REGULAR MEETING:

Roosevelt School
4507 Hudson Avenue
Union City, New Jersey
Thursday, January 23, 2014
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

TILO E. RIVAS, COMMISSIONER

ALSO PRESENT:

LAURA M. MILLER, ACTING CITY CLERK
SCARINCI HOLLENBECK
BY:  CHRISTINE M. VANEK, ESQ.
Corporation Counsel

GREGORY T. FARMER, ESQ.
Alcohol Beverage Control Commission
APPEARANCES:

ADOLFO L. LOPEZ, ESQ.,
Attorney for Applicant,
Los Precios Corporation

IVAN PANEQUE, ESQ.,
Attorney for Osmara Paneque

MARY KHELLAH, ESQ.,
Appearing on behalf of George B. Campen, Esq.
Attorney for Ravi Varma
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Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ACTING CITY CLERK: This is a call to order a Regular Public Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners being held on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014, at six p.m., at Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

This meeting has been called in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law of 1975, the Open Public Meetings Act.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

Notice of this meeting setting forth the time, date, location, and the agenda to the extent known was forwarded to The Jersey Journal, The Record, and The Hudson Reporter, has been posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and has been made available to the public in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call for this evening, please.
Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas is absent.

Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Present.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Here.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

ACTING CITY CLERK: The first item on the agenda is the approval of previous meeting minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meetings held on December 17th, 2013 and January 7, 2014. Is there a motion to approve --

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: -- both sets of minutes?

Motion made by --

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.
Seconded by Commissioner Martinetti.

Second for this evening is the Consent Agenda. These are items --

MS. DILLON: Roll call.

MS. VANEK: I’m sorry, we need the roll call.

MAYOR STACK: We don’t have to vote on that?

We have to vote on that.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes on December 17\(^{th}\), and I recuse on January 7\(^{th}\). Otherwise, yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims
(2) Resolution Approving the Payment of Concurring Claims

(3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for the Period of December 31, 2013 through January 13, 2014

(4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll for the Period of December 31, 2013 through January 13, 2014

(5) Resolution Ratifying the Creation of the North Bergen (sic) Regional Council of Mayors and the City of Union City’s Participation Therein Nunc Pro Tunc Since 1973

(6) Resolution Ratifying License Agreement with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

(7) Resolution Confirming Disciplinary Action against Liquor License No. 0910-33-021-008 held by La Jor Per Corp. t/a California Café Restaurant, 2002 Bergenline Avenue

(8) Resolution Approving Amendment to the Contracts with BSN Sports and Stan’s Sport Center Inc., for Wrestling Equipment

(9) Resolution Amending Settlement in Workers’ Compensation Matters Involving Michelle Strich

(10) Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with West New York for Health Officer
Services
(11) Resolution Urging the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Not to Privatize Toll Worker Jobs

(12) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

(13) Resolution Authoring Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

(14) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Abated Property

(15) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of an Overbill for 2013 Taxes

(16) Any other matter of City business that may arise

ACTING CITY CLERK: Next is a Consent Agenda. These are items which could be approved by one vote.

There are 15 items on the Consent Agenda for the Board’s consideration tonight. They are as follows:

Number 1.
Resolution approving the payment of claims.

Number 2.
Resolution approving the payment of
concurring claims.

Number 3.

Resolution approving the City payroll for

Number 4.

Resolution approving the library payroll
for the period of December 31st, 2013 through

Number 5.

Resolution ratifying the creation of the
North Bergen (sic) Regional Council of Mayors and
the City of Union City’s participation therein,
Nunc Pro Tunc, since 1973.

Number 6.

Resolution --

MAYOR STACK: That should read -- that
should read North Hudson.

ACTING CITY CLERK: North Hudson --

MAYOR STACK: North Hudson Regional Council
of Mayors.

Isn’t that, Christine?

MS. VANEK: Yes. I’ll verify it.

ACTING CITY CLERK: The Resolution --

I checked the draft Resolution, and it did
say North Bergen. So, I copied it from the draft Resolution.

MAYOR STACK: There’s no such thing, though, as North Bergen.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Okay. Let the record reflect --

MAYOR STACK: It’s North Hudson.

ACTING CITY CLERK: -- North Hudson.

Number 6.

Resolution ratifying license agreement with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority.

Number 7.

Resolution confirming disciplinary action against liquor license number 0910-33-021-008 held by La Jor Per Corp., trading as California Café Restaurant, 2002 Bergenline Avenue.

Number 8.

Resolution approving amendment to the contract with BSN Sports and Stan’s Sport Center, Incorporated, for wrestling equipment.

Number 9.

Resolution amending settlement in Workers’ compensation matters involving Michelle Strich.

Number 10.

Resolution approving shared services
agreement with West New York for Health Officer Services.

Number 11.
Resolution urging the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority not to privatize toll worker jobs.

Number 12.
Resolution authorizing the refund of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

Number 13.
Resolution authorizing refund of redemption monies to outside lienholders.

