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Robert Waters Elementary School
2800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, December 20, 2016
Commencing at 7:04 p.m.

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

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MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER,
(Left at 7:47 p.m.)
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
TILO E. RIVAS, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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

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1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: This is a Regular
2 Public Meeting of the Union City Board of
3 Commissioners, held on Tuesday, December 20th of
4 2016, --

5 MAYOR STACK: Just, everybody, if I could
6 have everybody's attention for a minute please?

7 Okay. Thank you everyone.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- at the Robert Waters
9 Elementary School, 2800 Summit Avenue, Union
10 City, New Jersey.

11 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

12
13 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
14 said by all.)

15
16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: This meeting has been
17 called in accordance with the Open Public
18 Meetings Act.

19 Adequate notice of the meeting has been
20 provided to The Jersey Journal, The Record, The
21 Hudson Reporter, and has been placed on the
22 bulletin board at City Hall and made available to
23 the public.

24
25 ROLL CALL:

1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?
2

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

9 Martinetti?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

12 MAYOR STACK: Here.

13

14 **COMMUNICATIONS:**

15

16 1. Presentation of Certificates of
17 Participation to the Union City Freshman Football
18 Team and the Warriors Football Team for
19 Undefeated 2016 Seasons

20

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: At this time, Mayor, we
22 have a Presentation of Certificates of
23 Participation for the Union City Freshman
24 Football Team and Warriors Football Team for
25 Undefeated 2016 Seasons.

1 (Applause.)

2 MAYOR STACK: I would just like to -- I
3 would just like to, as the Mayor, congratulate
4 all for making Union City very proud, for making
5 your parents proud, for making your school proud,
6 for making most of all our City proud and me as
7 your Mayor.

8 And on behalf of the Board of Commissioners
9 we thank you and congratulate each of you very
10 much.

11 You have our word that we'll continue to
12 make recreation a major priority in our sports
13 programs in Union City. I think you could see
14 some of the things that we've done, from the new
15 fields to the programs that we have in the City,
16 it's something we'll continue.

17 And I would just like to congratulate all
18 the coaches that are involved and everyone that's
19 been involved; the parents who volunteer and take
20 it very serious being a part of the program, I
21 thank you very much.

22 I'd like to now turn it over to
23 Commissioner Valdivia who's in charge of our
24 Parks and Recreation Program.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I would like to

1 | congratulate --

2 | (Applause.)

3 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: I would first like
4 | to congratulate the high school team for going
5 | undefeated; a big achievement. Thank you, Mr.
6 | Marinez. Thank you very much for your coaching
7 | and all the coaches.

8 | (Applause.)

9 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: And I would also,
10 | first of all, want to congratulate the
11 | Recreation players for going undefeated; their
12 | coaches.

13 | And very importantly, --

14 | (Applause.)

15 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- I would like to
16 | thank Mayor Stack for supporting our Recreation
17 | programs. Besides being -- I've always said to
18 | him before I became a Commissioner, long ago,
19 | that he's the education Mayor. But in order --
20 | besides education, he's a Mayor that wants to
21 | keep our children safe. And you do that by
22 | creating safe parks, clean parks and a good
23 | Recreation program.

24 | And throughout his tenure as Mayor, the
25 | last 16 years, our Recreation programs have grown

1 bigger and bigger and more successful each year.
2 Not only in football but in other areas; in
3 martial arts and other sports.

4 So, Mayor, thank you very much, --

5 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- you deserve an
7 applause --

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- for your
11 support.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: So, again, thank
15 you for making Union City proud. I'm very proud
16 of you. I'm sure your parents are very proud.

17 I as a -- as a -- as a father and
18 grandfather, I'm sure you're very proud of your
19 children and they deserve a big hand.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you very
22 much.

23 Mr. Martinez?

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

1 MR. MARINEZ: Gentlemen, when I call your
2 name, please come up.

3
4 (Whereupon, a Union City Certificate of
5 Participation was awarded to the following Union
6 City High School Freshman Football Team players
7 and coaches:

8
9 Abdiel Ramos;
10 Henry Vilomar;
11 Antonio Hernandez;
12 Geraldo Ravelo;
13 Deven Gonzalez;
14 Cory Fitch;
15 Juan Lopez;
16 Frank Lopez;
17 Joshua Negron;
18 William Begazo;
19 Caremon Scott,
20 Yeranei Berroa;
21 Jeremy Santana;
22 Anthony Ocampos;
23 Aden Sosa;
24 Franklyn Blanco;
25 Luis Ferreira;

