

CITY OF UNION CITY
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING :
: TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
: PROCEEDINGS
:

Jose Marti Freshman Academy
1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Commencing at 7:10 p.m.

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T:

BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR
LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
TILO E. RIVAS, COMMISSIONER

M E M B E R S A B S E N T:

A L S O P R E S E N T:

DOMINICK CANTATORE, ACTING CITY CLERK

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Alcohol Beverage Control Commission

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1 ACTING CITY CLERK: This is a Regular
2 Public Meeting of the Union City Board of
3 Commissioner, being held on Tuesday, December 2nd,
4 2014, at seven p.m., at the Jose Marti Freshman
5 Academy, 1800 Summit Avenue, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 Everyone please rise to the Pledge of
8 Allegiance.

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10 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
11 said.)

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13 ACTING CITY CLERK: This meeting has been
14 called in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law
15 of 1975, the Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate
16 notice of this meeting has been provided as
17 follows:

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

25

1 **ROLL CALL:**

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3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

7 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

11 Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Here.

15

16 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER**
17 **31, 2014, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AND NOVEMBER 21,**
18 **2014:**

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20 ACTING CITY CLERK: First item on the
21 agenda is approval of previous meeting minutes --

22 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- from October 31st,
25 November 18, and November 21st, 2014.

1 Motion made by Mayor Stack.

2 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

3 Commissioner --

4 Roll call.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Abstain.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Recusing.

10 Commissioner Valdivia?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

13 Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm abstain--

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Recusing from --

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing from

17 November --

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- November 21st --

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: No, November 18.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: November 18.

21 Mayor --

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Aye on the rest.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25

1 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

2 **CONSIDERATION:**

3

4 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC CHAPTER XVI
5 OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
6 UNION CITY, 1996"

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8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second item is
9 Ordinance for Hearing and Adoption Consideration.

10 An Ordinance Amending Traffic Chapter XVI
11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of
12 Union City, 1996.

13 Mayor, do you wish to take public comment
14 on this Ordinance at this time?

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

19 Just if you could, Monica, if you could
20 explain what this Ordinance is, --

21 MS. de los RIOS: Yes.

22 MAYOR STACK: -- what it entails?

23 MS. de los RIOS: Yes, Mayor.

24 This is -- this Ordinance prohibits right
25 turns at all times of the day on 37th, 41st, 36th

1 and 34th Streets.

2 MAYOR STACK: This was done after review by
3 the Police Department.

4 Originally, many residents came to myself
5 and some of the other Commissioners and mentioned
6 that many drivers were making a quick right turn,
7 especially in some of the school areas and places
8 where we have our senior buildings.

9 We felt that this was a proactive approach
10 for public safety.

11 Seeing no other on this matter.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
13 close public hearing?

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
16 Stack.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
19 Fernandez.

20 Roll call.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
3 Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
8 adopt?

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
11 Martinetti.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
14 Valdivia.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

19 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
23 Martinetti?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2

3 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

4

5 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

6 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of

7 Concurring Claims

8 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for

9 the Period of November 19, 2014 through December

10 2, 2014

11 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

12 for the Period of November 19, 2014 through

13 December 2, 2014

14 (5) Resolution to Amend Award of Contract for

15 Transcription Services

16 (6) Resolution Awarding Contract to Central

17 Poly Corp. for Poly Garbage Bags

18 (7) Resolution Approving Assignment of Lease

19 for the Billboard at 2920 Bergenline Avenue

20 (8) Resolution Approving Participation in the

21 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative

22 Purchasing Agreement in Order to Purchase 2

23 Ambulances

24 (9) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption

25 Monies to Outside Lienholders

1 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
2 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

3 (11) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a
4 Payment Made on the Wrong Parcel

5 (12) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax
6 Appeal Issued by the Tax Court of New Jersey

7 (13) Any other matter of City business that may
8 arise

9

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is the
11 Consent Agenda. There are 12 items on the
12 Consent Agenda.

13 The first item.

14 Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

15 Second item.

16 Resolution Approving the Payment of
17 Concurring Claims.

18 Third item.

19 Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
20 the Period of November 19, 2014 through December
21 2nd, 2014.

22 Item 4.

23 Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
24 for the Period of November 19, 2014 through
25 December 2nd, 2014.

