in as your Commissioner tonight.

Thank you, Mayor, for your confidence and giving me this opportunity to serve my community and to be part of this here team.

Thank you.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: And to everyone here for the great victory on Election Day.

Thank you.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Today --

Thank you.
Thank you, everybody.

Today, as I take this responsibility, I promise that I will do my best to continue the great job that my friend Commissioner -- (indiscernible) -- Tilo Rivas who assisting here --

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Thank you, again, for all your guidance and all your support.

Thank you very much.

And to all of you for my Union City First family for the daily support and all your love, thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, Commissioner Wendy A. Grullon addressed the audience in Spanish.)

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

CITY CLERK: Next is Commissioner Lucio Fernandez.

MAYOR STACK: All right, Lucio.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wow!

You know Brian and I go back a long ways.
He’s our Mayor. He’s our friend. I cannot be more honored -- couldn’t be possibly more honored than serving with such a great man. He’s not only the best Mayor the City of Union City has had, he’s the best Mayor in the State of New Jersey by far.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Listen, I grew up in Union City. I grew up in Union City. Look at the schools. Beautiful schools. Look at the parks. Look at the streets. Look at the trees. Look at the people. And this is in great part to our Mayor.

A CITIZEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It’s incredible the work that he does day in and day out.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It’s -- (indiscernible) -- at six o’clock in the morning coming home to Mercedes at midnight. And Mercedes says it’s okay, honey. But he’s there. And the thing is he cares. The guy cares. I can tell you honestly the guy cares because he’ll call me and bust my chops about everything. Because he wants everything right for us.
We have a great, great Mayor. He's a -- a gem. And I hope he serves until his last breath on this Earth and serves as Union City Mayor. Because the things he has accomplished in Union -- Union City are just incredible. They're memorable.

I grew up here and I see it. I see it. I see it day in/day out. You walk on the streets it's incredible. And to serve with this great Mayor and this great Board of Commissioners, Wendy, Celin, Margie; it's such honor. Such an honor for someone who came -- who grew up here, who grew up poor, who had nothing -- the schools. And to see the schools how they turned out for our kids.

I'm so proud for my son to attend Union City schools because they're beautiful. And -- and Brian did it. Brian did it.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I met him before he became Mayor; I told you he was going to do it and he's doing it.

(Appause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the volunteers, all the volunteers, -- you, too,
James San Martino. All the volunteers, all of you, every single one of you, I cannot thank you enough on behalf of all of us.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Listen, day in and day out, like Margie says, in the rain, in the -- in the snow, when you guys have to do pee-pee, when you’re hungry, you’re out there doing it. You’re making it happen for all of us. And I --

You know, we cannot be more grateful to each and every one of you who comes out every single day to canvass the community, to put up signs, to talk to people, to be the messengers for us.

Listen, Union City -- Union City’s our City. It’s our home. Every single one of us. Every single one of you, belongs up here with us. And Brian could tell you that. Because you guys make it happen every single day. It is so beautiful.

Our Police Department, come on, we have the best Police Department in the State of New Jersey.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No more race --
there's no race problems in Union City.

Everybody gets along.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Whether you're Jewish, you're Arab, you're Hispanic; it doesn't matter. And this comes from the top. Because the Director of this Department is Brian P. Stack.

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Brian, you --

(indiscernible).

Let's open up the dance floor, I'll do a little salsa.

MAYOR STACK: Tilo, --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sincerely, ladies and gentlemen, -- ladies and gentlemen, from the bottom of our hearts, not just mine, all of us, thank you. Thank you very much.

Brian, thank you for having confidence --

MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Lucio.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- in myself and the other Commissioners --

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to be part of your team.
It is a true honor to grow up here and serve with you.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I’m serious. We -- all of us, the four of us, I speak for the four of us, we genuinely love you, man.

Thank you very much.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, Commissioner Lucio P. Fernandez addressed the audience in Spanish.)

(Applause.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, ladies and gentlemen, we do have the best Mayor in the City of Union City.

Right?

Everyone?

And the best State Senator.

Right?

Come on.

I love when people attack Brian Stack and say look at all the money he brings to Union City. You damn right. He’s going to make Union City greater than it is.

Ladies and gentlemen, the best Mayor in the
history of Union City, the best Senator, Brian P. Stack.

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much everyone.

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Thank you very much.

First, -- first, I would -- I would just like to start off by thanking -- thanking the person that swore me in tonight, Dennis McAlevy. Dennis has been my friend since I've been a teenager.

