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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, February 17,  
4 2015, at seven p.m., at the Union Hill Middle  
5 School, 3808 Hudson 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. 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 bulletin board in City Hall and  
23 has been made available to the public in the  
24 office of the Municipal Clerk.

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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.

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16     **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

17     **CONSIDERATION:**

18

19            1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 386 OF THE  
20     CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED  
21     "TAXICABS"

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23            ACTING CITY CLERK: First item, Ordinance  
24     for Hearing and Adoption Consideration.

25            An Ordinance Amending Chapter 386 of the

1 Code of the City of Union City Entitled Taxicabs.

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

5 I would like to at this time like to thank  
6 specifically Lieutenant John Loaces for working  
7 on this Ordinance for us.

8 It sets fare rates for the taxicabs and  
9 makes sure our residents and those that use our  
10 taxis in Union City are not being ripped off and  
11 charging basically rates that -- just any amount  
12 that they want.

13 So I thank the Lieutenant for helping us  
14 out and the Police Department on this.

15 Where do you want him to stand, Dominick?

16 ACTING CITY CLERK: Right here.

17 MR. PRICE: There?

18 Larry Price, 1006 Palisade Avenue.

19 The only thing that struck me was by going  
20 -- some -- there were some real anomalies in that  
21 when we went to the zones.

22 For example, if you went from 15<sup>th</sup> Street,  
23 which would be Zone 1 to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, which would  
24 be Zone 3, you'd be going through -- and as I --  
25 I calculated it would be a \$9.00 fare. That's a

1 pretty expensive cab.

2           LIEUTENANT LOACES: Would you like --

3           MAYOR STACK: John?

4           LIEUTENANT LOACES: -- may I --

5           MAYOR STACK: If you could. Please.

6           MR. PRICE: Sure.

7           LIEUTENANT LOACES: Well, the problem with  
8 that was I did a study of the five major taxicabs  
9 that we have in Union City. According to the  
10 Ordinance that we have in place now --

11           MR. DILLON: I just wanted to know, do you  
12 want to -- do we need to swear -- swear you in  
13 for --

14           Is this considered testimony or --

15           MAYOR STACK: No. No.

16           MS. de los RIOS: No.

17           MAYOR STACK: You know Larry. You gave  
18 your name right, Larry?

19           You gave your name just now, right?

20           Larry --

21           MR. PRICE: Yeah.

22           MAYOR STACK: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade  
23 Avenue.

24           MR. DILLON: Yeah, I have --

25           MR. PRICE: I wasn't sworn.

1           MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

2           Lieutenant John Loaces.

3           They're fine.

4           MR. DILLON: Don't worry about it.

5           MAYOR STACK: Go right ahead.

6           LIEUTENANT LOACES: I did a study of the  
7 five taxicab companies that we have in Union  
8 City.

9           MR. PRICE: Right.

10          LIEUTENANT LOACES: According to the  
11 current fare schedule, the first mile is \$2.50.

12          MR. PRICE: Yeah.

13          LIEUTENANT LOACES: Each additional half  
14 mile is 50 cents.

15          MR. PRICE: Correct.

16          LIEUTENANT LOACES: So what I did was I  
17 called up the individual companies, posing as a  
18 fare needing to go from 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bergenline  
19 Avenue to the Light Rail Station on 49<sup>th</sup> and  
20 Bergenline Avenue.

21          Now assuming that that route would take --  
22 would be three miles, -- which it's not but  
23 assuming it would be, the maximum they could have  
24 charged would have been \$4.50.

25          When I called -- when I actually called up

1 the individual cab companies I got quoted  
2 anywhere from \$12.00, \$12.00, \$11.00, \$10.00 and  
3 \$9.00.

4 MR. PRICE: Oh.

5 LIEUTENANT LOACES: So they were way over  
6 what they should have been charging.

7 MR. PRICE: Right.

8 LIEUTENANT LOACES: And the problem I found  
9 with that isn't so much -- it's -- there's no  
10 accountability for it.