1 Item 5.

2 Resolution to Amend Award of a Contract for
3 Transcription Services.

4 Item 6.

5 Resolution Awarding Contract to Central
6 Poly Corporation for Poly Garbage Bags.

7 Item 7.

8 Resolution Approving Assignment of Lease
9 for the Billboard at 2920 Bergenline Avenue.

10 Item 8.

11 Resolution Approving Participation in the
12 Hudson (sic)-Galveston Area Council Cooperative
13 Purchasing Agreement in Order to Purchase Two
14 Ambulances.

15 Item 9.

16 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
17 Monies to Outside Lienholders.

18 Item 10.

19 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
20 Premium Money Collected at Tax Sale.

21 Item 11.

22 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
23 Payment Made on the Wrong Parcel.

24 Item 12.

25 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax

1 Appeal Issued by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

2 Mayor, you wish to take public comment on
3 any items on the Consent Agenda?

4 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

5 Just before we do, the assignment -- the
6 lease on -- of the billboard at 2920 Bergenline
7 Avenue is in reference to a billboard that we
8 have up there concerning public safety. That was
9 the only reason that we rented it.

10 It says, See Something, Say Something; has
11 Union City Police number up there.

12 Just a public safety awareness. I know
13 that this is a nominal lease; very small amount
14 of money.

15 Do you know off the top of your head,
16 Monica, how much we pay a month here?

17 MS. de los RIOS: I do not, Mayor.

18 MAYOR STACK: I think -- I think it's the
19 range of anywhere from 500 to a thousand dollars
20 a month we pay for this billboard.

21 But it's in a critical location because
22 when you're coming down Bergenline Avenue, the
23 lease is right there.

24 I'm sorry.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: The billboard.

1 The billboard is -- the billboard is right
2 there right in front of you.

3 And hopefully in the future we'll be able
4 to illuminate it a little bit better but during
5 the day you could see it very well. It's See
6 Something, Say Something -- in English and
7 Spanish -- just to get more people to call the
8 Police Department. Something we've been trying
9 to do and it's actually helped us in Union City
10 with public safety and reducing crime in Union
11 City.

12 On the other matter, in reference to the
13 purchase agreements to order two ambulances. An
14 ambulance is an expensive item; it's a big-ticket
15 item, no doubt about it, but it's needed.

16 Our ambulance system probably does about
17 10,000 calls for service a year. We're very
18 proud of the response time we have with Union
19 City EMS.

20 It's actually -- George Fierro is the Chief
21 Supervisor. And it's actually under the Police
22 Department; the Chief of Police actually has
23 jurisdiction over the ambulance.

24 Something we're very proud of. On most
25 nights, on weekends and on holidays we run up to

1 three ambulance service, usually there's always
2 at least two in service.

3 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
4 Agenda, please step forward, state your name and
5 address for the record.

6 Seeing none.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
8 close public comment?

9 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made --

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- by Mayor Stack.

13 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

14 Roll call.

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

22 Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

3 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

8 Roll call.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
16 Martinetti?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20

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

22

23 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVI OF THE
24 "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UNION
25 CITY, 1996"

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2 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is an
3 Ordinance for Introduction.

4 This Ordinance will be further considered
5 at a meeting of the Board of Commission to be
6 held on December 16, 2014, at seven p.m. at the
7 Robert Waters Elementary School, 2800 Summit
8 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

9 First Ordinance in Amending Chapter XVI of
10 the Revised General Ordinances of the City of
11 Union City, 1996.

12 MAYOR STACK: You can go right ahead.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
14 introduce?

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

16 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
17 Stack.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
20 Martinetti.

21 Roll call.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
4 Martinetti?

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

8

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

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11 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 OF THE
12 CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "SOLID
13 WASTE"

14

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next Ordinance is
16 Amending Chapter 359 of the Code of the City of
17 Union City Entitled Solid Waste.

18 MAYOR STACK: Monica, you want to explain
19 this Ordinance?

20 MS. de los RIOS: Yes, Mayor.

21 This Ordinance is applicable to commercial
22 businesses.

23 MS. DILLON: Can I ask you to speak up
24 please?

25 MS. de los RIOS: It sets the solid waste

1 and recycling pickup time between 12 a.m. and
2 seven a.m. It ensures that pickup is complete by
3 seven a.m.