Number 14.
Resolution cancelling taxes on abated property.

And number 15.
Resolution authoring the refund of an overbill for 2013 taxes.

MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent Agenda, please step forward. State your name and address, for the record.

Seeing none.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion to close public comment made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Seconded by Commissioner Martinetti.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, with the exception to number 2, in respect to the Redevelopment Agency.

Otherwise, yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Valdivia.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?
COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Again, except for number 2, as it pertains to the Redevelopment Agency.

Otherwise, yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
MAYOR STACK: Yes.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

(1) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 of the Code of Union City Entitled “Fees”

(2) An Ordinance Amending the Parking Provisions of Section 223 of the City Code to Permit Parking in Certain Required Front Yards

ACTING CITY CLERK: Next on the agenda are Ordinances for Introduction.

There are two Ordinances for Introduction this evening.

Ordinance for introduction number 1 will be
further considered at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held February 4th, 2014 at Washington School, 3905 New York Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

Ordinance for introduction number 2 will be further considered at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held March 18th, 2014, at the Union City High School, 2500 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey.

Ordinance for Introduction Number 1 is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 of the Code of Union City Entitled Fees.

Is there a motion to introduce?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

( 2) An Ordinance Amending the Parking Provisions of Section 223 of the City Code to Permit Parking in Certain Required Front Yards.

ACTING CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance for Introduction is an Ordinance Amending the Parking Provisions of Section 223 of the City Code to Permit Parking in Certain Required Front Yards.

MAYOR STACK: I’ll move it.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Seconded by Commissioner Valdivia.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

REGULAR AGENDA


ACTING CITY CLERK: Next before the Board is the Regular Agenda.

Item Number 1 on the Regular Agenda is a Resolution Approving the Redevelopment Agency Payroll for the Period of December 31st, 2013 through January 13th, 2014.

MS. VANEK: Mayor, we recommend that Commissioner Mart -- that Commissioner Fernandez recuse himself from this matter.

MAYOR STACK: I’ll move it.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Okay.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez, recusing.

Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

REGULAR AGENDA

( 2) Resolution Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriations

ACTING CITY CLERK: Number 2 on the Regular Agenda is a Resolution Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriations.

MS. VANEK: Mayor, we recommend that Commissioner Fernandez recuse himself on the Redevelopment Agency appropriation; that Commissioner Martinetti recuse herself on the Construction Code appropriation; and typically, we would recommend that Commissioners Fernandez,
Martinetti and Valdivia recuse themselves on the Board of Education appropriations, however, under the Doctrine of Necessity, we recommend that Commissioner Martinetti and Commissioner Valdivia vote on that item.

    MAYOR STACK: I’ll move it.

    ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

    COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

    ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

    Roll call.

    Commissioner Fernandez?

    COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, with the exception of the Board of Education and Redevelopment Agency.

    Otherwise, yes.

    ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

    COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

    ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

    COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

    ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

    MAYOR STACK: Yes.

    MS. VANEK: And for the record, the
affirmative votes by Commissioner Valdivia and Commissioner Martinetti is subject to the recusals placed on the record.

REGULAR AGENDA

( 3) Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with the Union City Board of Education for Transportation Services

ACTING CITY CLERK: Number 3 is a Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with the Union City Board of Education for Transportation Services.

MS. VANEK: Mayor, we recommend that Commissioner Martinetti and Commissioner Valdivia vote on this item, and Commissioner Fernandez recuse, since this is a Board of Education issue.

MAYOR STACK: I’ll move it.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

REGULAR AGENDA

(4) Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with the Union City Board of Education for Ambulance Services

ACTING CITY CLERK: Number 4 is a Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with the Union City Board of Education for Ambulance Services.

MS. VANEK: Again, Mayor, we would typically recommend that Commissioners Fernandez, Martinetti and Valdivia recuse. However, under the Doctrine of Necessity, Commissioner Martinetti and Commissioner Valdivia should vote on this item.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
Second by Commissioner Martinetti.
Roll call.
Commissioner Fernandez?
MS. DILLON: He’s recusing.
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Recuse.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
MAYOR STACK: Yes.

REGULAR AGENDA

( 5) Resolution Canceling Lien on 540 28th Street

( 6) Any other matter of City business that may arise

ACTING CITY CLERK: Number 5 is a Resolution Cancelling a Lien on 540 28th Street.
MS. VANEK: Mayor, we recommend that Commissioner Martinetti recuse himself on this
item.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to approve item number 5?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Valdivia.

Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti, recusing.

Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

ACTING CITY CLERK: Next on the agenda is an opportunity for citizens to address the Board.
MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to address the Board at this time? Please step forward. State your name and address for the record.

Seeing none.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting made --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: -- by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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APPLICATION REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSE #0901-43-079-007 FOR A PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER (FROM A POCKET LICENSE TO 2817 BERGENLINE AVENUE) AND A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER (FROM OSMARA PANEQUE TO LOS PRECIOS CORP.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Next on the agenda is an Application Regarding Liquor License Number 0901-43-079-007 for a Place to Place Transfer from a Pocket License to 2817 Bergenline Avenue and a Person to Person Transfer from Osmara Paneque to Los Precios Corporation.