11 For example, you could call up today and  
12 ask for a fare to go from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the Light  
13 Rail Station and today they'll charge you 12.  
14 Tomorrow you need to make the exact same route,  
15 using the exact same cab company and they may  
16 charge you 7 --

17 MAYOR STACK: Or inclement weather like  
18 we've been having -- not to interrupt you but  
19 snow, rain, it goes up maybe three, four dollars.

20 It's just --

21 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STACK: -- it's been a little  
23 sporadic --

24 MR. PRICE: Right.

25 MAYOR STACK: -- and that's what we became

1 concerned with.

2 MR. PRICE: Right.

3 LIEUTENANT LOACES: And --

4 MR. PRICE: Thank you.

5 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I'm sorry.

6 MR. PRICE: Oh, no, no. No.

7 LIEUTENANT LOACES: And I see your concern  
8 as far as going from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to --

9 MR. PRICE: Well, --

10 LIEUTENANT LOACES: -- it actually would be  
11 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

12 MR. PRICE: I don't -- since I have a car I  
13 don't take cabs and since I'm cheap I don't take  
14 cabs but the example I have, 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 32<sup>nd</sup>  
15 Street, would have been 2.50 because that's, you  
16 know, less than a mile. So I'd pay 2.50 for the  
17 first mile. So I'd be paying 2.50 and suddenly I  
18 was paying \$9.00 and that seemed like a big jump.

19 But what you're really saying is nobody  
20 gets 2.50.

21 MAYOR STACK: No.

22 LIEUTENANT LOACES: No, unfortunately not.

23 MAYOR STACK: No.

24 LIEUTENANT LOACES: And since there is  
25 no -- since there is no meter in the system,

1 | there's really no way to regulate it.

2 |       MR. PRICE:   Right.

3 |       LIEUTENANT LOACES:   Like I said I called up  
4 | and they had no idea who I was and they quoted me  
5 | from \$12.00 to \$8.00 and that's not fair.   And  
6 | it's not fair to the passenger who's getting in  
7 | and has no idea.   They're at the mercy of whoever  
8 | the drivers are.

9 |       If the driver wants to say, you know,  
10 | that's going to be \$17.00; it's going to be  
11 | \$17.00 or get out of my cab.

12 |       At least with this we're going to --  
13 | they're -- we're going to require that they have  
14 | a placard even on the dash; it's basically going  
15 | to break up the City into three zones.

16 |       MR. PRICE:   Right.

17 |       LIEUTENANT LOACES:   Three dollars, three  
18 | dollars and three dollars.

19 |       The maximum citywide, -- if you want to  
20 | take a tour of all of Union City, the maximum  
21 | they can charge you is \$9.00.

22 |       If you want to go from 1<sup>st</sup> Street Park to  
23 | 15<sup>th</sup> Street, it's \$3.00.   Where right there they  
24 | would probably charge you five or six.

25 |       MAYOR STACK:   Minimum.

1           LIEUTENANT LOACES: So I know on one end it  
2 may sound like it's a little high but in the big  
3 picture it's a lot more reasonable and a lot more  
4 -- there's a lot more accountability. It's fair  
5 for the individual resident and the passengers;  
6 that's why I came up with that.

7           MR. PRICE: Okay.

8           MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

9           Thank you, Lieutenant.

10          LIEUTENANT LOACES: Yes, sir.

11          MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

12          Anyone else wishing to comment on this  
13 Ordinance; please step forward, state your name  
14 and address for the record.

15          Seeing none.

16          ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion to close public  
17 hearing.

18          MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19          COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20          ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner  
21 Valdivia; second by Mayor Stack.

22          Roll call.

23          Commissioner Fernandez?

24          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25          ACTING CITY CLERK: 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 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Is there a motion to

11 adopt?

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

15 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

16 Roll call.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: 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.