4 MAYOR STACK: Right. Which is important
5 for the children going to school.

6 This would be the private hauler that
7 operates in the City. From -- basically, from 12
8 o'clock at night and they're out of the City by
9 seven o'clock in the morning.

10 Correct?

11 MS. de los RIOS: That's exactly right.

12 MAYOR STACK: Some nights they try to sneak
13 into the City ten o'clock at night. I've seen
14 them as early as 9:45 at night. And sometimes
15 people don't have their garbage out. And then
16 the garbage goes out and we get stuck picking it
17 up.

18 Regardless of this we have our own garbage
19 trucks that roam the City picking up the
20 receptacles, picking up some of the other bulk
21 items, whether it's furniture or stuff like that.
22 But this would keep in check our private garbage
23 hauler which we've had a lot of issues with over
24 the last year or so.

25 I'll move it.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
2 Stack.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
5 Fernandez.

6 Roll call.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

10 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
14 Martinetti?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18

19 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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21 1. Resolution Approving the Redevelopment
22 Agency Payroll for the Period of November 19,
23 2014 through December 2, 2014

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25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is the

1 Regular Agenda.

2 First item is Resolution Approving the
3 Redevelopment Agency Payroll for the Period
4 November 19, 2014 through December 2nd, 2014.

5 There a motion?

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
9 Stack.

10 Second --

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- by Commissioner
13 Martinetti.

14 Roll call.

15 Commissioner Fernandez; recusing.

16 Commissioner Rivas?

17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
21 Martinetti?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25

1 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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3 2. Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Claim
4 to the Union City Board of Education

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6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second item is
7 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to the
8 Union City Board of Education.

9 Is there a motion?

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
14 Rivas.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez; recusing.

17 Commissioner Rivas?

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
22 Martinetti?

23 MS. de los RIOS: Recusing.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: Recusing.

25 Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 MS. de los RIOS: And just to be clear for
3 the record, we are invoking the Doctrine of
4 Necessity to allow a vote here.

5

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

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8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor, do you wish to
9 take public comments?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
12 please step forward, state your name and address
13 for the record.

14 I'd like to thank those residents that are
15 here this evening. We try to -- we move all -- a
16 hundred percent of our meetings throughout the
17 City each week. We move them into --

18 I'm sorry.

19 Every two weeks. We move them all over the
20 City to each neighborhood. This evening,
21 obviously we're here. Our last Commission
22 Meeting was on 5th and West. And we do this on a
23 rotation basis.

24 Whether we have 50 or 55 Commission
25 Meetings a year, they're moved to a different

1 neighborhood every two weeks to give the public
2 access.

3 This is in addition to the Mobile Mayor's
4 City Hall, to the Police Community Meetings, the
5 Public Safety Meetings that we offer in the City.

6 On this meeting tonight everyone from 21st
7 Street to 30th Street, Palisade to Kennedy,
8 received a notice about this meeting.

9 I would like to thank those residents that
10 take time out to come to the meeting. I know
11 that we're moving into the cooler weather and
12 weather that's not the best.

13 But we do get a great turnout at most of
14 our Public Safety Meetings. We averaged this
15 summer -- the Chief and I held about 85 this
16 year. And we average probably at most of the
17 meetings 40 to 50 people at the Public Safety
18 Meetings and I feel that's made a big difference
19 in keeping crime down in our community and
20 getting the public involved in what's happening.

21 So I would like to thank everyone for being
22 here.

23 MS. FAVUZZI: I do have a question.

24 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

25 If you could just step forward just --

1 MS. FAVUZZI: Are you taking general
2 questions?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Sure.

4 MS. DILLON: Right over here.

5 MAYOR STACK: If you could just state your
6 name and address for the record.

7 MS. FAVUZZI: My name is Dorothy Favuzzi.
8 I live at 2006 Kerrigan Avenue in Union City.

9 MS. DILLON: Can you just spell your last
10 name for me?

11 MS. FAVUZZI: F-A-V-U-Z-Z-I.

12 MS. DILLON: Thank you so much.

13 MS. FAVUZZI: I live at 20th and Kerrigan
14 and across the street is that Red Wallet
15 Corporation, which I know has recently been sold
16 so they say.