1	Nasir Lopez;
2	Eduardo Romero;
3	Dionicio Hernandez;
4	Lazarus Cambon;
5	Kelvin Mejia;
6	Joshua Figueroa;
7	Donovon Sanchez;
8	Brian Munguia;
9	Emilio Quezada;
10	Edgary Ulloa
11	Joshua Nolasco;
12	Angel Martinez;
13	Uriel Velez;
14	Jadiel Suncar;
15	Dennis Flores;
16	Julian Ocasio;
17	Manuel Mejia;
18	Enenurys Rosario;
19	Jalen Vega;
20	Jeremiah Inoa;
21	Ricardo Taveraz;
22	Jeremiah Caballero;
23	Walter Majano;
24	Angelo Munguia;
25	Victor Martinez;

1 Hector Hidalgo;
2 Emmanuel Acosta;
3 Mark Rivera;
4 Edwin Geneo;
5 Ramond Lora;
6 Diego Campos;
7 Frankely Ramirez;
8 Diomedes Caceres;
9 Coach Ysmaldo Santiago;
10 Coach Jhordi Davila;
11 Coach Mike Beltre;
12 Coach John Rivera;
13 Coach Harold Polo; and
14 Coach Daniel Garza.)

15
16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Wait. Wait. Coach
17 Edwin Martinez.

18 Congratulations.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

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

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: We have -- first of
24 the coaches is Coach Robert Massa.

25 A VOICE: Massa come up.

1 A VOICE: Massa's not here?

2 A VOICE: I didn't see Massa.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: We'll see; maybe --
4 maybe he'll come back later.

5 MAYOR STACK: You got to call them out
6 loud.

7 A VOICE: No problem.

8 MAYOR STACK: Call as loud as you can.

9
10 (Whereupon, a Union City Certificate of
11 Participation was awarded to the following Union
12 City Warriors Football Team players and coaches:

13
14 Coach Andrew Pallotto;

15 Coach Roberto Massa;

16 Coach Jose Artiles;

17 Coach Marc Molina;

18 Coach Alex Vargas;

19 Coach Jerry Leonor;

20 Coach Jose Guitan;

21 Coach Anthony Baratta;

22 Coach Paul Carmeci;

23 Javian Tavaréz;

24 Jimmy Ruiz;

25 Damon Pallotto;

1	Moises Colon;
2	Oumar Berete;
3	Issac Portillo;
4	Juan Ortiz;
5	Anthony Fisher;
6	Jostein Hernandez;
7	Marc Molina;
8	Raymond Luciano;
9	Dallas Reece;
10	Dennis Garcia;
11	Daniel Pang;
12	Michael Machado;
13	Elijah Hernandez;
14	Victor Reynoso;
15	Alejandro Mendoza;
16	Galo Chacho;
17	David Rosario;
18	Prinz Guitan;
19	Daisha Noel;
20	Jaylen Guzman;
21	Jonathan Morrobels;
22	Dustin Robalino;
23	Daham Subeappu;
24	Eric Rios;
25	Ruven Argueta;

1 Joel Geronimo;
2 Daniel Paternina;
3 Jordan Bermudez; and
4 Jeynell Hernandez.)

5
6 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
7 proceedings.)

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: All right,
9 Warriors. Warriors, give a big hand to your
10 Coach Andrew.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STACK: Guys, thank you -- thank you
13 very much. Thanks for making Union City proud,
14 guys, keep up the good work.

15 Thank you everybody.

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

18
19 (Off the record at 7:25:33 p.m.)

20 (On the record at 7:25:53 p.m.)

21
22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Ready?

23 MS. DILLON: On the record.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Okay.

25 MAYOR STACK: Okay, we're back on the --

1 back on the record.

2
3 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM**
4 **NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AND DECEMBER 6, 2016:**

5
6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The next item on the
7 agenda is the Approval of the Minutes from the
8 November 22nd and December 6th meeting.

9 May I have a motion to approve?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

11 MAYOR STACK: Second.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
13 Valdivia.

14 Second by Mayor Stack.

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

22 Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1
2 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
3 action on the following item:

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

5 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 397 OF THE
6 CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED
7 "TOWING".)

8
9 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: We have one Ordinance
10 for Introduction.

