

REGULAR MEETING :
: TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
: PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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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, January 6,
4 2015, at seven p.m., at the Jefferson Elementary
5 School, 3400 Palisade Avenue, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 Everyone please rise for 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.

16 Adequate notice of this meeting has been
17 provided as follows:

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

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1 **ROLL CALL:**

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3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 Is absent.

6 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 Commissioner Fernandez had a family
16 commitment.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Got it.

18

19 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM**

20 **NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AND DECEMBER 2, 2014:**

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22 ACTING CITY CLERK: First item is approval
23 of the previous meeting minutes of November 5th
24 and December 2nd of 2014.

25 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
4 Valdivia.

5 Roll call.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 Absent.

8 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

18 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

19 **CONSIDERATION:**

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21 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 366 OF THE
22 CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "STREETS
23 AND SIDEWALKS"

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25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is an

1 Ordinance Amending Chapter 366 of the Code of the
2 City of Union City Entitled Streets and
3 Sidewalks.

4 This Ordinance is for adoption
5 consideration.

6 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
7 this Ordinance at this time, please step forward,
8 state your name and address for the record.

9 If you could, Mr. Price, right down here.

10 MS. DILLON: Over here, Mr. Price.

11 MAYOR STACK: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I
12 thought -- I didn't see that over there.

13 MS. DILLON: That's all right.

14 MR. PRICE: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade
15 Avenue.

16 Question. This Ordinance requires the use
17 of calcium carbonate instead of sodium chloride
18 for the --

19 If a homeowner fails to do something --
20 destroys the sidewalk in front, the penalty is he
21 has to replace the sidewalk. But he has to
22 replace the sidewalk anyway. Even today, if your
23 sidewalk deteriorates, you as the landowner of
24 the adjacent property have to replace it.

25 So what changes here?

1 MAYOR STACK: Monica?

2 MS. de los RIOS: Well, I think what --
3 what changes is that the City has gone through
4 and extensively made changes and alterations to
5 its sidewalks, so the manner in which and the
6 time in which that this is going to happen would
7 be quicker -- for the sidewalks to deteriorate at
8 a quicker rate.

9 MR. PRICE: I -- oh, I -- I'm not
10 questioning the calcium carbonate. I -- I mean
11 every engineering study I've ever seen says that
12 the -- that the cost-savings from using rock salt
13 costs you five to ten times that --

14 MS. de los RIOS: Um-hum.

15 MR. PRICE: -- in terms of deterioration of
16 infrastructure.

17 But I'm just saying here the penalty for a
18 property owner, if he uses rock salt and destroys
19 the sidewalk that was built for him by the City
20 is he has to replace it.

21 MAYOR STACK: I think -- I think --

22 MR. PRICE: But he has to do that anyway.

23 MAYOR STACK: We're just trying to send a
24 message out though, Mr. Price, that if you use
25 rock salt on your sidewalk what the penalty is

1 | that you'll have to replace it.

2 | Sidewalks are the responsibility, as you
3 | know, of the property owners.

4 | MR. PRICE: Right.

5 | MAYOR STACK: But we're just sending a
6 | strong message out there.

7 | I mean I think you've seen by what we tried
8 | to mail out to people. We're making this major
9 | investment in the City; we just want people to
10 | keep it.

11 | MR. PRICE: I don't -- I don't quarrel with
12 | the message.

13 | MAYOR STACK: Right.

14 | MR. PRICE: I'm just wondering if this is
15 | the medium we want to use. I think because it
16 | doesn't change anything.

17 | MAYOR STACK: Yeah, I think it's a start
18 | though. I think it shows people, once we mail
19 | this out to everyone, that we're serious about
20 | it.

21 | I mean we even had people out there today
22 | going door by door making sure, in those houses
23 | that threw rock salt, that we removed it first.
24 | We shoveled -- we swept it off their sidewalk but
25 | also told them you can't do this, we have an

1 Ordinance, we're going to come after you on it.

2 MR. PRICE: By the way I hate to tell you
3 but I went for a walk this afternoon -- because I
4 went for a walk. I walked down Palisade Avenue
5 past the swimming pool and they had swept -- and
6 guess what they used to melt the snow on the
7 sidewalk outside the swimming pool? Rock salt.

8 MAYOR STACK: Well, we're making sure --
9 we're making sure it doesn't happen.

10 MR. PRICE: So, --

11 MAYOR STACK: We're trying to get a strong
12 message out there.

13 MR. PRICE: Oh, I could not agree more.

14 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

15 MR. PRICE: It is such a cost-saver --

16 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

17 MR. PRICE: -- in the long run. No
18 question.

19 MAYOR STACK: And if you maintain the
20 sidewalks they should last 20, 25, 30 years.

21 If you throw rock salt on them, I mean we
22 know the effect, you know the effect of what --

23 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

24 MAYOR STACK: -- rock salt does.

25 MR. PRICE: And it's the -- and what's

1 really costly is the infrastructure deterioration
2 that you don't see.