MAYOR STACK: You both stand over here.

Maybe --

MS. DILLON: Can I ask you to come over here?

Sir?

MR. PANEQUE: Sure.

MS. DILLON: I need you to come by the microphone.

MR. PANEQUE: Sure.

MS. DILLON: It’s a large room.

MR. PANEQUE: Yes.

Good evening.

Ivan Paneque on behalf of Tomas R. Paneque,
who couldn’t be here tonight.

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

MR. PANEQUE: And our client is Osmara Paneque.

There was a Resolution dated December 3rd, 2013 granting authority for the estate to transfer to the wife. However, the State Division of Alcohol and Beverage Control needs the Resolution to have a paragraph allowing it -- the transfer to be effective, retroactive to June 30th, 2012.

MAYOR STACK: So, this is -- this is an application to transfer from --

MS. VANEK: That -- that information was placed on the Resolution, and it was sent to the State.

So, that issue has been taken care of.

MR. PANEQUE: That has been taken care of?

MS. VANEK: The transfer application here is person to person, and place to place.

Person to person aspect is from Osmara Paneque to Los Precios Corporation.

MR. LOPEZ: And in that -- as far as that application --
MS. DILLON: Your appearance, please.

MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

As far as that application is concerned --

Adolfo Lopez, appearing on behalf of the applicant, Los Precios.

MAYOR STACK: Adolfo, you represent?

MR. LOPEZ: Los Precios.

MAYOR STACK: I got it. Okay.

MR. LOPEZ: The grocery store on --

MS. DILLON: Just one step closer for me.

MR. LOPEZ: The grocery store where we propose to place the pocket license.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MR. LOPEZ: And just for clarification, it is a warm beer license exclusively.

MAYOR STACK: Right. And has there always been a license at that location?

MR. LOPEZ: There has been.

Just for the members, for Commissioners and Mayor Stack, this grocery store has been in existence for over 30 years at the location.

The owner -- well, the entity always had a warm beer license. About two years ago, they forgot to renew it.

MAYOR STACK: I remember.
MR. LOPEZ: And --

MAYOR STACK: I remember this.

MR. LOPEZ: -- Trenton would not consent --

MAYOR STACK: I remember it.

MR. LOPEZ: -- to a late renewal of the license. And he has now been without a liquor -- without a warm beer license for approximately the past two years.

But the place always had a warm beer license, with no violations ever on the old license.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. LOPEZ: And he has been in business for over 35 years, at the location.

He has now proposed to purchase a new warm beer license to cite at this location, and we are here for that transfer.

MAYOR STACK: Okay. And Mr. Paneque, you represent --

MR. PANEQUE: Yes. I represent Osmara Paneque.

MR. LOPEZ: That -- the license was held by her husband --

MR. PANEQUE: Yes.

MR. LOPEZ: -- at a different location.
MR. PANEQUE: Correct.

MR. LOPEZ: The husband passed away, and for several years, the license was maintained by the estate.

That is not permissible under ABC laws. State ABC requested that the transfer -- we wanted a simultaneous transfer. The State requested that it first be transferred to Osmara, who is the wife.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MR. LOPEZ: The wife currently holds it. It was transferred to her approximately two meetings ago.

MAYOR STACK: So, she holds it in pocket status.

MR. LOPEZ: She holds it in pocket status. It was not at this location, obviously.

MAYOR STACK: Right. She’s looking to take that -- just so I got it clear -- she’s looking to take it from pocket status, and keep it at 2817.

MR. LOPEZ: No. No, Mr. Mayor.

She is selling it to my client, who will now place it at that -- at the location, at 2817.

MAYOR STACK: And where did she have the
license at one time? Where was that?

MR. PANEQUE: This license -- I want to say, but it wouldn’t make sense, the first address that came to mind was -- but I just realized that that would be Weehawken, so that wouldn’t make sense, because I know that they had owned a liquor store years ago, so that --

But again, I apologize --

MAYOR STACK: How many years has it --

MR. PANEQUE: -- I’m filling for --

MAYOR STACK: -- been in pocket? Do you know?

I never got that petition. I -- I would have jumped on that right away. I never got it.

I just reached out -- I never got it.

MS. VANEK: This one?

MR. PANEQUE: I’m trying to look for it.

MAYOR STACK: You got the petition? I never got it.

MS. VANEK: It’s not in there?

MAYOR STACK: I never got that. I would have jumped on that right away.

I never got that. I only got this. I never got that little --

MS. VANEK: You must have another --
MAYOR STACK: -- the little folder I got.

MS. VANEK: -- there’s another -- another
meeting file that came up today.

MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Mayor, the information that
I have on my file doesn’t disclose where it was
previously placed, but State ABC raised no
concerns with the transfer from pocket status.
So, they recognized that it was a validly held
pocket status license.