17 But there are rumors flying around in the
18 neighborhood that the City is either purchasing
19 or interested in purchasing it maybe for a DPW.

20 So I just would like to know is the City
21 purchasing or interested in purchasing? And, if
22 so, to what purpose?

23 MAYOR STACK: No. No. We're not.

24 There was talk. We looked at many, many
25 different sites, Dorothy, in the community.

1 Obviously we have to vacate the 27th Street site
2 on New York Avenue; --

3 MS. FAVUZZI: Right.

4 MAYOR STACK: -- from 27 to 29, New York to
5 Bergenline.

6 We're able to use about 30 percent of the
7 site right now. Most of the facility is shut
8 down due to some structural problems that we're
9 having there.

10 We don't own that site. It was leased by a
11 prior administration from New Jersey Transit.

12 We are in the process of looking in
13 different locations. That was a site that was
14 mentioned to us but we're not going there.

15 MS. FAVUZZI: Okay.

16 MAYOR STACK: No.

17 MS. FAVUZZI: Great.

18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

20 Are you happy or sad about that?

21 I'm just kidding.

22 MS. FAVUZZI: No, I --

23 MAYOR STACK: I'm just kidding.

24 MS. FAVUZZI: -- I wasn't sure one way or
25 the other.

1 MAYOR STACK: No, no, I know.

2 MS. FAVUZZI: I hate to see it be
3 abandoned.

4 MAYOR STACK: Whatever we do in any
5 neighborhood, we would -- you know that, our
6 policy is to let the public know exactly what
7 we're doing.

8 Had we even thought about and became
9 serious with that, we would have sent out a
10 notice; if there was any type of negotiation
11 taking place.

12 We've done appraisals on many different
13 properties in the City to see what the market
14 rate is for rental or buying them right now,
15 because we're in a little bit of a tough spot. A
16 little bit is probably a major understatement.
17 We can't find property comparable to 27th Street.

18 We've even looked out of the City. We've
19 looked on 1 and 9 in North Bergen. We looked in
20 Jersey City. There's really nowhere in Weehawken
21 or West New York.

22 But we're looking at maybe two or three
23 different sites in the City right now where we
24 could house the vehicles and then figure out
25 where we're going to go from there.

1 But that won't be one of them. No, it
2 won't.

3 Thank you.

4 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
5 time?

6 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Actually, can I make a
7 comment?

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes, Mayor.

10 Last week was Thanksgiving week. I would
11 like to wish everyone, you know, happy belated
12 Thanksgiving.

13 And then it was a celebration that -- a
14 great meaning for Americans, so we celebrate it
15 and thanks to you, Mayor, you did a tremendous
16 job, tremendous work for the community, for Union
17 City. I mean non-political. This was a great
18 act --

19 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- when you approached
21 the whole City of Union City and you say here we
22 are to make sure that you celebrate nice
23 Thanksgiving.

24 There was food for a lot of people in five
25 different locations.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: So, you know,
3 congratulations for a great job.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I mean we're so proud
6 of the type of work you do for the poor.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Thank you, Mayor.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much,
10 Commissioner. Thank you for mentioning it.

11 The dinners that we held city-wide, the
12 five dinners, were attended probably over -- a
13 little over a thousand residents came out. Some
14 were homeless; some were just home by themselves
15 on Thanksgiving. But you could see great need in
16 the community.

17 It's unfortunate but I have to say this, --
18 because I really have to zing The Jersey Journal
19 and the local newspapers -- you'll never read any
20 of that positive stuff in the local press.

21 You'll never read what a job the Chief of
22 Police is doing in the Police Department on
23 reducing crime. But you'll read about that one
24 crime. But you'll never read about the good
25 things that are happening here in Union City.

1 It seems The Jersey Journal's coverage is
2 focused on Bayonne and Bayonne only. And that's
3 sad that we don't report the good, what's taking
4 place.

5 Of course you got to report the things that
6 are negatively happening but you need to report
7 some of the good things, too.

8 But that argument with The Jersey Journal I
9 dropped probably about ten years ago. I've been
10 the Mayor 14 years; I probably dropped that after
11 about four years of being Mayor -- to push The
12 Jersey Journal to write anything positive. But
13 be that as it may.