3 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

4 MR. PRICE: Now, the drainage pipes, --

5 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

6 MR. PRICE: -- the sewer pipes, --

7 MAYOR STACK: And the damage that it does.

8 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

9 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

10 Thank you.

11 Anyone else wishing to comment on this
12 Ordinance at this time?

13 I think this just shows, -- the Ordinance
14 that we're putting through -- the quality of
15 life, how serious we take it in the City. Not
16 only keeping the streets clean but putting in new
17 infrastructure in the City.

18 I don't think it was heard of in the past
19 in Union City where you saw massive amount of
20 area where sidewalks are being put in. Whether
21 it's along long stretches and mains or side
22 streets.

23 We're hoping to do, in the next two years,
24 -- next year or this year, I should say, probably
25 in -- starting in late April, early May, we'll be

1 | doing 15th Street from Bergenline to Kennedy.

2 | We're starting to do the side streets that
3 | are our main side streets; 22nd/Palisade to
4 | Kennedy Boulevard; 43rd/Park to Kennedy; 48th and
5 | 49th/Park to Bergenline.

6 | And we're putting in decorative lighting,
7 | stamped concrete sidewalks; we're probably
8 | planting about a thousand trees again this year.
9 | Which we're really trying to make the City not
10 | only nicer and cleaner but healthier. And make
11 | it nicer for all the residents that live here.

12 | With the amount of money that's being
13 | invested -- and whether we get it from grants or
14 | bonds -- that we're doing the sidewalks and
15 | street improvements, is unprecedented in Union
16 | City. Hopefully --

17 | We paved all of New York Avenue in the
18 | City. That's been done.

19 | Central Avenue's been completely done.

20 | Bergenline Avenue, we're working north up
21 | to 9th Street.

22 | Right now 9th to 16th next -- the end of
23 | this year that will be happening.

24 | Broadway and Park Avenue, we did the
25 | sidewalks and we did the street on Broadway.

1 So hopefully we're making this happen
2 throughout the whole entire community.

3 West Street we did, from 14 to 26.

4 And we're going to continue doing that.

5 We try to pick out the worst streets in the
6 City that have the most potholes and the
7 sidewalks are really the worst.

8 So I know everyone asks me, when are you
9 doing our block. You know, permitting the funds
10 that we have, we're going to try to do the whole
11 City over a period of time.

12 But, like I said, in the next two years you
13 should probably see about 45 streets done
14 throughout the City, which will be -- it's a nice
15 improvement for the municipality.

16 I'll make a motion.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
20 Valdivia.

21 Roll call.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 Absent.

24 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 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
9 adopt?

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by --

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

14 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 Absent.

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

20 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.

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3 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

4 **CONSIDERATION:**

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6 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 AFFORDABLE
7 HOUSING

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9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next Ordinance Amending
10 Chapter 40, Affordable Housing.

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

14 Seeing none.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
16 close public hearing?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
19 Valdivia.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
22 Rivas.

23 Roll call.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 Absent.

1 Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

6 Martinetti?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to

11 adopt this Ordinance?

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

15 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

16 Roll call.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 Absent.

19 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

21 Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

24 Martinetti?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

3

4 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

5 **CONSIDERATION:**

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7 3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 334

8 "MAINTENANCE OF SERVICES"

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10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next Ordinance Amending
11 Chapter 334 Maintenance of Services.

12 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
13 this Ordinance at this time?

14 This Ordinance will address that if a
15 tenant living in a residential building has their
16 parking space taken away by the landlord that
17 there's a 25 percent reduction in the rent on a
18 unit.

19 We've experienced this in some of the
20 larger buildings in the City where parking has
21 been part of their apartment and then a landlord
22 suddenly comes in and converts the building to a
23 condominium and then wants to take away that
24 tenant's parking who's been living in the
25 building -- whether it's for five years or 30

1 years, wants to take away that service that
2 they've always been provided.

3 We're trying to build an incentive in there
4 to let the current tenants keep their parking
5 spot and this Ordinance hopefully will address
6 that.

7 Seeing none.

8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
9 close?

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by --

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

14 Second by Commissioner Rivas.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 Absent.

18 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 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
3 adopt this Ordinance?

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by --

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

8 Second by --

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner
11 Martinetti.

12 Roll call.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 Absent.

15 Commissioner Rivas?

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
20 Martinetti?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24

25 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

1 **CONSIDERATION:**

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3 4. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE
4 CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "FEES"

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6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next Ordinance Amending
7 Chapter 155 of the Code of the City of Union City
8 Entitled Fees.

9 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
10 this Ordinance at this time?

11 This concerns dog license fees and the
12 like.

13 Seeing none.

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
15 close public hearing?

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by --

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

19 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry; motion.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner Rivas.
21 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

22 Roll call.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 Absent.

25 Commissioner Rivas?

1 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

2 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

5 Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
10 adopt this Ordinance?

11 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor --

13 Commissioner Rivas.

14 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 Absent.