MAYOR STACK: So, the --

MR. LOPEZ: There was never an application
-- there was never any type of petition for it to
be revoked, because of excessive pocket status.

MAYOR STACK: Right. Right.

MR. LOPEZ: That never took place.

MAYOR STACK: And so, there was always a
license there, for thirty-some odd years, you’re
saying.

Right?

Then, I remember a couple years ago, he did
-- I remember this whole thing. He had a problem
with the --

MR. LOPEZ: We approved Mr. Farmer --

MAYOR STACK: I remember.

MR. LOPEZ: -- with the issue --
MAYOR STACK: I remember.

MR. LOPEZ: -- because it was -- it was never because of a violation. It was simply because he forgot to renew it.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. LOPEZ: And it was as simple as that.

MAYOR STACK: And there was never a mark on that license or anything?

No -- no violations, nothing?

MR. LOPEZ: Never a single violation on that license.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

And the family’s owned that establishment for some time now.

Right?

MR. LOPEZ: More than 30 years.

MAYOR STACK: More than 30 years. Right.

Okay.

MS. VANEK: Mayor, the City has received an objection filed by an attorney named George Campen, on behalf of -- it’s about, I would say, maybe, 75 signatories, as well as a nearby liquor store.

It was my understanding that he was going to be present today at the meeting.
MS. KHELLAH: Yeah. I’m present.

MS. VANEK: Oh, you are. I’m sorry.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MS. KHELLAH: Yes, I’m stepping in for Mr. Campen.

MS. DILLON: Can you come forward and --

MS. KHELLAH: Yes.

MS. DILLON: -- put your appearance on the record?

MS. KHELLAH: I’m stepping in for Mr. Campen.


We do have additional petitions, as well, that were submitted today, by my client.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I’m sorry. I could not hear you.

MAYOR STACK: I can’t -- no, I can’t hear you.

MS. KHELLAH: I apologize.

We do have additional petitions that were brought to me by my client, today, if the Board and your -- Mr. Mayor, you’d like to look at it. They’re here for your review.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

What is -- what is the objection -- what is
the objection to the license going back at this establishment?

MS. KHELLAH: Mr. Mayor, well, the thing is that there are two other liquor stores there with a one block radius. Also --

MS. DILLON: Keep your voice up for me.

MS. KHELLAH: My apologizes.

They also have been cited -- to the best of my knowledge -- been cited for cashing out illegal Food Stamps and cashing checks without permits.

The store is in a -- I would say, for lack of better words, it’s almost gone to waste in regards to the way the --

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I’m sorry. I can barely hear you.

MS. KHELLAH: It’s almost to waste the way the store is presented.

The windows are broken, it’s dirty inside the store, there are expired goods on the shelves, and there’s just unsanitary conditions completely.

It would be hard to believe that the prohibited activities that go along with holding a liquor license would more than likely be
complied with by their client, if so issued by your -- Mr. Mayor and the Board of Commissioners.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

Let me ask you this.

How did -- how did you go about getting these signatures? How was this done?

MR. VARMA: I -- may I speak?

MS. KHELLAH: Yeah.

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

MR. VARMA: Mr. Mayor, yes --

MS. DILLON: What is your name?

MR. VARMA: Ravi Varma.


Slower and spell it for me.


MS. DILLON: V-A-R-M-A?

MR. VARMA: Yeah.

MS. DILLON: Okay.

MR. VARMA: Yes.

MS. DILLON: Speak slowly, please, and keep your voice up.

MR. VARMA: Yes, ma’am.

I own the Fiji Stores, Fiji In and Out Food Store and the Fiji Wine and Liquors.
And this particular establishment is about less than 200 foot away from my store. And they have been going on -- on this -- ongoing lot of issues with this place for the products they sell and -- and whole nine yards. I’ve been inside the store myself. And there been strong odor of rotting meat and everything.

This particular store, as they have mentioned, that it’s been there for 35 years. But Mayor, if you look at the store, each and every window is shattered and is holding by the -- the tape. And the way they present themselves, and mind you, I like to keep Union City the way it is. I want to keep it beautiful.

And I don't understand if this person is granted to give the -- the permission to sell beer, I -- I don't -- I can’t see him having people coming in there for beer. And he’s already in a big -- big problem with this establishment.

And I have pictures to prove right now, Mayor, and the Board of Commissioners, if you want to see.
From his door through all -- throughout.
And I’ve been getting complaints throughout my stores when people come and attend my store.
And that is when I got people together and we got all the sig -- signa -- excuse me -- signatures.
And these are the people living around there. There’s approximately about 300 people all together.

MAYOR STACK: You sought the petition in your store? You had it in your store, and people would come in and sign it? That’s how it was done?

MR. VARMA: Well, I had people -- I, myself, went out on the street.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MR. VARMA: I had a couple of people in my store -- in my stores. My people who work for me. They did it for me.

