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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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Roosevelt School
4507 Hudson Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Commencing at 7:03 p.m.

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

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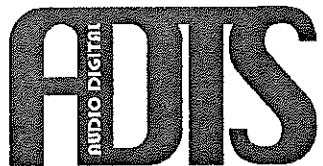
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1 CITY CLERK: This is a Regular Public
2 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
3 being held on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 at seven
4 p.m., at the Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson
5 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

6 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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11 CITY CLERK: This meeting has been called
12 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

18

19 **ROLL CALL:**

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21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Here.

6

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

9 **ORDINANCE (S) FOR INTRODUCTION:**

10 1. ORDINANCE RESTRICTING NOISE BETWEEN THE
11 HOURS OF 8:00 PM AND 10:00 AM.)

12

13 CITY CLERK: There's one Ordinance on for
14 Introduction this evening.

15 Adoption on first reading will authorize
16 the Municipal Clerk to advertise the Ordinance
17 with the date of the public hearing, which will
18 be on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at the Islamic
19 Education Center, 4613 Cottage Place, Union City,
20 New Jersey.

21 It's an Ordinance Restricting Noise Between
22 the Hours of eight p.m. and ten a.m.

23 May I have a motion to introduce?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Martinetti.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
5 Valdivia.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16

17 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
18 action on the following items in total:

19 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

20 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

21 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
22 Concurring Claims

23 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

24 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
25 February 13th through February 26, 2021

1 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
2 for February 13th through February 26, 2021

3 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
4 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

5 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
6 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

7 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a
8 Duplicate Payment

9 (9) Resolution Authorizing an Award of a
10 Contract to Fuller Grounds Maintenance for the
11 2021 Landscape Maintenance Program - Contract A
12 and B

13 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the
14 Contract for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

15 (11) Resolution to Condemn Hate Crimes, Hateful
16 Rhetoric, and Hateful Acts Against Asian
17 Americans and to Encourage Residents to Report
18 Hate Crimes to the Proper Authorities.)

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20 CITY CLERK: There are 11 items on Consent.

21 The first is a Resolution Approving the
22 Payment of Claims.

23 The second is a Resolution Approving the
24 Payment of Concurring Claims.

25 The third is a Resolution Approving the

1 Escrow Refunds.

2 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
3 City Payroll for February 13th through February
4 26, 2021.

5 Fifth is a Resolution Approving the Library
6 Payroll for February 13th through February 26,
7 2021.

8 Sixth is a Resolution Authorizing Refund of
9 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale.

10 Seventh is a Resolution Authorizing the
11 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
12 Lienholders.

13 Eighth is a Resolution Authorizing a Refund
14 of a Duplicate Payment.

15 The ninth is a Resolution Authorizing an
16 Award of a Contract to Fuller Grounds Maintenance
17 for the 2021 Landscape Maintenance Program,
18 Contract A and B.

19 Eleven --

20 Or, excuse me.

21 Tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
22 Extension of a Contract for Solid Waste and
23 Recycling Services.

24 Eleventh is a Resolution to Condemn Hate
25 Crimes, Hateful Rhetoric, Hateful Acts Against

1 Asian Americans, to Encourage Residents to Report
2 Hate Crimes to the Proper Authorities.

3 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
4 public comment on Consent?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
7 Agenda, please step forward, state your name and
8 address for the record.

9 Seeing none.

10 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
11 public comment?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

13 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
14 Valdivia.

15 Second?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

17 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
18 Fernandez.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

5 May I have a motion to approve all items on
6 Consent?

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

9 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
10 Grullon.

11 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22

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

25 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

1 1. Resolution Approving a Payment of Claim to
2 the Hudson County Improvement Authority.)

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4 CITY CLERK: There are five items on the
5 Regular Agenda.

6 The first is a Resolution Approving a
7 Payment of Claim for the Hudson County
8 Improvement Authority.

9 May I have a motion on item 1?

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 Second?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
16 Valdivia.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
24 recusing.

25 Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

3

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

6 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

7 2. Resolution for the Public Hearing and
8 Adoption of the SFY2021 Budget Amendments.)

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10 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution of
11 Public Hearing and Adoption of the State Fiscal
12 Year 2021 Budget Amendments.