In fact, I met Dennis because I was working in an election as a teenager and I happened to just to get into a fight down on 9th and Palisade Avenue and everybody told me, if you want the best lawyer in the State of New Jersey go to see Dennis McAlevy.

That was the best decision I ever made. Not because he's just a great lawyer -- and he is a great lawyer, because he's a great friend. And Dennis has been there every step of the way. For personal advice, for legal advice, for just advice in general in life, Dennis has always been there.
And, Dennis, thank you for everything you have done for me from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you very much.

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: I'd -- I'd like to give a special thank you to Mercedes; to my nieces that are here this evening; Joanna's not here but Mya, Jade and Aaliyah. A very special thank you to all of them for being there all the time for me.

When I became --

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: Actually, when I became the Mayor, Jade wasn't even born and Mya. And just thank you for being there for me.

Thank -- thank you for being family to me.

Thank you very much.

Most of all, --

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: You know I became the Mayor in late 2000, so this will be the 18th year I've been the Mayor; October 22nd of this year will be 18 years as Mayor. And there's no greater honor in the entire world -- and I mean that from the bottom of my heart -- than to represent you as the Mayor of Union City.
In no other -- no other role I've had is there anything more pleasing and more satisfying. It's a tough job being the Mayor. It's hard to please everyone all the time but we really work hard at it.

My staff in City Hall has been tremendous. Tremendous staff. My staff in the Senate office has been tremendous.

But you know something, when it comes down to it, thanks to the people of Union City for having the trust, the faith and the confidence to support us over and over again.

Most importantly, -- and I see so many of you here tonight -- thank you to the greatest volunteers in the State of New Jersey.

You guys deserve a great round of applause.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: Sometimes -- sometimes when we meet -- when we meet at night -- and it almost seems, right, that we have Headquarters open the entire year. And when I don't see you guys I miss you guys.

In the last week --

I really mean that. I really mean that.

Come five o'clock I'm ready to leave my
office and head across the street. And it's a
great feeling. You know why? Not only being
together to campaign but being together on a
nightly basis and on Saturday mornings when we're
all there together as one family.

When I became the Mayor of Union City I
always said the one thing I want to do is unite
Union City. Doesn't matter where we come from.
Doesn't matter what religion. Doesn't matter
what color our skin is. Or ethnic background.
We're all one in Union City. And we set the
example to the United States of America.

The President that we have right now, could
take a lesson from Union City. From you. From
you.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: I think it's obvious that the
love that all of us have for Union City. There's
nothing I wouldn't do for this City. I love this
City. I was born and raised in this City and
I'll die in this City. And there's no other job
in the world that I want than to serve you as
your Mayor.

And the State Senate seat came along along
the way and I'm proud to be the Senator. But
there is no job in the world -- and I say it
again -- like being the Mayor of this community.
And you make it that way.

Union City is a very special place. And I
say that when I’m down in Trenton. I say it
wherever I am. I wear it like a badge of honor.
It’s a very special place.

And the turnout that we got last Tuesday,
the final vote was 11,208 votes in Union City.
And --

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: You know, --

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

You know I said this this weekend -- and I
see Justin in the back. Justin’s standing by the
back door. Because as soon as I’m done, he’s
running out that back door.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: I know, Justin.

But in all seriousness, on -- not on
Wednesday last week but on Thursday I sat down
and I just looked -- not at -- not at the people
that came out to vote but at those that did not
come out to vote. And we’re going to work hard
to gain the trust of those people who did not
come out to vote. Because a good Administration
is never satisfied with the vote that we receive.

It’s not about the number of votes we
receive. I want everyone to be satisfied and
content living in Union City. And if there’s
somebody we’re not reaching, I promise you over
the next four years we’re going to do our best to
reach those people to bring them part of what
we’re doing in Union City.

I look at Election Day as a report card.
And people said to me well you had no opposition
this race. That’s right; it’s a report card. By
coming out it shows that you support what we’re
trying to accomplish in Union City.

And it’s not just about clean streets.
It’s not just about a great Police Department.
And under the leadership of Chief Molinari --
he’s done a tremendous job. He’s with me at all
the community meetings.

What do we have a hundred and fifty, Chief?

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: It’s not just about -- it’s
not just about the great job that Silvia has done
in the schools or building new schools.

We have ten new schools and we’re working on building one more school right now uptown at the parking lot.