And I had my friends, who stay in the area --

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. VARMA: -- walk around and work with me a lot.

MAYOR STACK: The reason -- the reason I
ask the question is because it’s -- I’ve never really heard any other comments before. And I know we do sanitary inspections.

You probably know from owning an establishment.

And nothing has been brought to my attention about the inside condition of the store.

I always get a little suspect -- and I’ve got to be honest with you --

MR. VARMA: Right.

MAYOR STACK: -- when another liquor store opposes another liquor store from coming in, and not even a liquor store, but a warm beer license, because there’s a vested interest there --

MR. VARMA: Right.

MAYOR STACK: -- when a person held the license for many, many years, and he doesn’t have it anymore, obviously.

MR. VARMA: Right.

MAYOR STACK: But he went out and got another license, and they’ve been there for a long time.

MR. VARMA: They held the license before.

But when we came in, there was no license after
So, now, they are less than 200 feet away from my store, too.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. LOPEZ: If I may address some of these issues, Your Honor?

MS. DILLON: A little closer to the microphone, please.

MAYOR STACK: Sure. Sure.

MR. LOPEZ: Well, number one, that -- that is not a basis, whether or not there was a license placed there when a liquor -- a plenary retail distribution license was placed at this gentleman’s location, that’s not a basis for -- to deny the replacement of another license here.

Mr. Mayor, you’re quite right. He has a business record. It’s not a fly by night operation.

In 35 years, he has not been cited for any type of violation.

It’s very easy to throw around these allegations, baseless.

There’s not a single police report.

There’s no official report of any type on file, saying that they are cashing Food Stamps
illegally.

There is a strict -- a very strict enforcement by the federal government, USDA, regarding EBT processing.

And licenses are immediately revoked if that is the case, if they find any violations. None have ever been found, or issued against my client at all, which would result in an investigation.

Mr. Mayor, you quite rightfully mentioned that it is subject to sanitary inspections on a yearly basis, and re-licensing.

Never in the entire history of the store has there ever been a problem with the sanitary conditions.

Clearly, there is a -- an interest in that this license not be placed at this location, merely for commercial reasons. But that is not a basis to deny the placement of a license.

I have a great difficulty with the petition that is being circulated. Many are not even from the neighborhood. You have people from Jersey City signing it.

There is a clear admission that he went out and solicited signatures.
There may be many people on there, but I’d like them to come forward today and indicate that they have an objection to it.

It’s very simple to get someone to sign a petition. People will sign anything. But that is also not a basis.

If there’s such -- if there is such strong neighborhood objection to this, let those people come forward and raise their objections now.

Other than that, it’s clearly a commercial interest.

And it was also rightfully pointed out that there is no direct competition here.

This is merely a warm beer license. This is not a liquor store. This is not another liquor store.

The petition is fraught with errors. There are no -- no addresses, improper addresses, no indication of names.

And again, if there’s such -- such strong sentiment in the neighborhood, let them be here. Let them -- let them complain.

And I’d like them to come forward today and say, the ones that are here, if anyone is here in objection to this transfer.
MR. PANEQUE: Mr. Mayor, I would also just like to add --

MS. DILLON: One step closer.

MR. PANEQUE: Sure.

And this is just flushing out what Mr. Lopez said, this is solely, in our view, an attempt to drive out competition, is what it boils down to.

This is undocumented, what you stated on the record. There’s nothing to substantiate what you’re saying.

And there’s also nobody here to substantiate or to support your position.

As Mr. Lopez -- Mr. Lopez stated, we view this strictly as your attempt to drive out competition, your attempt to make it difficult for somebody who can hurt your bottom -- hurt your pocket, and which -- what your income is. And that’s what it boils down to.

MR. VARMA: Mr. Mayor, may I speak?

MAYOR STACK: When was this -- when was this submitted? This petition?

MS. KHELLAH: I believe Mr. Campen’s office said that they did send this to the --

MS. DILLON: You have to speak up.
MS. KHELLEH: Mr. Campen’s office did send it to the Clerk.

I’m not sure exactly which date, but I do -- I do have additional petitions here --

MAYOR STACK: In January, or prior to January?

MS. KHELLEH: Well, they were signed in December, so I’m going to say hopefully prior to --

MR. VARMA: As soon as --

MS. KHELLEH: -- today’s date.

MR. VARMA: -- notice was out there.

MAYOR STACK: Laura, when did you receive this?

ACTING CITY CLERK: This afternoon.

MAYOR STACK: This afternoon you received it?

ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes. By facsimile --

MAYOR STACK: Right. But this is the first I’m seeing the petition. I never got a copy of it, even.

MR. VARMA: This was submitted to the office, long time ago.

MAYOR STACK: You received it from whom?

ACTING CITY CLERK: I received it today.
MAYOR STACK: From whom?

ACTING CITY CLERK: I received it today from -- the fax machine.

MS. KHELLAH: From Mr. Campen?

ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes.

MS. KHELLAH: Mr. Campen’s office.