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4   **CONSENT AGENDA:**

5

6   ( 1)   Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

7   ( 2)   Resolution Approving the Payment of

8   Concurring Claims

9   ( 3)   Resolution Approving the City Payroll for

10   the Period of January 28, 2015 through February

11   10, 2015

12   ( 4)   Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

13   for the Period of January 28, 2015 through

14   February 10, 2015

15   ( 5)   Resolution Approving Disciplinary

16   Proceedings Against Plaza Espana Inc. t/a La

17   Plaza Espana Bar & Restaurant, 2506 Bergenline

18   Avenue, Liquor License No. 0910-33-136-020

19   ( 6)   Resolution Authorizing Payment of Risk

20   Manager

21   ( 7)   Resolution Authorizing One Year Extension

22   of Ambulance Billing Services Contract with

23   Intermedix

24   ( 8)   Resolution Authorizing Contract with

25   Integrated Micro Systems Inc. for IT Services

- 1 ( 9) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 2 Bid for Decorative Street Light Painting Project
- 3 (10) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 4 Bid for Emergency Phone Towers and Call Box
- 5 Stations Installation Project
- 6 (11) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 7 Bid for the City Street Striping Program
- 8 (12) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 9 Bid for the 2015 Park Landscape Maintenance
- 10 Program
- 11 (13) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 12 Bid for the 2015 Maintenance Program for
- 13 Washington Park & Ellsworth Park
- 14 (14) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 15 Bid for the 2015 Baseball & Softball Equipment
- 16 (15) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 17 Bid for the 2015 Pools Opening & Closing
- 18 (16) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 19 Bid for Pool Equipment
- 20 (17) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 21 Bid for the Salter Truck
- 22 (18) Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for
- 23 Bid for the Transit Wagon
- 24 (19) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
- 25 Monies to Outside Lienholders

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

3 (21) Any other matter of City business that may  
4 arise

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6 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is Consent  
7 Agenda.

8 First item is Resolution Approving the  
9 Payments of Claims.

10 Item 2.

11 Resolution Approving the Payment of  
12 Concurring Claims.

13 Item 3.

14 Resolution Approving the City Payroll for  
15 the Period of January 28, 2015 through February  
16 10, 2015.

17 Item 4.

18 Resolution Approving the Library Payroll  
19 for the Period of January 28, 2015 through  
20 February 10, 2015.

21 Item 5.

22 Resolution Approving Disciplinary  
23 Proceedings Against Plaza Espana, Inc., also  
24 known as La Plaza Espana Bar and Restaurant, 2506  
25 Bergenline Avenue, Liquor License number

1 0910-33-136-020.

2 Item 6.

3 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Risk  
4 Manager.

5 Item 7.

6 Resolution Authorizing One Year Extension  
7 of Ambulance Billing Service Contract with  
8 Intermedix.

9 Item 8.

10 Resolution Authorizing Contract with  
11 Integrated Micro System Inc. for IT Services.

12 Item 9.

13 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
14 Bid for Decorative Street Light Painting Project.

15 Item 10.

16 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
17 Bid for Emergency Phone Towers and Call Box  
18 Stations Installation Project.

19 Item 11.

20 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
21 Bid for the City Street Striping Program.

22 Item 12.

23 Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
24 Bid for the 2015 Park Landscaping Maintenance  
25 Program.

1           Item 13.

2           Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
3 Bid for the 2015 Maintenance Program for  
4 Washington Park and Ellsworth Park.

5           Item 14.

6           Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
7 Bid for the 2015 Baseball and Softball Equipment.

8           Item 15.

9           Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
10 Bid for the 2015 Pool Opening and Closing.

11          Item 16.

12          Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
13 Bid for Pool Equipment.

14          Item 17.

15          Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
16 Bid for the Salter Truck.

17          Item 18.

18          Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for  
19 Bid for the Transit Wagon.

20          Item 19.

21          Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption  
22 Money to Outside Lienholders.

23          Item 20.

24          Resolution Authorizing the Refund of  
25 Premium Money   Collected at Tax Sale.

1 Mayor, do you wish to take public comment  
2 on any item --

3 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- on the Consent  
5 Agenda?

6 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

7 Just before I do, I know on the bid for  
8 decorative street lighting, the repainting that  
9 we're doing, that wouldn't be the ones on New  
10 York Avenue. Just for the public's edification.

11 That would be the older ones that are in  
12 the City on Summit, Bergenline -- that have been  
13 there probably since the late 1990s, maybe '98,  
14 '99. We'd be repainting them.