14 Thank you, Commissioner.

15 And thank you to everyone for attending the
16 meeting this evening.

17 Anyone with any further comment or --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'd like --

19 MAYOR STACK: -- at this time?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I, too, would like
21 to make a comment, Mayor.

22 And you're Public Safety and I got to
23 commend you for incredible Public Safety work
24 with community policing, our Chief of Police.

25 With what's going on in Ferguson nowadays

1 and, you know, we had no incident in Union City.
2 And I think that goes a long way by saying that
3 the Mayor's effort with community meetings and
4 community policing, where the Police Department
5 goes house to house knocking on doors seeing if
6 there's a problem, goes a long way in
7 communicating with the community to avoid
8 situations as are happening countrywide, which I
9 personally see as an embarrassment to our
10 country.

11 And I want to commend the Mayor, as Public
12 Safety Director, and the City Administration for
13 this wonderful effort in policing our community
14 and being a friend to the community, not an
15 adversary.

16 So, congratulations, Mayor.

17 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you very
19 much.

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Commissioner.

21 Anyone further at this time?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I just want to
23 comment and add a little bit more.

24 We're probably the only city that the
25 residents have access to our Police Chief

1 personally. When we have the meetings across the
2 City, not only with the Police Chief but the
3 Captains, the Lieutenants, -- I can't mention all
4 their names -- but I want to congratulate them
5 for the job that they do.

6 And we're probably the size of Ferguson;
7 probably even more dense, and we don't see this
8 in Union City.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Anybody else?

11 Is there a motion to close public comment
12 portion of this meeting?

13 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
16 Stack.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
19 Rivas.

20 Roll call.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
3 Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is Liquor
8 License Disciplinary --

9 MAYOR STACK: The portion of the meeting
10 that we're going into right now is on liquor
11 license disciplinary action.

12 And then we do have a meeting after that I
13 believe with the taxi cab owners?

14 MR. FARMER: Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 That's a follow-up to our last meeting.

17 MR. FARMER: Yes.

18 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

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LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:

1. Caribe Club Restaurant t/a Caribe Club, 727
24th Street, Liquor License No. 0910-33-210-005

2. Wendy C. Diaz t/a Tropical Bar &
Restaurant, 4100 Bergenline Avenue, Liquor
License No. 0910-33-060-003

MR. FARMER: There are only two matters on.

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**CARIBE CLUB RESTAURANT t/a CARIBE CLUB,
727 24th STREET,
LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0910-33-210-005:**

MR. FARMER: The first one is Caribe Club.

I got a call today from Ray Gonzalez. He's
going to be representing them. And, therefore,
I'd ask you to carry it just to the 16th.

MAYOR STACK: And that will be on for the
16th?

MR. FARMER: That's correct.

MAYOR STACK: Okay.

MR. FARMER: Richard?

MAYOR STACK: Is there another one on

1 today?

2 MR. FARMER: Yes.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

5 MR. FARMER: Tropical.

6 MAYOR STACK: Okay, I got it.

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

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1 **WENDY C. DIAZ t/a TROPICAL BAR & RESTAURANT,**
2 **4100 BERGENLINE AVENUE,**
3 **LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0910-33-060-003:**
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5 MR. FARMER: This is Tropical Bar and
6 Restaurant.

7 The situation, counsel represents
8 Tropical --

9 Why don't you put in --

10 MR. CROSSIN: Representing Tropical is
11 Altamura and Crossin, by Richard Crossin, 4000
12 Bergenline Ave, Union City.

13 MR. FARMER: I've already spoken to Mr.
14 Crossin previously -- and this was on last time
15 but because of an illness of Mr. Crossin we
16 carried it tonight.

17 What the situation is, the Police were
18 going by and they saw a scuffle in the doorway of
19 the bar. They went there. They broke it up.
20 They checked to see if there were -- the
21 paperwork was in order and it was not.

22 I've spoken with Mr. Crossin about it and
23 we've agreed to a recommendation to the Board of
24 a ten day suspension. And it will be from
25 January 5th to January 14th.

1 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Crossin, are you in
2 agreement with this?