MAYOR STACK: Did you fax it today?

MS. KHELLAH: I’m not directly in Mr. Campen’s office. He -- he did tell me that he submitted it to the Clerk. I just don’t know when.

MAYOR STACK: Who submitted it?

MS. KHELLAH: Mr. Campen’s office.

MAYOR STACK: And when did you give it to Mr. Campen?

MS. KHELLAH: I didn’t.

MS. DILLON: Ma’am, you have to speak up.

MS. KHELLAH: When did you?

MR. VARMA: I gave him --

MAYOR STACK: Is Greg Farmer here? Greg?

MR. FARMER: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: Greg, can you come up here for a second?

This is -- this is on a transfer
application at 2817, I believe.

Right?

MR. LOPEZ: That's correct.

MAYOR STACK: 2817 Bergenline.

When did -- when did you receive this petition?

MS. DILLON: Mr. Farmer, can I ask you to come over here, please?


MS. VANEK: This is --

MAYOR STACK: I’m --

MS. VANEK: The objector is represented --

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MS. VANEK: -- by George Campen.

MR. FARMER: Right.

MS. VANEK: He’s not with Greg’s office. And it wasn’t submitted to Greg, I don’t believe. It was sent to Laura and to me.

MAYOR STACK: Okay. So, just to clear this up.

You’re represented by whom?

MR. VARMA: Mr. George Campen.

MR. FARMER: Right. And this --

MAYOR STACK: Oh, George Campen.
MR. FARMER: -- this young lady is appearing, as I understand it, on behalf of Mr. Campen, because of when it was on for Tuesday to Thursday, he had a conflict.

MAYOR STACK: You’re an attorney?

MS. KHELLAH: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: Oh, I didn’t know. I’m sorry.

MS. KHELLAH: That’s okay.

MAYOR STACK: I’m a little con -- I couldn’t hear what you said before.

MS. KHELLAH: It’s okay. I know. I’m sorry.

MAYOR STACK: This is just very confusing here. Okay.

So, you’re an attorney from Mr. George Campen’s office?

MS. KHELLAH: I’m stepping in for him.

Yes.

MAYOR STACK: I got it.

So, this was -- this was sent from Mr. Campen’s office -- you sent this over today?

MS. KHELLAH: He sent it over today.

MAYOR STACK: To the City Clerk?

MS. KHELLAH: Yes. Um hum. Yes.
MAYOR STACK: That’s why -- I guess that’s why I never saw it.

MS. VANEK: Right.

MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Okay.

Okay. Can we take five minutes just to discuss this?

MS. VANEK: Yes. Absolutely.

MAYOR STACK: All right.

MS. VANEK: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: Maybe we can go into a classroom or something?

MS. VANEK: But I would make a motion to go into Executive Session for advice of counsel.

MAYOR STACK: I -- I’ll make my motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

Seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

(Whereupon, the Board moved to Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Board returned to Open Session at 6:33 p.m.)

MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Christine.

I’ll make a --

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

MAYOR STACK: Okay. I’ll make -- I’ll make a motion to go back into Open Session.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

Seconded by Commissioner Fernandez.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

If we can bring --

ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call.

MAYOR STACK: We have to do a roll call on that?
Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

Okay.

MS. VANEK: Okay.

In light of receiving the petition today, and the issues that have been raised, I believe the Commissioners would like to have some due diligence done with respect to the issues that have been stated.

So, the Board will entertain a motion to table this until the next meeting, which I believe is February 4th.

MAYOR STACK: Is that the date of the next one?

MS. VANEK: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.
Okay. Yeah. Tuesday, February 4th.

MS. VANEK: Is that the next meeting?

MAYOR STACK: All right.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

MR. PANEQUE: If I could just ask one --

MS. DILLON: Just one step closer.

MR. PANEQUE: Sure.

There was a couple of other issues with respect to renewal of the license for the 2000 --

2012-2013 period and 2013 to 2014 period.
I know that you mentioned that the Resolution has been revised, adding a paragraph, allowing the transfer to be -- retroactive to 6/30/2012.

Have the other --

MR. LOPEZ: Not the transfer, the renewal.

MR. PANEQUE: The renewal. I’m sorry.

MS. VANEK: Yeah. That’s been --

MR. PANEQUE: Yeah.

MS. VANEK: -- administratively handled.

MR. PANEQUE: So, the renewal has also been --

MS. VANEK: Yes.

MR. PANEQUE: -- handled for 2012–’13 and ’13 to ’14, in addition to the Nunc Pro Tunc to 6/30/12?

MS. VANEK: As far as I know. Yes. And --

MR. PANEQUE: Okay.

Thank you.

MS. VANEK: -- if there’s any issues, you can contact our office and we’ll --

MR. PANEQUE: Okay.

Thank you.

MS. VANEK: -- we’ll talk about that.

Okay?
MAYOR STACK: Does Mr. -- does Mr. Lopez have a copy of the petition?

MS. VANEK: No. The objector should serve Mr. Lopez --

MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

MS. VANEK: -- with a copy of the petition.