11 The Ordinance, if introduced, will be
12 further considered at the meeting of the Board of
13 Commissioners held on January 3rd, 2017, at the
14 Jefferson Elementary School, 3400 Palisade
15 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

16 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 397 of the
17 Code of Union City Entitled Towing.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Seconded by

23 Commissioner Martinetti.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?
2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
6 Martinetti?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

10 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
11 action on the following items in total:
12

13 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 14 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims
15 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
16 Concurring Claims
17 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
18 the Period of November 26, 2016 through December
19 9, 2016
20 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
21 for the Period of November 26, 2016 through
22 December 9, 2016
23 (5) Resolution Approving the Payment of
24 Concurring Escrow Funds
25 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a

- 1 Lien on the Property Known as 1614 Summit Avenue,
2 Block 84, Lot 20, for Emergency Repair Costs
3 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
4 Lien on the Property Known as 520 New York
5 Avenue, Block 25, Lot 15, for Emergency Repair
6 Costs
7 (8) Resolution Approving the Collective
8 Negotiation Agreement Between the Union City
9 Employees Association and the City of Union City
10 (9) Resolution Approving Contract with Oritani
11 Bank for Banking Services
12 (10) Resolution Naming 32nd Street from Central
13 Avenue to Bergenline Avenue as "Pastore Way"
14 (11) Resolution Approving the Transfer of an
15 Ambulance from the City of Union City to the
16 Hatzolo Emergency Medical Services Inc.
17 Non-Profit Organization.)

18
19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: We have 11 items on the
20 Consent Agenda.

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

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

25 The third is a Resolution Approving the

19

1 City Payroll for the Period of November 26th, 2016
2 through December 9th, 2016.

3 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
4 Library Payroll for the Period of November 26th,
5 2016 through December 9th, 2016.

6 The fifth is a Resolution Approving the
7 Payment of Concurring Escrow Funds.

8 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing the
9 Placement of a Lien on the Property Known as 1614
10 Summit Avenue, Block 84, Lot 20, for Emergency
11 Repair Costs.

12 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing the
13 Placement of a Lien on the Property Known as 520
14 New York Avenue, Block 25, Lot 15, for Emergency
15 Repair Costs.

16 The eighth is a Resolution Approving the
17 Collective Negotiation Agreement Between the
18 Union City Employees Association and the City of
19 Union City.

20 MAYOR STACK: And that's -- that's
21 contingent upon DCA approval, just for the
22 record.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The ninth is a
24 Resolution Approving the Contract with Oritani
25 Bank for Banking Services.

1 The tenth is a Resolution Naming 32nd
2 Street from Central Avenue to Bergenline Avenue
3 as Pastore Way.

4 The 11th is a Resolution Approving the
5 Transfer of an Ambulance from the City of Union
6 City to the Hatzolo Emergency Medical Services
7 Incorporated Non-Profit.

8 Mayor, at this time would you like to open
9 the meeting for public comment on Consent Agenda
10 items?

11 MAYOR STACK: Just -- just before we do I
12 would just like to first thank the members that
13 are here today of the -- of the union in
14 reference to the good faith agreement that they
15 negotiated with the City of Union City for the
16 employees -- our blue collar employees and our
17 employees in City Hall that work for the City of
18 Union City; working diligently with the City;
19 understanding the City's restrains on our
20 finances.

21 A special thank you to Susan Colditz and
22 also to you, Erin, for the time and effort that
23 you guys put in negotiating this contract.

24 It's always been my belief that the very
25 much of the vast majority of City employees do a

1 | good job in the City of Union City. Even with
2 | less employees today than we had 20 years ago and
3 | 30 years ago, the City employees really do a good
4 | job.

5 | Always my favorite departments, not to --
6 | not to slight anyone, but has always been Public
7 | Works and Parks for the great job that they do
8 | day in and day out.

9 | Why I bring them up is they're out there in
10 | all kinds of weather. Our street sweepers, our
11 | park caretakers, -- across the board -- the truck
12 | drivers; and for that matter all City employees.

13 | Again, our Emergency Medical Technicians.
14 | Our EMTs working diligently and hard saving lives
15 | out there every day, most times going unnoticed
16 | in the work that they do in the City of Union
17 | City. And I would like to thank both George
18 | Fierro and Jose Gutierrez for being here and
19 | working with the City under tough financial
20 | situation and negotiating this contract.

21 | And a special thank you again to you, Erin,
22 | and to Susan, for the work that you've done and
23 | making this happen.

24 | In addition to that I just wanted to also
25 | give a special mention to Commissioner Fernandez;

1 | always tried to keep me involved in the arts and
2 | the music world. And last Saturday --

3 | Was it last Saturday?

4 | COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

5 | MAYOR STACK: -- last Saturday I went over

6 | to Pastore Music with the Commissioner and they

7 | have a three-story building on 32nd Street.

8 | They've been in the City for 77 years -- Pastore

9 | Music has been here. I think it's important that

10 | we recognize businesses that not only do good for

11 | the community but especially for our children.