18 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 December 17, 2014 through December

10 30, 2014

11 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

12 for the Period of December 17, 2014 through

13 December 30, 2014

14 (5) Resolution Authorizing the Award of

15 Contract for Wrestling Supplies and Equipment to

16 Stan's Sport Center

17 (6) Resolution to Approve Amendment to Contract

18 for Webmaster

19 (7) Resolution to Approve Contract for

20 Remodeling of the Union City Police Command

21 Center Radio Room

22 (8) Resolution Authorizing Extension of

23 Contract for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

24 (9) Resolution Authorizing Submission of a

25 Strategic Plan of the Alliance Grant Pursuant to

1 the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug
2 Abuse

3 (10) Resolution Approving a Shared Services
4 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the
5 Union City Parking Authority for Personnel
6 Services

7 (11) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the
8 Settlement Agreement with Orchard Holdings, LLC

9 (12) Resolution Approving Disciplinary
10 Proceedings against Uno Bar t/a Uno Bar, 3607 New
11 York Avenue, Liquor License No. 0910-33-108-004

12 (13) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
13 Monies to Outside Lienholders

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

16 (15) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax
17 Appeal Issued by the Hudson County Board of
18 Taxation.

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

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22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is a Consent
23 Agenda.

24 First -- first item is Resolution Approving
25 the Payment of Claims.

1 Second item is Resolution Approving the
2 Payment of Concurring Claims.

3 Third item is Resolution Approving the City
4 Payroll for the Period of December 17th, 2014
5 through December 30th, 2014.

6 Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
7 for the Period of December 17th, 2014 through
8 December 30th, 2014.

9 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
10 Contract for Wrestling Supplies and Equipment to
11 Stan's Sport Center.

12 Item 6.

13 Resolution to Approve Amendment to Contract
14 for Webmaster.

15 Item 7.

16 Resolution to Approve Contract for
17 Remodeling of the Union City Police Command
18 Center Radio Room.

19 Item 8.

20 Resolution Authorizing Extension of
21 Contract for Solid Waste and Recycling Services.

22 Item 9.

23 Resolution Authorizing Submission of a
24 Strategic Plan of the Alliance Grant Pursuant to
25 the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug

1 Abuse.

2 Item 10.

3 Resolution Approving a Shared Service
4 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the
5 Union City Parking Authority for Personnel
6 Services.

7 Item 11.

8 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the
9 Settlement Agreement with Orchard Holdings, LLC.

10 Item 12.

11 Resolution Approving Disciplinary
12 Proceeding against Uno Bar, also known as Uno
13 Bar, 3607 New York Avenue, Liquor License number
14 0910-33-108-004.

15 Item 13.

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

18 Item 14.

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

21 Item 15.

22 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax
23 Appeal Issued by the Hudson County Board of
24 Taxation.

25 Mayor, do you wish to take public

1 | comment at this time --

2 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

3 | ACTING CITY CLERK: -- on any item on the
4 | Consent Agenda?

5 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 | Just before I do I would just like to just
7 | point out that we're awarding a bid here tonight
8 | for wrestling supplies and equipment.

9 | I just wanted to thank Commissioner
10 | Valdivia for the job he's been doing in our
11 | sports programs and our recreation.

12 | We've really expanded to many, many
13 | programs. Whether it's karate programs,
14 | wrestling, softball for young ladies, whether
15 | it's baseball, football, the facilities that we
16 | built at 2nd and Palisade Avenue and what we're
17 | doing in sports in Union City.

18 | I mean growing up in Union City, I didn't
19 | have a lot of the programs that we now have today
20 | when it comes to sports. And that's critical
21 | when you're keeping children out of trouble and
22 | when you're really doing the right thing for the
23 | community; keep them out of harm's way playing in
24 | the street.

25 | I mean growing up there wasn't many places

1 to play. I remember playing in Yardley's and
2 playing on Palisade Avenue and having our own
3 makeshift games. And when Larry Price would come
4 through, we wouldn't let him come through.
5 That's why he's mad at me now.

6 But, no, I'm only teasing him.

7 But, in reality, what we're doing for the
8 children I think is critical. And, Commissioner
9 Valdivia, you deserve a lot of credit in the
10 short time you've been here as a Commissioner.
11 He's worked hard at building the recreation
12 programs and more and more -- we're getting new
13 programs every day. Whether it's cheerleading,
14 whatever it may be, thank you, Commissioner, --
15 to all the Commissioners for working hard on
16 this.

17 I'd also like to thank the Chief and the
18 Police Department -- I know members of the Police
19 Department are here today on liquor license
20 hearings -- on the remodeling of the Union City
21 Police Command Center radio room. We're doing a
22 lot of work in the Police Department.

23 We're also updating the Police radios. It
24 hasn't been done in many years. We're doing that
25 for the safety of the officers.

1 And something I'd like to point out. The
2 relationship that we've been able to build in
3 Union City between the Police Department, the
4 Mayor's Office and the public has been
5 tremendous.

6 Many of the problems that you see happening
7 in many other places right now, thank God, don't
8 happen in Union City. And it's because of the
9 relationship that we built. Not yesterday --
10 that we've been building over a many year period.
11 Whether it's Police Community Meetings, Fire
12 Prevention Meetings, whatever it may be, you see
13 the relationship improving every day.