That’s required by statute.

MS. KHELLAH: I’ll make a note of that, and I’ll put it in the file.

MR. LOPEZ: In a timely fashion, please.

MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

MS. KHELLAH: Of course.

MAYOR STACK: Can we get him a copy of that petition tomorrow morning?

MS. KHELLAH: I will let Mr. Campen know.

MAYOR STACK: Do we have an extra copy today?

MS. KHELLAH: No, I don't.

MAYOR STACK: All right.

MS. KHELLAH: Not with me.

MAYOR STACK: Okay. Tomorrow morning we’ll have a copy of the petition. All right?

MS. KHELLAH: I’ll submit the remainder of the petitions that he gave me today, and send them copies of the rest of them.
MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MS. KHELLAH: Thank you.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you very much.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Thank you.

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you.

MS. KHELLAH: Have a good evening.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

(1) Plaza Espana, Inc., t/a La Plaza Hispana Restaurant Y Bar, 2506 Bergenline Avenue

(2) Dolores Casto t/a Uno Bar, 3607 New York Avenue

(3) Cactus t/a Cactus, 426 32nd Street

(4) RG Enterprise Entertainment t/a Therapy Lounge, 2803 Bergenline Avenue

(5) Manhattan Bar & Grill, Inc. t/a Manhattan Bar & Grill, 1711 Manhattan Avenue

MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer?

Good night, now.

If you could just enter your appearance for the record.

MR. FARMER: Yes, Gregory Farmer, on behalf of the -- Prosecutor to the Union City Alcohol Beverage Control Commission.

Members of the Board, if we look at the agenda, number -- number 1 is on the other side there.

Because of the snow storm and Martin Luther King birthday, and the courts being closed yesterday, a lot of offices were closed. So, the
ability to tell and notify people on Tuesday, Wednesday, for Thursday was something that proved difficult.

And if I could run down, other than Cactus Bar, all the others are going to be on for the next meeting because Mr. Sarsano represents Plaza Espana. His client was out of town.

The next one, Uno Bar -- I was hoping that they were going to show up Tuesday, although I’ve served them with charges. For some reason or another, they have not responded.

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MR. FARMER: We’re up to Cactus. Cactus is a situation which is a paper violation, and also a noise situation. Apparently, there were complaints about noise, which seemed to be a problem. However, it’s also my understanding that those noise complaints, or the noise has subsided and perhaps, the situation is rectified and improved.

In talking with counsel, he indicates to me that this is a new business, and a struggling business, and in this kind of economy, a suspension of a long time, a substantial suspension would have great effect not only on his business, but the people he employs.

We normally, on a paper violation, have three days.

What I suggest is we make the noise complaint and add another day, and make it four days, with the clear understanding communicated to the licensee that if noise becomes a problem, there’s going to be more problems.

There’s one free pass, and hopefully, this
-- the experience has rectified the situation, and there will not be any noise complaints. No other noise complaints, then we don’t have a problem.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MR. PANEQUE: And yes --

MS. DILLON: Your appearance.

MR. PANEQUE: For the record, Ivan Paneque on behalf of Cactus Café.

I have spoken to the owners. As Mr. Farmer stated, on the record, they’ve invested a substantial amount of money into building this business.

I drive there -- past there quite often, and it is a nice establishment.

And quite frankly, in this economy, even one day more -- two days more means a significant impact when you consider that there’s rent to pay, there’s tremendous amount of expenses in running a business.

I would ask that you abide by Mr. Farmer’s suggestion in imposing a three day suspension on the -- for the paper violation, with an additional day for the noise.

It’s also my understanding that the noise
violations have -- have been addressed. That tenants in the surrounding area, neighbors, are not really complaining.

So, we don’t have the situation here where somebody is laughing, if you will, at -- at the City and saying, I’m not doing anything about it. As a matter of fact, the owners are here today.

MS. DILLON: Go back to the microphone.

MR. PANEQUE: I’m sorry?

MS. DILLON: Go back to the microphone.

MR. FARMER: They’ve got to pick you up this way.

MR. PANEQUE: Okay.

And they are here because they care and they want to address it and make it right, whatever -- whatever it takes.

MAYOR STACK: I’ve noticed, from people that have complained before, that the noise situation is much better.

If they could just continue doing that, that would be helpful to everybody who lives in the area.

We want them to thrive and survive as a business in the city. We just want to make sure
that the people who live in the area, especially upstairs from the establishment, that -- you know, they can get a decent night’s sleep.

MR. PANQUE: Absolutely.

MAYOR STACK: And you know, get rest, also.

How long have they owned the establishment?

MR. PANQUE: They -- they built this establishment -- there was nothing there before, from what I understand.

Can I -- can I --

MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Absolutely.

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

MR. FARMER: I don't think they’ve owned the establishment for too long.

MAYOR STACK: No.

MR. FARMER: I think the license they may have gotten was from the Park Theater.