15 That actually is about 153 decorative light  
16 bulbs that we would be painting -- we'd be  
17 seeking a bid on.

18 The emergency phone towers, we'd be going  
19 into parks. They're a small tower with a blue  
20 light on top. It would have direct access to  
21 Union City Police. I think that's a great public  
22 safety measure; something that we're pushing very  
23 hard. The high school has it outside the park on  
24 24<sup>th</sup> and Kennedy.

25 The City Street Striping Program is

1 something I probably always wanted to do since I  
2 became the Mayor. To get the whole City  
3 restriped professionally. They put in that  
4 thermal plastic striping, which lasts several  
5 years. I've known other towns that have gotten  
6 about five years out of it.

7 And if you maintain it and try to get --  
8 and paint it yourself after the first time they  
9 do it, you could probably stretch it to six or  
10 seven or eight years.

11 The Park Maintenance Landscape Program; is  
12 important to maintain our parks. And also that  
13 would be for the professional landscaper. Having  
14 a professional landscaper on our parks has saved  
15 us a lot of money and not hiring new employees in  
16 the Parks Department with the number of employees  
17 that we've gone down.

18 At this time anyone wishing to comment on  
19 any matter on the Consent Agenda, please step  
20 forward.

21 As I say many times it's important that we  
22 pave streets and we do new streets but it's also  
23 important that we maintain our parks and our  
24 public buildings and our properties. Once we do  
25 renovate them, properly maintain them.

1           On the intersections in the City that would  
2 be redone, there's 220 intersections in the City.  
3 I'm also looking into doing the bus stops and the  
4 loading zones -- I should say the fire zone on  
5 Bergenline Avenue from 47 down to 30.

6           Anyone at this time wishing to comment?

7           Seeing none.

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

10          MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11          COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

12          ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion 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           COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

5           ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.  
6 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

7 Roll call.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

11 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

12 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner  
15 Martinetti?

16 MS. de los RIOS: At this time we recommend  
17 that Commissioner Martinetti recuse herself from  
18 two items on page 2 of item on the Consent Agenda  
19 number 1. These are payments -- two payments  
20 made to Adolfo Lopez.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Otherwise yes?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Otherwise yes.

23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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3       ( ) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE  
4 OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "FEES"

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6           ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is an  
7 Ordinance for Introduction.

8           This Ordinance will be further considered  
9 at a meeting of the Board of Commission to be  
10 held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at seven p.m. at the  
11 Housing Authority, Hillside Pavilion, 3911  
12 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey.

13           It's an Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 of  
14 the Code of the City of Union City Entitled Fees.

15           MAYOR STACK: Just for the public's  
16 edification, exactly what are the fees?

17           MS. de los RIOS: What we have done is  
18 increased three fees, Mayor.

19           The first is the fee for an ambulance  
20 service. Went from \$600.00 to \$800.00.

21           Then there is now \$20.00 per mile per trip  
22 charge. It had been \$10.00.

23           There is now the fee for use of oxygen is  
24 \$80.00. It had been \$60.00.

25           The fee for the refusal of medical

1 attention remains \$250.00.

2           MAYOR STACK: Okay. This would be a fee  
3 that would be charged on ambulance services, as  
4 everyone -- as most towns are doing today, to  
5 support their EMS. Which we have a great EMS in  
6 Union City. I don't say it because I'm the  
7 Mayor; I say it long before I became the Mayor,  
8 we've had a great EMS.

9           On most days we run -- every day we run a  
10 minimum of two ambulances; on the weekend we run  
11 three. I know during the storm --

12           I believe, Lieutenant, we ran four?

13           LIEUTENANT LOACES: Absolutely, sir.

14           MAYOR STACK: -- we ran four.

15           We're very proud of what we've done at EMS  
16 and professionalizing EMS.

17           If a person didn't have insurance it's  
18 always been my policy they would not be charged  
19 anything for the ambulance; it would go to the  
20 insurance. Whatever the insurance pays is what  
21 they accept at the billing -- at the company that  
22 does the billing.