14 And in Union City, people pick up the phone
15 and call the Police. They actually pick up the
16 phone and call.

17 Our calls for service probably in 2014
18 were --

19 And I don't want to put you on the spot,
20 Lieutenant, but how -- what were our calls for
21 service in 2014?

22 LIEUTENANT LOACES: In excess of a hundred
23 thousand.

24 MAYOR STACK: In excess of a hundred
25 thousand calls to the Police Department. And we

1 encourage that. You see something, say
2 something. We want that.

3 You look right around us, we don't
4 experience a lot of the problems that are around
5 us. People see graffiti, the residents call.
6 They see somebody suspicious on the corner, they
7 call. We want to encourage that.

8 And I thank the Police Department for their
9 work under the leadership of Chief Molinari and I
10 thank the public for being so involved. And we
11 push it all the time, call the Police if you see
12 something. You see something, say something.

13 So I'd like to thank them for that.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Mayor, if I can
15 just add to that.

16 As a mom that takes advantage of the
17 programs that we offer here in Union City, I have
18 to say thank you to you and to all the
19 Commissioners for creating the programs that we
20 do.

21 It's wonderful to have a place where the
22 child can go and not only participate in sports,
23 get healthy, but also develop their mind.

24 So thank you, Mayor, for all the programs
25 that you do for making sure that our youth is in

1 the right path.

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I'd also like to
4 thank all the volunteers. Our Recreation
5 leaders, Richy Cassens (phonetic), Jose Polanco
6 (phonetic), Sam in wrestling, who do a tremendous
7 job; we couldn't run the programs without their
8 help.

9 Thanks to all the volunteers and the
10 parents that participate on our Recreation
11 programs.

12 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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

16 This is on the Consent Agenda, Grover
17 (phonetic)?

18 MR. REINHARDT: No, this is on the --

19 MAYOR STACK: Oh, no, we'll get to that
20 part, sure. Sure.

21 Seeing no further.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Seeing none.

23 Motion? Is there a motion to close --

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor

1 Stack.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
4 Martinetti.

5 Roll call.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 Absent.

8 Commissioner Rivas?

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Are we approving the
10 Consent Agenda?

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'll abstain on number
14 15; aye on the rest.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: You abstain number 15.

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes, sir.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Okay.

18 Commissioner Rivas abstaining on number 15
19 on the Consent Agenda.

20 Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
23 Martinetti?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Aye.

25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to

3 approve all items on the Consent Agenda?

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by --

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

8 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 Absent.

11 Commissioner Rivas?

12 Yes?

13 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes, --

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes to all except 15.

15 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- again, I'll abstain

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17 MAYOR STACK: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'll abstain on number

19 15.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes to all except 15.

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: And aye on the rest.

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Yes.

24 Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner
2 Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I am going to
4 abstain on anything that has to do with the
5 construction official; aye on the rest.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner -- Mayor
7 Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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12 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 233 "LAND
13 DEVELOPMENT" SECTION 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY
14 OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION
15 REQUIREMENTS"

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17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item's an
18 Ordinance for Introduction.

19 The Ordinances will be further considered
20 at a meeting of the Board of Commission to be
21 held on January 20, 2015, at seven p.m. at the
22 Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson Avenue, Union City,
23 New Jersey.

24 This Ordinance Amending Chapter 233, Land
25 Development, Section of 12 of the Code of the

1 City of Union City Entitled Construction
2 Requirements.

3 Is there a motion to introduce?

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 Absent.

11 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: Abstain.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Abstain.

19 Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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22 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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24 1. Resolution Approving the Redevelopment
25 Agency Payroll for the Period of December 17,

1 2014 through December 30, 2014

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3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is the
4 Regular Agenda.

5 First item is Resolution Approving the
6 Redevelopment Agency Payroll for the Period
7 December 17th through December 30th, 2014.

8 Is there a motion to approve item 1?

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

13 Roll call.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 Absent.

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.

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1 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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3 2. Resolution to Establish Temporary
4 Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

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6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Item 2.

7 Resolution to Establish Temporary

8 Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

9 Is there a motion to approve item 2?

10 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
13 Rivas.

14 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

15 Roll call.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 Absent.

18 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.

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3 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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5 3. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to
6 the Union City Board of Education

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8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Item 3.

9 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to
10 the Union City Board of Education.

11 MS. de los RIOS: At this time, for the
12 record, Commissioners Martinetti and Valdivia
13 will be recusing.

14 We will be invoking the doctrine of
15 necessity in order to have Commissioner Valdivia
16 vote.

17 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
19 Stack.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'll second.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
22 Rivas.

23 Roll call.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 Absent.

1 Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

6 Martinetti; recusing.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 You're recusing? Or you're voting?

9 Recusing or --

10 MS. de los RIOS: You are -- no, you are
11 voting.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm voting.

13 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

14 Martinetti?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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19 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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21 4. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to
22 the Grace Theater Workshop, Inc.

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24 ACTING CITY CLERK: Item 4.

25 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to

1 the Grace Theater Workshop, Inc.