MAYOR STACK: I think so. Yeah. I think you’re right.

That’s why I remember hearing this not too long ago. Two years or something. Right. I agree.

(Whereupon, there was a pause in the proceedings.)
MR. PANEQUE: It’s -- Mr. Mayor, it’s been about a year.

MAYOR STACK: Yeah. I remember.

MR. PANEQUE: And there was a restaurant there. Also, a sign of the times, which failed.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. PANEQUE: You know, they’re -- they’re not filling their pockets with money at this time. They’re just getting by.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

MR. PANEQUE: I know because I’ve spoken to her at length about this.

MAYOR STACK: Right.

And they operate strictly as a restaurant, not a bar?

MR. PANEQUE: This is a restaurant, and there’s also liquor. There’s this bar there, yes.

MAYOR STACK: Right. Is there a bar itself? A bar with stools and everything, or no? A traditional bar, or no?

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

MAYOR STACK: They do.

MR. PANEQUE: Yeah. It’s a bar. But it’s
also a food establishment. You can go there for
dinner or --

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: They have a small
counter.

MR. PANEQUE: -- you know, what have you.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

And how many stools are at the bar?

A VOICE: Three.

MAYOR STACK: Three. Okay.

And what time do you close?

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

MR. PANEQUE: Eleven to 12, weekdays;
weekends, two a.m.

MAYOR STACK: Two a.m.

Okay. And have they owned a liquor
establishment prior to this one?

Has she ever owned a liquor establishment?

MR. PANEQUE: This is the first time.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

And they own it about a year?

MR. PANEQUE: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: And it’s the first offense
we’ve had.

Right, Greg?
MR. FARMER: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: What we could do is, we could do -- instead of four days, we could do two. We could do a four day, have two days apply now. And then, if they have any more noise complaints, in the next so many months to a year, or whatever you and Mr. Farmer speak about, then those two days would come into effect.

I know that there’s not major problems there. We don’t have fights. We don’t have any type of illegal activity, from what I know from complaints from the area; being connected to the people, on a constant basis, you hear things. I don't hear.

The only thing I ever heard was noise and it was tough, from people who lived above and people, I think, who lived in the back, if I remember correctly, because you’ve got 33rd Street that runs behind there. And there’s a lot of houses that are behind there, and sound travels up, obviously.

I’d be willing to do that, being that they’re a new business.

MR. PANIQUE: Thank you very much.

MAYOR STACK: Sure.
Mr. Farmer?

MR. FARMER: Yes.

I have no objection to that, obviously.

I would recommend that.

MAYOR STACK: I know that they -- I know they just started the business.

MR. PANEQUE: Yes. It’s --

MAYOR STACK: I know that there’s not trouble at that location --

MR. PANEQUE: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: -- unlike some of the other places in the city -- you know, that we have trouble at.

MR. PANEQUE: And that’s their concern.

They --

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

MR. PANEQUE: They -- they count on a certain number of days each month in --

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

MR. PANEQUE: -- order to meet their expenses.

MAYOR STACK: And we want them to survive, and we know that they’re not an establishment that goes out there to violate the City Ordinances or laws, so we don’t want to hurt
MR. PANEQUE: Thank you.

MAYOR STACK: Just make sure it stays to a quiet level, and make sure nobody else is bothered in the area. That’s most important.

MR. PANEQUE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

Mr. Farmer?

MR. FARMER: I would recommend a two day suspension --

MAYOR STACK: Two day suspension.

MR. FARMER: -- in light --

MAYOR STACK: And we’ll hold the other two days.

MR. FARMER: Yes.

MAYOR STACK: If there’s a problem in the next -- how long, Greg?

MR. FARMER: Let -- six months.

MAYOR STACK: Next six months, then they would apply.

Okay?

Okay.

I’ll make a motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.
COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA:  Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK:  Seconded by Commissioner Valdivia.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK:  Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA:  Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK:  Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI:  Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK:  Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK:  Yes.

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MR. FARMER: The other two --

MR. PANEQUE: Thank you very much.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

MR. PANEQUE: Have a good night.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

MR. FARMER: Therapy Lounge, Mr. Blanch, who was available Tuesday, indicated to me that he had a longstanding family personal obligation, so I said we would carry it.

And Manhattan Bar and Grill, I called Ray Gonzalez a couple times. Maybe he is stuck down the shore someplace.

But I think we could put that off and I’ll get everything together for the -- for the next meeting.

MAYOR STACK: That would be great.

MR. FARMER: Okay?

Thank you.
MAYOR STACK: Very good.

Thank you, Mr. Farmer.

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

ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion then, to adjourn items 4 and 5?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.
ADJOURNMENT

ACTING CITY CLERK: All right. There are no further matters before the Board of Commissioners this evening, is there a motion to adjourn?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Seconded by Commissioner Martinetti.

Roll call.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

(Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded at 6:46 p.m.)
Brian P. Stack
Lucio P. Fernandez
Maryury A. Martinetti
Celin Valdivia

Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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