It’s not just about the great parks that Commissioner Valdivia has worked hard on. It’s not just about that.

It’s about being there when people need you. It’s about being there when somebody calls on the telephone and responding to them. Because that’s what municipal government is about.

You know people always say I just come out and vote in presidential elections. And that’s fine. But the most important layer of government --

I’m a little bias because I’m a municipal government guy and I -- I love municipal government.

But the most important layer of government, I feel, in our lives on a daily basis is municipal government.

And if we can’t do the job at the municipal level and provide services, -- but not only providing a service, providing it with respect and being courteous.
And I seen that across the board, no matter what Department it’s in. Whether it’s in Public Works, whether it’s in Parks, whether it’s in Public Affairs, Revenue and Finance, it’s providing people with respect and a good service in the City of Union City.

And I pledge to you we’ll work hard every single day. And that -- that saying that we have, See Something, Say Something, the same applies to government.

If you know of somebody who’s not happy or somebody who needs assistance, let us know.

If you know of somebody that doesn’t have much but needs our help, let us know. Because we all have to look out for each other. It’s not just looking out for ourselves; right? That’s what this is about, Union City First and what we built in the City of Union City; it’s about looking out for each other.

And that’s what’s most important. That’s what’s made the difference in Union City.

As I said before, it doesn’t matter where we come from, we look out for each other. Because when I cut my finger I -- I bleed red, I bleed red blood, so does Victor. We’re all one
in Union City and I always want to continue that
in the community. What we have here is very
special.

The crime rate didn’t drop to a 30 year low
by accident. It dropped to a 30 year low because
we’re looking out for each other. And that’s
what’s so important and we need to continue doing
that.

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: It wouldn’t be possible -- it
wouldn’t be possible to accomplish what we
accomplish without having a Board of
Commissioners that works together. Whether it’s
Lucio, Wendy, Celin, Margie, and to my good
friend Tilo Rivas who served us for 16 years.

Tilo --

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: We’re not -- we’re not
letting Tilo escape.

Tilo is still our Freeholder. And for the
first time in the history of Union City as a
Freeholder, he’ll have an office in City Hall.

Effective next week; right, Tilo?

(Appplause.)

MAYOR STACK: Effective next week he’ll
have an office in City Hall.

So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you Union City for trusting in us.

Thank you to all of you who work so hard day in and day out, I will never forget that, from the bottom of my heart.

And on Tuesday night when we celebrated, that's a moment I capture in my heart forever.

And since there's so much energy in this room, I want to remind you of something.

Okay?

I have to take this opportunity. And no joking around. Headquarters is open tomorrow.

We're open tomorrow.

Right, Justin, we're open tomorrow.

So, we have a lot of -- we don't have a campaign right now but we have a lot of good things that we're working on. So we are there tomorrow. We'll have coffee and rolls for everybody in the morning. I want to see everybody there.

But in all seriousness, thank you, thank you, thank you for how hard everybody worked.

Not only working on the campaign but all
the civic projects that we do in the community; whether it’s delivering turkeys, whether it’s helping your neighbor, whether it’s supplying food to a family that needs it. Whatever you do on an individual basis, I appreciate that from the bottom of my heart.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: And, as Lucio said, that he hopes I’m the Mayor for many years to come, as long as you want me I’ll be here.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: Thank -- I know that --

A CITIZEN: Love you, Mayor.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

Thank you, everyone.

Thank you.

You guys -- you guys are my extended family. I really mean that.

Thank you very much, everyone.

Thank you. Thank you very much.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: I just want -- I just want to --

Thank you very much everyone.
(Applause.)

MAYOR STACK: Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I love you all.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Please be seated; we're going to finish the agenda for this evening.

CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you like to take public comment on the agenda this evening?

MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry?

CITY CLERK: Would you like to take public comment?

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

Anyone wishing to comment at this time please step forward.

Seeing none.
CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close Public Comment?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner --

MAYOR STACK: Second.

CITY CLERK: -- Fernandez.

Second by Mayor Stack.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are no other items on the agenda this evening.

May I have a motion to close?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.
CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.
Second by Commissioner Fernandez.
Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?
COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
CITY CLERK: Congratulations, Mayor and Commissioners.
Thank you.
MAYOR STACK: Thank you.
(Appause.)
(Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded at 7:38 p.m.)
Brian P. Stack
Lucio P. Fernandez
Maryury A. Martinetti
Celin J. Valdivia
Wendy A. Grullon

Board of Commissioners

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