2 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

5 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

6 Roll call.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 Absent.

9 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.

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19 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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21 5. Resolution to Approve Cooperation Agreement
22 for Use of the Hudson County Community College
23 Library

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25 ACTING CITY CLERK: Item 5.

1 Resolution to Approve Cooperation Agreement
2 for Use of the Hudson County Community College
3 Library.

4 MS. de los RIOS: And for the record at
5 this time Commissioners Rivas and Martinetti will
6 be recusing on this item.

7 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

8 This will allow Union City residents, our
9 students and also all of our residents in the
10 community, to use the Hudson County Community
11 Library on 49th Street.

12 MS. de los RIOS: And I'm sorry, Mayor,
13 just to clarify that we will be invoking the
14 doctrine of necessity on this as well. So,
15 Commissioner Rivas will be voting.

16 MAYOR STACK: You got it.

17 MS. de los RIOS: Excuse me.

18 MAYOR STACK: Okay, I'm moving it.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Okay.

20 Motion by Mayor Stack.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Martinetti (sic).

24 Roll call.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 Absent.

2 Commissioner Rivas?

3 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

7 Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner -- Mayor
10 Stack?

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor, do you wish to
16 take public comment --

17 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- on any items?

19 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment at
20 this time, please step forward, state your name
21 and address for the record.

22 Seeing none.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to
24 close the public comment portion --

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

1 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- of this meeting?

2 Motion made by Mayor Stack.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
5 Martinetti.

6 Roll call.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 Absent.

9 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 The portion of the meeting that we're going
19 into right now is liquor license hearings.

20 Anyone who would like to stay for the
21 hearing, you're more than welcome to. This would
22 be for liquor license hearings.

23 I believe we have four -- I'm sorry, yes,
24 four matters on the agenda this evening.

25 And I'd like to thank all the members of

1 the public who did come tonight to the meeting.

2 We do move a hundred percent of our
3 meetings throughout the community. I do
4 appreciate your participation.

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1 **LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:**

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3 1. Caribe Club Restaurant t/a Caribe Club, 727
4 24th Street, Liquor License No. 0910-33-210-005

5 2. RG Enterprise Entertainment t/a Therapy
6 Lounge, 2803 Bergenline Avenue, License No.
7 0910-33-134-006

8 3. R.G. Miranda Corp. t/a El Cuco, 516 Kennedy
9 Boulevard, Liquor License No. 0910-33-141-005

10 4. El Papaturro t/a El Papaturro Lounge, 1018
11 Summit Avenue, Liquor License No. 0910-33-137-005

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13 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer, are you
14 prepared --

15 MR. FARMER: Yes.

16 MAYOR STACK: -- at this time?

17 MR. FARMER: Yes.

18 MS. DILLON: Right here, Mr. Farmer.

19 MR. FARMER: Okay.

20 With respect to the first matter, --
21 Mr. Gonzalez?

22 -- this is a continuation of a trial that
23 we had just before the holidays, Caribe Club.

24 I'm ready to proceed.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Well, I needed to talk to

1 you.

2 MAYOR STACK: The other matters are --

3 MR. FARMER: Oh.

4 MAYOR STACK: -- adjourned or --

5 MR. FARMER: Yes, the other -- the other
6 matters are adjourned in this regard.

7 The Therapy licensee contacted my office
8 and told me he was out of the country.

9 The other two just got lawyers.

10 Mr. Faro with respect to El Papaturro.

11 And, well, Al Alonso always represents El
12 Cuco.

13 This is the situation with the three of
14 them.

15 Many of the bars now have video. So that
16 -- and that was as a result of what we and the
17 Board did with imposing video in certain
18 licenses. And in certain -- in all fairness,
19 certain licensees have voluntarily gotten video.
20 But we have video.

21 It take -- and we haven't -- I would
22 envision that this is going to happen more and
23 more because more and more bars will have videos.

24 All three of these deal with a fight. And
25 what I'd like to do is get the video, show the

1 | fight -- take two minutes. You're not going to
2 | sit here for two hours watching a video go on.

3 | And I'm trying to coordinate with Sergeant
4 | Dunlay and members of the Police Department to be
5 | able to get these videos, make a copy of them,
6 | condense them into maybe the five minutes of the
7 | actual episode, have the police officers come in
8 | and testify whatever they know -- because they
9 | weren't there when it happened, and then decide
10 | it.

11 | Correspondingly, we're also going to need a
12 | machine to play it. Something that's portable.
13 | Something that's easy. Something that people can
14 | look around and, you know, -- I'm going to say
15 | El Cuco, on this day, this is what happened
16 | between these hours, and you see it and then you
17 | can make a determination.

18 | MAYOR STACK: Dominick, the City Clerk,
19 | will coordinate with -- with Monica to purchase
20 | that equipment.

21 | MR. FARMER: Okay. Good.

22 | So those three --

23 | And we're still working on the policy
24 | procedure by which the Police are going to be
25 | condensing this into whatever.