13 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
14 public comment on the Budget Amendments?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 Anyone wishing to comment on the Budget
17 Amendment, please step forward, state your name
18 and address for the record.

19 Seeing none.

20 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
21 public comment?

22 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

24 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

25 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?
2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?
4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
9 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
11 CITY CLERK: Thank you.
12 May I have a motion to approve item 2?
13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.
14 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
15 Martinetti.
16 Second?
17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
18 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
19 Valdivia.
20 Commissioner Fernandez?
21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?
23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

6

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

9 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

10 3. Resolution to Adopt the SFY2021 Budget.)

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12 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution to
13 Adopt the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

14 May I have a motion on item 3?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Martinetti.

18 Second?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
21 Valdivia.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

8

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

11 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

12 4. Resolution Approving a Chapter 159 Special
13 Item of General Revenue for the 2018 Recycling
14 Tonnage Grant.)

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16 CITY CLERK: The next is a -- a Resolution
17 Approving a Chapter 159 Special Item of General
18 Revenue for the 2018 Recycling Tonnage Grant.

19 May I have a motion on item 4?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Valdivia.

23 Second?

24 MAYORS STACK: Second.

25 CITY CLERK: Second by Mayor Stack.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

12

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

15 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

16 5. Resolution Approving a Chapter 159 Special
17 Item of General Revenue for the Otis Davis
18 Documentary.)

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20 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution
21 Approving a Chapter 159 Special Item of General
22 Revenue for the Otis Davis Documentary.

23 May I have a motion to approve item 5?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Martinetti.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

5 Valdivia.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Abstain.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez is
9 abstaining.

10 Commissioner Grullon?

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

19

20 **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

21

22 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
23 like to take public comment on any item
24 concerning -- concerning the government in the
25 City of Union City?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
3 please step forward, state your name and address
4 for the record.

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

6 MAYOR STACK: Seeing none.

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Mayor, --

8 MAYOR STACK: Wendy?

9 I'm sorry.

10 Commissioner Grullon?

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes, Mayor.

12 I would like to thank you, on behalf of
13 myself and my neighbors, for the great job that
14 you did with the -- the lighting.

15 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: That really help.
17 Everyone's happy. They feel safer with the
18 lighting.

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Wendy.

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: And we thank you for
21 that, for your --

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: -- continuing
24 support for helping us -- helping --

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: -- the citizen --

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

3 Thank you, Commissioner.

4 We -- we've been installing -- we're
5 continuing to install brighter lights in the City
6 -- LED lighting. So we're continuing to do that
7 on Hudson Avenue and throughout the City.

8 It just takes Public Service some time to
9 get them done but we are continuing --

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Um-hum.

11 MAYOR STACK: -- to push to get the
12 lighting done.

13 Thank you, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Oh, no, thank you,
15 Mayor.

16 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
17 comment at this time?

18 Seeing none.

19 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
20 public comment?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

23 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
24 Valdivia.

25 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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14 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
15 the agenda.

16 May I have a motion to adjourn?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

18 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
19 Fernandez.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Grullon.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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11 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
12 at 7:09 p.m.)

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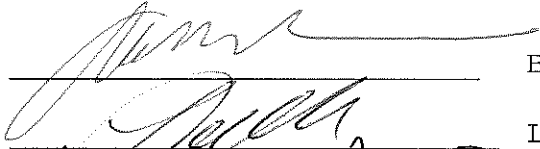
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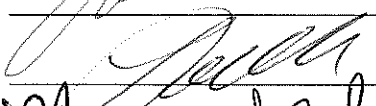
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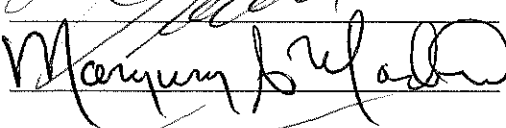
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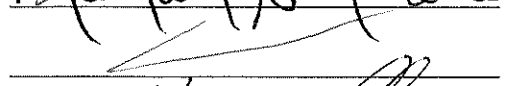
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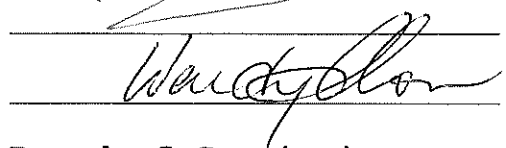
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8 MEETING of the UNION CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
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