23           I'll move it.

24           ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion to introduce  
25 moved by --

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

2 ACTING CITY CLERK: -- Mayor Stack.

3 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

4 Roll call.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

9 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner

12 Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16

17 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

18

19 1. Resolution Approving the Redevelopment  
20 Agency Payroll for the Period of January 28, 2015  
21 through February 10, 2015

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23 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item is the  
24 Regular Agenda.

25 Item 1 is Resolution Approving the

1 Redevelopment Agency Payroll for the Period of  
2 January 28, 2015 through January (sic) 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

4 ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by  
5 Commissioner Martinetti.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner  
8 Valdivia.

9 Roll call.

10 Commissioner Fernandez; recusing.

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: Yes.

18 ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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21 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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23 2. Resolution to Establish Temporary  
24 Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

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1           ACTING CITY CLERK: Item 2 is Resolution to  
2 Establish Temporary Appropriation to the Fiscal  
3 Year 2015 Budget.

4           MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

5           ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor  
6 Stack.

7           COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

8           ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner  
9 Rivas.

10          Roll call.

11          Commissioner Fernandez?

12          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 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: Commissioner Rivas?

19          COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

20          ACTING CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

21          MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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23       **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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25       3. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to

1 the Hudson County Clerk.

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3 ACTING CITY CLERK: Next item -- item 3.

4 Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to  
5 the Hudson County Clerk.

6 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

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

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner  
11 Valdivia.

12 Roll call.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'll recuse myself.

17 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas is  
18 recusing.

19 Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 ACTING CITY CLERK: Commissioner  
22 Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing.

24 ACTING CITY CLERK: Recusing.

25 Mayor Stack?

1           MAYOR STACK:   Yes.

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

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5           ACTING CITY CLERK:   Mayor, there are no  
6 other items on the agenda.

7           Do you wish to take public comment --

8           MAYOR STACK:   Sure.

9           ACTING CITY CLERK:   -- on any items on the  
10 Regular Agenda?

11          MAYOR STACK:   Yes.

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

15          Sir, if you could, you could just stand  
16 right over here.

17          Thank you very much.

18          MR. STEVEN:   Kendall Steven, 356 Mountain  
19 Road, Union City.

20          MR. DILLON:   Steven or Stevens?

21          MR. STEVEN:   Steven.

22          MR. DILLON:   Steven?

23          MR. STEVEN:   I came tonight to find out  
24 about the redevelopment issues that are going on  
25 on Mountain Road.

1           There's the existing area that's been  
2 abandoned and now it's come to our attention that  
3 there are -- there are contiguous with that three  
4 more properties that are now on the market.  
5 They're looking for a hundred units. And I'm  
6 concerned about the fiscal -- I mean the physical  
7 plans for how to manage that big an influx of  
8 population in that small area.

9           The roads are one way. The roads are one  
10 lane. I don't know how that's going to be  
11 managed and --

12           MAYOR STACK: Sure.

13           Tonight, sir, there's a meeting on the  
14 project I believe that you're speaking about.  
15 There's a meeting at Colin Powell School.

16           MR. STEVEN: It's being attended by my  
17 wife.

18           MAYOR STACK: Okay, right.

19           MR. STEVEN: I wanted to speak with the  
20 Board because I think --

21           MAYOR STACK: Sure.

22           MR. STEVEN: -- you would also have  
23 understanding of it.

24           MAYOR STACK: And you definitely will at  
25 any time.

1           But if that plan is approved tonight, it  
2 would come to the Board of Commissioners at that  
3 time. I'd comment more at that time once the  
4 Board -- depending on what their pleasure is this  
5 evening, whether they hold it, whether they vote  
6 on it, whether they vote it down or -- or move  
7 it, it would come -- the next step would be to  
8 the Board of Commissioners at that time.

9           There's no project been proposed. I don't  
10 know about a hundred units but there's been no  
11 project proposed at this time. This is only a  
12 study for an area that's in need of  
13 redevelopment.