1 MAYOR STACK: Maybe Lieutenant Loaces might
2 have an idea on the equipment that you could
3 coordinate with Monica and with -- with Dominick
4 to see what it is to make it, you know, the best
5 -- the best piece of equipment we can buy for
6 exactly what we need it for.

7 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Yes, sir.

8 MR. FARMER: Okay.

9 The -- so those three are going off.

10 Caribe is a continuation but Mr. Gonzalez
11 just asked if we could talk for a minute.

12 So maybe if we could take five minutes --

13 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

14 MR. FARMER: -- and we'll chat and --

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

16 I just think -- I think that this -- I
17 think there's individuals here tonight --

18 Is there anybody here from Therapy Lounge?

19 No.

20 Anybody here in reference to El Cuco?

21 They are.

22 They're here for the El Cuco hearing but --
23 that I guess is not taking place then.

24 MR. FARMER: Okay, well let me talk to
25 them.

1 MAYOR STACK: Sure. If you could.

2 MR. FARMER: Okay?

3 MAYOR STACK: And then anybody here from
4 El Papaturro?

5 No.

6 Maybe if you could speak to them for a
7 minute, Greg?

8 MR. FARMER: Yes.

9 MAYOR STACK: All right?

10 Justin, maybe you want to -- maybe you want
11 to go with Greg to translate?

12 We'll take a five minute --

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

14 MAYOR STACK: We'll take a five minute --

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

16 MAYOR STACK: Justin -- Justin will --

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Rivas.

24 Roll call.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 Absent.

2 Commissioner Rivas?

3 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

7 Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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12 (Whereupon, the Board recessed from 7:22
13 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.)

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15 MR. FARMER: This is back on the record --

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Back on the
17 record.

18 MR. FARMER: -- on Caribe.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

20 ACTING CITY CLERK: We'll do a roll call
21 again, Mayor.

22 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Roll call.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 Absent.

1 Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

5 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

6 Martinetti?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

8 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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4 MR. FARMER: Yes, this is a continuation of
5 the Caribe disciplinary proceedings.

6 I've had an opportunity to speak to Mr.
7 Gonzalez who is the attorney for the licensee and
8 the licensee is also present to his left. And we
9 have a negotiated a seven day suspension that
10 would start this Thursday.

11 I'll be able to draft a Resolution and get
12 it over to them.

13 I've gone over it with the police officers.
14 The police officers and the licensee know.
15 Police officers are going to watch that it's
16 closed for the next seven days and the licensee
17 is going to surrender the license on Thursday.

18 I'm just looking at the past record of the
19 licensee. Last time something happened it was
20 back in '07/'08. So there's not been on activity
21 for six, seven years.

22 And in light of that -- and this was the
23 day that the clocks turned back and maybe there
24 was some confusion on that, although, you know,
25 maybe there wasn't.

1 But nevertheless, I would recommend a seven
2 day suspension, which is usual conditions that
3 there not be an application made for the State to
4 convert it into a fine and that there will be no
5 appeal.

6 MR. GONZALEZ: That is my understanding. I
7 did --

8 MS. DILLON: Just your name for the record?

9 MR. GONZALEZ: I'm sorry.

10 Ramon Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, firm
11 Gonzalez and Caride, on behalf of the licensee.

12 That's, in fact, correct, Mayor and
13 Commissioners. My client will enter into the non
14 vult on this matter and will be accepting the
15 seven day closure.

16 She will drop off the license Thursday or
17 possibly before at the police desk. She will not
18 be filing an appeal on it.

19 And as Mr. Farmer said there hasn't been
20 any incidents here since 2007.

21 And I don't -- I don't know if the Board
22 recalls but I think it's important because the
23 Board has implemented certain requirements of
24 other licensees that deal with videos.

25 And if the Board recalls, this was probably

1 | one of the first cases that my client, in fact,
2 | had video and was able to support her contention.
3 | We reached an amicable agreement at that last
4 | 2007 and I think it's very -- it's being
5 | proactive as a license holder.

6 | So, knowing that that's something that this
7 | Board has looked into, it's good to know that
8 | this is the first person who actually implemented
9 | it and I thank the Board.

10 | MAYOR STACK: Motion to approve.

11 | ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion?

12 | COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

13 | ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

14 | Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

15 | Roll call.

16 | Commissioner Fernandez?

17 | Absent.

18 | 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 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are --
3 You're all done?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes, thank you very much.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Thank you.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: There are no --

8 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer, you have nothing
9 further?

10 MR. FARMER: No, that's it.

11 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

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1 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

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3 MAYOR STACK: We have a special
4 presentation that came in a little bit late.

5 Commissioner, do you want to explain what
6 it is that we have?

7 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes. And maybe you
8 can --

9 MS. ALLEN: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- come forward?

11 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: And she's come to talk
13 about --

14 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

15 Maybe if you want to stand right over here?

16 MS. ALLEN: Sure.

17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- a very important
19 topic, is Alzheimer's.