3 MR. CROSSIN: I am, Your -- I am, Mr.
4 Mayor.

5 And, by the way, thank you, Mr. Mayor and
6 the rest of the Board, for granting me that brief
7 adjournment so I could discuss it --

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

9 MR. CROSSIN: -- with my client.

10 In mitigation, if I may, this arose between
11 two co-workers who came into the bar and appeared
12 very social and were having a beer. Then there
13 were angry words. One co-worker got up and
14 headed to the door. And before he could get out
15 the other chased him and they exchanged blows
16 there. There was no opportunity with the staff
17 to intervene.

18 But we acknowledge our responsibility under
19 the first specification, as well as the paper
20 violation.

21 And my client has authorized me to accept
22 Mr. Farmer's recommended penalty; I respectfully
23 request that the Board approve it.

24 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

25 Make a motion to approve.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made --
2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.
3 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- by Mayor Stack.
4 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.
5 Roll call.
6 Commissioner Fernandez?
7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?
9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
13 Martinetti?
14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
17 MR. FARMER: Okay.
18 ACTING CITY CLERK: That's all, right?
19 MR. FARMER: That's it.
20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.
21 MR. CROSSIN: Thank you.

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion --

4 There's no other items on the agenda, is
5 there a motion to adjourn?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Motion.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
8 Stack.

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Rivas.

12 All in favor?

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14 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

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16 ACTING CITY CLERK: Thank you.

17 Mayor, do we have --

18 MAYOR STACK: I believe the taxi cab
19 owners, yes.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: No, we have --

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Peter. Peter.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Peter first.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Peter.

24 MAYOR STACK: Oh, I'm sorry. Sure.

25 Come right up. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

1 MR. CROCE: Hello, Mayor. Nice to meet
2 you.

3 My name's Peter Croce. I was born and
4 raised in Union City. Went to school at Saint
5 Augustine's; graduated Union Hill in 1975.

6 And I have the Hudson County Chess
7 Association; I started the chess program up many
8 years ago. And based it mainly out of Hoboken
9 but I branched out all over Hudson County.

10 And the reason why I came here tonight is
11 because I've been dealing with a lot of
12 municipalities. And Union City, I feel blessed
13 that I was able to come back and give back to the
14 children of Union City. But Union City's
15 Commissioners all were open to me running the
16 chess tournament.

17 And so what I did was we had two very
18 successful tournaments. Over a hundred children
19 participated. Mayor (sic) Valdivia, Mayor (sic)
20 Fernandez, opened their arms to me, okay, and to
21 the children.

22 So what I did was -- I'm not a big speech
23 maker but I made a plaque for you and --

24 MAYOR STACK: Oh, very nice.

25 MR. CROCE: -- the Commissioners.

1 And what I did was I made it personally
2 because I felt it was very personal and I feel
3 very honored that you guys helped out --

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

5 MR. CROCE: -- to Union City.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. I appreciate
7 that.

8 MR. CROCE: So I want to give this to you
9 personally. Okay?

10 I never met you before. I heard so many
11 good things --

12 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

13 MR. CROCE: Thank you everybody.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you Peter.

16 MAYOR STACK: I appreciate that. Thank
17 you. It was very nice of you.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Okay?

19 MAYOR STACK: Anytime you want any facility
20 in the City, don't hesitate.

21 MR. CROCE: It sounds that way.

22 MAYOR STACK: Anytime.

23 MR. CROCE: And, really, I heard so many
24 good things about you --

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

1 MR. CROCE: -- over the years, I had to
2 come here and thank everybody.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. We
4 appreciate it.

5 MR. CROCE: I've seen all you guys --

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

7 Happy holidays, too.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. CROCE: Thank you very much. Thank
10 you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: And he was part of
13 the backcourt of one of the best players Union
14 City ever had.

15 MAYOR STACK: Really?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Nicky Galis.

17 MR. CROCE: Nick Galis, yeah. Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: He played for Union
19 Hill High School.

20 MR. CROCE: I played under the last State
21 Championship for Union Hill.

22 MAYOR STACK: Wow, that's great.

23 MR. CROCE: But I came here to thank you.

24 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thanks
25 again, I appreciate that.

1 MR. CROCE: All right, thank you.

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

3 Thank you.

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5 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
6 at 7:31 p.m.)

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9 **Dominick Cantatore,**

10 **Acting City Clerk**

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