14           MR. STEVEN: Okay.

15           MAYOR STACK: But there's no project on the  
16 table or anything.

17           MR. STEVEN: And if the -- if the area is  
18 redeveloped, I'm concerned about tax abatements  
19 and -- and things that would --

20           MAYOR STACK: Sure.

21           MR. STEVEN: -- cause the citizens to carry  
22 the development of this property.

23           MAYOR STACK: And I'm glad you are. In my  
24 14 years as Mayor we've never approved a tax  
25 abatement, a long term tax abatement. We've only

1 followed the State model, what's been given,  
2 which is a five year phase-in program.

3 But we've never awarded tax abatements,  
4 unless it's affordable housing or something like  
5 that.

6 MR. STEVEN: Can I ask you a question on an  
7 entirely different --

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

9 MR. STEVEN: Same area, different subject.

10 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

11 MR. STEVEN: There's a new stoplight at the  
12 intersection of Manhattan Avenue and Mountain  
13 Road; 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Mountain Road. And at that  
14 stoplight is a no left turn sign. All the roads  
15 go away from that stoplight, except for 16<sup>th</sup>  
16 Street which comes into that stoplight. And it  
17 causes a lot of traffic backup to not be able to  
18 make that left turn, since a large number of  
19 people make that left turn.

20 Is there any way that that left turn sign  
21 can be reconsidered?

22 MAYOR STACK: This left turn sign is when  
23 you're by Saint John's Church; you proceed from  
24 Palisade down --

25 MR. STEVEN: Toward -- toward Manhattan

1 Avenue.

2 MAYOR STACK: -- toward Manhattan Avenue.

3 MR. STEVEN: At Manhattan and Mountain Road  
4 there is a no left turn sign or the -- at -- with  
5 the stoplight. And the only -- there's no  
6 traffic that goes the same direction, so there  
7 would be no effect to making that left turn.

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

9 John? John, can you step forward for a  
10 minute -- Lieutenant?

11 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I'm confused. Do you  
12 mean the right turn?

13 MR. STEVEN: Right turn. Sorry.

14 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

15 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Okay.

16 MAYOR STACK: You had me going there for a  
17 minute. I'm saying to myself --

18 MR. STEVEN: I'm sorry; I'm left-handed.  
19 So left and right are backwards.

20 MAYOR STACK: I'm actually ready to ream  
21 somebody out in County right now saying how could  
22 they have put that sign in.

23 MR. STEVEN: The no right turn on red sign.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, we definitely could  
25 look at that.

1 MR. STEVEN: Okay.

2 MAYOR STACK: Sure. No problem.

3 John, if you can, -- if you can, do you see  
4 any safety hazard by --

5 This would be at 16, right when you're  
6 going to make the right.

7 And if I'm wrong, please --

8 When you're going to make the right to go  
9 down to --

10 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Viaduct.

11 MAYOR STACK: -- going down to Hoboken.

12 MR. STEVEN: Going down Manhattan Avenue --

13 MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

14 MR. STEVEN: -- viaduct. Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: You're going down the  
16 viaduct.

17 MR. STEVEN: Right.

18 LIEUTENANT LOACES: You're speaking of  
19 right by that little mini mart that's there --

20 MR. STEVEN: Exactly.

21 MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yeah.

23 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Okay.

24 No, I don't see that -- because he's right,  
25 there would be no traffic that's actually coming

1 | that way.

2 |       MAYOR STACK: John, send me up something on  
3 | that please.

4 |       LIEUTENANT LOACES: Absolutely. First  
5 | thing in the morning.

6 |       MAYOR STACK: Please. All right?

7 |       MR. STEVEN: I understand like during  
8 | school hours and things, 'cause there's a lot of  
9 | kids --

10 |       MAYOR STACK: Sure.

11 |       MR. STEVEN: -- coming --

12 |       MAYOR STACK: You know what we could do,  
13 | John? We could put a -- we could put a time  
14 | limit on there.

15 |       Monica, if you can, --

16 |       MS. de los RIOS: Um-hum.

17 |       MAYOR STACK: -- for the next meeting, we  
18 | can make it down Monday to Friday from -- from  
19 | seven a.m. -- from seven a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

20 |       How's that?