20 MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

21 MAYOR STACK: Just your name and the
22 organization --

23 MS. ALLEN: Right here?

24 MAYOR STACK: -- you're representing and
25 what --

1 MS. ALLEN: Okay.

2 MAYOR STACK: -- and then the floor is
3 yours.

4 MS. ALLEN: Hi. I'm Kristine Allen. I'm
5 the President and co-founder of Act Now
6 Foundation.

7 We are a nonprofit organization that raises
8 awareness and educates the community about
9 Alzheimer's disease, focusing in the Hispanic and
10 the urban communities.

11 I'm speaking to you guys today, all of you,
12 which I've met a few of you already. I'm
13 speaking to you because Act Now Foundation wants
14 to open an Alzheimer's Awareness Center here in
15 Union City.

16 We've been asked by many counties and many
17 cities but we've chosen Union City because Union
18 City is the city that gave us our first start
19 about a year ago.

20 We've done many presentations at all of
21 your school districts -- all of your schools in
22 your District, presenting to parents, and we
23 started our organization here a year ago.

24 So we want to open the Center hopefully in
25 the spring of this year. We have secured some

1 funding from the Alzheimer's Foundation of
2 America; however, we are looking for additional
3 funding and, more importantly, -- very
4 importantly, we're looking for a location.

5 So I'm hoping that maybe the City can
6 support us.

7 I know my co-founder, Cary Lopez, Mr. --
8 Mayor Stack, has spoken to you about --

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

10 MS. ALLEN: -- setting up a meeting with
11 you.

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 MS. ALLEN: We still need to do that.

14 But we need to secure a location. We're
15 looking for a retail location. Would be really
16 nice, since we're a nonprofit, if the -- somebody
17 could sponsor us maybe for our first year in
18 residence here in Union City.

19 But I have brought some information about
20 who we are, what we do. So I'm going to give a
21 pack to each --

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Thank you.

23 MS. ALLEN: -- of the Commissioners --

24 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

25 MS. ALLEN: -- here.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you.

2 MS. ALLEN: My card is in there.

3 And, also, I wanted to take --

4 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Thank you.

5 MS. ALLEN: -- this opportunity, since all
6 of you are here, --

7 Mr. Mercado is here as well. Hello. Nice
8 to see you again.

9 We were lucky enough that Mr. Mercado and
10 Mrs. Abbato approved a Denim Day fundraiser for
11 Act Now Foundation. It was scheduled in December
12 but unfortunately it got rescheduled due to the
13 -- the two young boys that were hurt in -- on
14 North -- on Kennedy Boulevard.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 MS. ALLEN: I would like to ask for the
17 Board's support and Mr. Mercado's support in
18 rescheduling that fundraiser. That's going to go
19 a long way to help open our Awareness Center this
20 spring.

21 Also, there's a flyer in the back. The New
22 Jersey Devils is throwing us a fundraiser, so I
23 want to get the City behind us, invite everyone
24 in the City to come buy tickets. Again, it's
25 going to help open the Center here in Union City.

1 And that's about it.

2 So thank you very much for your time. Mr.
3 Mayor, I hope that we can schedule our
4 appointment and thank you for your support.

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: Kristine, what I -- what I
8 will do is I'll reach out for you either tomorrow
9 or Thursday --

10 MS. ALLEN: Okay.

11 MAYOR STACK: -- and we'll schedule that
12 meeting right away.

13 MS. ALLEN: Perfect.

14 MAYOR STACK: And I have an idea about some
15 space for you.

16 MS. ALLEN: Yeah? That would be wonderful.

17 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. Sure.

18 MS. ALLEN: Thank you.

19 Thank you so much.

20 MAYOR STACK: Sure no problem.

21 MS. ALLEN: Thank you for --

22 MS. DILLON: Do you have an extra card?

23 MS. ALLEN: Yes I do, actually.

24 MS. DILLON: Thank you.

25 MS. ALLEN: Here, let me give you some.

1 MS. DILLON: Thank you very much.

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

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

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7 MAYOR STACK: Grover, did you have
8 something that you wanted to --

9 MR. REINHARDT: Yes.

10 MAYOR STACK: -- say to the Commissioners
11 and I?

12 Sure. You could just come right up.

13 We're just making an exception tonight
14 because we -- there may have been a mix-up in the
15 public portion tonight that they weren't aware.

16 MR. REINHARDT: It's Charles Reinhardt.
17 I'm a retired Police Lieutenant and I was also a
18 Captain and an Acting Chief in Maryland for two
19 and a half years.

20 First of all, I just wanted to wish the
21 Mayor and Commissioner a very Happy New Year.

22 I wanted to address the fact -- I want to
23 thank the Mayor for everything he's done for
24 Nicholas Guirado. I mean I knew Nicholas in the
25 early to mid-70's and he was outstanding. He was

1 my role model, as well as for others.

2 And I can't thank you enough for everything
3 that you and the Commissioners have done in his
4 name. That's -- really, I can't praise you
5 enough for that.

6 The second thing I wanted to say --

7 MAYOR STACK: Just to interject real quick
8 before you do, we're doing actually a park
9 renovation on 11th and West at a park that's
10 dedicated to Nick Guirado.

11 We're doing the renovation; it should be
12 starting sometime in April. We should have it
13 finished sometime before the end of the summer.

14 And the park will be themed after Union
15 City Police and also it will -- we're looking for
16 some ideas maybe in the fencing around the park,
17 maybe to put his badge number and maybe his
18 shield on the fence. A larger -- a larger
19 shield, obviously.

20 MR. REINHARDT: Yes.

21 MAYOR STACK: But all the toys that are
22 going into the park all have a police theme. It
23 will be blue, it will be white; the colors of
24 Union City Police.

25 And we'll do something really nice there.

1 The equipment going in -- maybe there'll be a
2 police motorcycle that sprays water and some
3 other equipment. We'll keep you updated on that.

4 We're also going to have a nice block party
5 the day that we do that, invite his family.
6 Maybe the Police Department and yourself could
7 put us in contact with the family and we'll have
8 something very nice there.

9 We're going to repave the street around the
10 park -- totally around the park.

11 So I think that will be a nice thing for
12 him and his family.

13 MR. REINHARDT: Absolutely.

14 MAYOR STACK: I know some of his family
15 members still live in Jersey City Heights.

16 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah, some --

17 MAYOR STACK: I believe his sister, I
18 believe.

19 MR. REINHARDT: -- and others in Florida.

20 MAYOR STACK: Right. Right.

21 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah.

22 The second thing I wanted to address, Mayor
23 and Commissioners, is the outstanding leadership
24 that you have done here in the Police Department.
25 I really -- with the things that have been

1 | happening today throughout the country, Union
2 | City's a shining example --

3 | MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

4 | MR. REINHARDT: -- of the kind of
5 | Department that a lot of police departments
6 | should be following.

7 | One -- one of the things is the diversity
8 | of the Police Department. It's outstanding.

9 | But aside from the diversity is also the
10 | programs; the Police programs that -- that you
11 | and the Police Chief have instituted throughout
12 | the years. And -- and that is really
13 | outstanding. And, again, it serves as a shining
14 | example for other police departments to follow.

15 | I think right now we have the highest women
16 | police officers in the Department. But not only
17 | as officers but also in the rank structure and
18 | that's really outstanding.

19 | MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

20 | MR. REINHARDT: So, again, that -- I keep
21 | repeating myself but I can't thank you enough
22 | because of that.

23 | MAYOR STACK: We're going to continue
24 | working on that, too, to even build it even more.

25 | MR. REINHARDT: Right. So, -- and that

1 | really deserves praise because --

2 | MAYOR STACK: I think you miss us here in
3 | Union City; I see you now more than ever.

4 | MR. REINHARDT: Yeah.

5 | MAYOR STACK: Are you back living up here
6 | or --

7 | MR. REINHARDT: Well, I see my family and
8 | friends up here --

9 | MAYOR STACK: Good. Good. Good.

10 | We've got to bring you back.

11 | MR. REINHARDT: The third, I also wanted to
12 | make a contribution to the Police Museum.

13 | I have a helmet from the Bucket Brigade.
14 | One of the Union City residents that participated
15 | during 9-11, he -- he gave that to a certain
16 | person here in the City and -- and I wanted to
17 | contribute it to the Police Museum.

18 | Originally I wanted to donate it to the
19 | 9-11 Museum --

20 | MAYOR STACK: Oh, right.

21 | MR. REINHARDT: -- in New York, but I think
22 | it would be even more appropriate to do it here
23 | in Union City.

24 | MAYOR STACK: That's great.

25 | You could reach out for Chris Scardino;

1 he's very active with the museum. And also
2 Commissioner Fernandez to coordinate that.

3 MR. REINHARDT: Oh, okay.

4 MAYOR STACK: That would be great.

5 And we could maybe do some type of -- maybe
6 a stronger ceremony this year for Police Week
7 than we've done in years before considering
8 everything that has been happening --

9 MR. REINHARDT: Right.

10 MAYOR STACK: -- in -- throughout the area
11 and throughout the country.

12 MR. REINHARDT: Yeah.

13 And finally, Mayor and Commissioners, I
14 want to thank all of yous for everything that
15 you've done throughout the City. It's been
16 really, really outstanding.

17 And the Police Department is like -- like I
18 mentioned before, it's a shining example of what
19 a lot of police departments should be in the
20 country.

21 We all know about what -- seeing the news
22 what's been happening. And Union City serves as
23 an example of the way we communicate with our
24 residents and everything else.

25 And that is a reflection on the Police

1 leadership, the leadership by the Mayor and the
2 Police Chiefs, and also the police officers
3 themselves who were -- have to interact day to
4 day with the citizens of Union City.

5 Again, thank you, God bless you, and Happy
6 New Year.

7 Thank you.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Thank you.

10 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

11 Happy and healthy new year to everyone in
12 Union City; all our residents and everyone who
13 came to the meeting this evening.

14 Thank you.

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16 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are no
19 other items on the agenda.

20 Is there a motion to adjourn?

21 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

22 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by --

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

25 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

1 All in favor?

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

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5 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
6 at 7:49 p.m.)

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