21 |       MR. STEVEN: That's great.

22 |       MAYOR STACK: All right?

23 |       MR. STEVEN: I just think it will alleviate  
24 | some of the --

25 |       MAYOR STACK: Just to --

1 MR. STEVEN: -- traffic back up.

2 MAYOR STACK: And that's at 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

3 Okay?

4 MS. de los RIOS: Manhattan. Um-hum.

5 MAYOR STACK: Right. And Manhattan Avenue.

6 MS. de los RIOS: Manhattan Avenue.

7 MR. STEVEN: Having those two lights now --

8 MAYOR STACK: Right. That would be fine.

9 MR. STEVEN: -- traffic --

10 MAYOR STACK: We fought hard to get those  
11 lights in there. We did.

12 John, get me a note on that if you can?

13 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Yes, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: It's got to be 4:30  
15 because we have --

16 MAYOR STACK: Four thirty.

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- a program in  
18 Colin Powell School.

19 MAYOR STACK: We'll make it to 4:30.  
20 Absolutely.

21 Thank you very much for that.

22 MR. STEVEN: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

24 Anyone else wishing to comment at this  
25 time?

1           Seeing no other.

2           ACTING CITY CLERK:   Motion to close the  
3 public comment portion of this meeting?

4           MAYOR STACK:   Motion.

5           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:   Second.

6           ACTING CITY CLERK:   Motion by Mayor Stack.

7           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:   Second.

8           ACTING CITY CLERK:   Second by Commissioner  
9 Fernandez.

10          Roll call.

11          Commissioner Fernandez?

12          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:   Yes.

13          ACTING CITY CLERK:   Commissioner Rivas?

14          COMMISSIONER RIVAS:   Yes.

15          ACTING CITY CLERK:   Commissioner Valdivia?

16          COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA:   Yes.

17          ACTING CITY CLERK:   Commissioner  
18 Martinetti?

19          COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI:   Yes.

20          ACTING CITY CLERK:   Mayor Stack?

21          MAYOR STACK:   Yes.

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1     **LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING:**

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3         1.    Renewal Application of Uno Bar t/a Dolores  
4    Castro, Liquor License No. 0910-33-108-004,  
5    Located at 3607 New York Avenue

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7             ACTING CITY CLERK:   We have a liquor  
8    license hearing.

9             I don't think --

10            MAYOR STACK:   Mr. Farmer, is anyone here  
11   for the liquor license hearing?

12            MR. FARMER:   No.

13            The notation on your agenda is dealing with  
14   Uno Bar who has been before you a couple of times  
15   and it's just coming off I think a 30 day  
16   suspension.

17            It's a renewal application and I'd like --  
18   I know I spoke to Monica earlier and when she put  
19   this on she also notified Dolores Castro, both  
20   regular and certified mail.   And Ms. Castro isn't  
21   here this evening.

22            If I could make a suggestion, my suggestion  
23   would be that we adjourn this matter until the  
24   next hearing date.   And let me look into this  
25   renewal application because I don't really deal

1 with the renewals.

2 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

3 MR. FARMER: But they may -- I just want to  
4 get a peace of mind that they didn't miss a  
5 deadline or something.

6 MAYOR STACK: Please. No problem. That's  
7 fine.

8 MR. FARMER: Okay? All right?

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, Mr.  
10 Farmer.

11 MR. FARMER: Monica, did you want to say  
12 anything?

13 MS. de los RIOS: No, that's it.

14 MR. FARMER: Okay.

15 MS. de los RIOS: Thank you.

16 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

17 Thank you.

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20 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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22 ACTING CITY CLERK: There are no other  
23 items on the agenda.

24 Is there a motion to adjourn?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

1           ACTING CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner  
2 Martinetti.

3           COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4           ACTING CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner  
5 Valdivia.

6           All in favor?

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

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10           (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded  
11 at 7:20 p.m.)

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| 4 | _____ | Celin J. Valdivia     |
| 5 | _____ | Tilo E. Rivas         |

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8                             **Attest:**

9                             **Dominick Cantatore,**

10                            **Acting City Clerk**

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