12 | And a business that could have went and

13 | picked up and went anywhere stayed in Union City

14 | and has expanded in the City of Union City.

15 | And when I saw the guitar-making that takes

16 | place on the second floor and I saw the great

17 | work that they do there day in and day out -- and

18 | really gone unnoticed -- I felt it was important

19 | --

20 | The Commissioner and I spoke about it. I

21 | was actually happy I took an hour out Saturday

22 | and left City Hall to go over to Pastore Music

23 | just to see what they do. And the Commissioner

24 | and I felt it was the right thing to do, along

25 | with the entire Board of Commissioners, to

1 recognize Pastore Music as naming 32nd Street
2 honorary Pastore Way.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, like the
5 Mayor said they've been in -- in the City for 77
6 years. It's a family-owned business from the
7 grandfather to the father to now Jerry Pastore
8 who runs the business. They have a great
9 educational program on the second floor. And
10 they have a repair shop run by Ronaldo Orlandoni,
11 who's a well-renown guitar maker, who's made
12 guitars for huge stars like the Allman Brothers
13 and so forth and so on. And they've now opened a
14 showroom there to feature their guitars.

15 It's -- it's wonderful that they've stayed
16 in Union City this long.

17 I think, Mayor, it's one of the last
18 remaining old time businesses here in Union City.
19 So it's great that we're honoring them in this
20 way.

21 Thank you.

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

23 Anyone wishing to comment at this time on
24 the Consent Agenda, please step forward, state
25 your name and address for the record.

1 Seeing none, just before I -- I just close,
2 just one other thing I wanted to mention.

3 You'll see some items on the agenda --
4 Resolution Authorizing Placement of a Lien on the
5 Property of 1614 Summit Avenue; also 520 New York
6 Avenue.

7 These are properties that may be neglected
8 in some way where the City goes in -- the
9 Building Department or the Health Department or
10 the Fire Prevention -- and serve notices upon the
11 property owner of violations that need to be
12 repaired.

13 It's not the City's philosophy to let these
14 properties remain unattended. We'll go in and
15 make the repair if there's an absentee landlord
16 and then we put a lien on that property,
17 ultimately get paid back for it.

18 My philosophy has always been you leave one
19 property neglected, it will spread to that entire
20 neighborhood. So this is really taking the bull
21 by the horns so-to-speak and really going after
22 some of these properties where people living
23 inside paying rent or paying maintenance fees or
24 paying a mortgage if it's a condominium and
25 really not receiving any services. And the City

1 has really stepped up to the plate to assist
2 these different buildings in the City in a bigger
3 plan of the quality of life in the community.

4 Just one more time, anyone who would like
5 to comment on the Consent Agenda?

6 Seeing none.

7 I'll make a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

9 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

10 Second by Commissioner Rivas.

11 Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

18 Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to

23 approve all items on the Consent Agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Valdivia.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

4 Fernandez.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

9 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

12 Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing on

14 item number 1, payment to Adolfo Lopez and Diaz;

15 on items number 6 and 7 that pertain to the

16 Building Department.

17 Aye on the rest.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20
21 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

22 action on the following item:

23 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

24 1. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claim to
25 the Grace Theater Workshop, Inc.)

1
2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: We have one item on the
3 Regular Agenda.

4 This is a Resolution Authorizing the
5 Payment of Claim to the Grace Theater Workshop.

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Can we have a motion?

8 Motion by Mayor --

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- Stack.

11 Seconded by Commissioner Martinetti.

12 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

13 Commissioner Rivas?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

18 Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22

23 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

24 action on the following item:

25 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

1 **CONSIDERATION:**

2 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
3 ORDINANCE 104-1-2016 TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT
4 THEREIN.)

5
6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: We have three
7 Ordinances on for Hearing and Adoption.

8 The first Ordinance is Amending the Capital
9 Improvement Ordinance 104-1-2016 to Decrease the
10 Amount Therein.

11 Mayor, may I have a motion to --

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- for public comment.

14 MAYOR STACK: Oh, I'm sorry.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: That's okay.

16 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
17 this Ordinance, please step forward at this time.

18 Maybe if you could give a brief
19 explanation? Either you or Krystle could just
20 give a brief explanation on this before we ask
21 for public comment.

22 Do you know this one?

23 Do you want me to do it?

24 MS. NOVA: The -- a certain amount of money
25 was appropriated for the 47th Street Firehouse.

1 The amount was approximately \$347,000.00. That
2 amount was lowered to \$220,825.00.

3 And the reason for that was because we
4 negotiated the -- the renovations and the
5 restoration to a lower amount.

6 MAYOR STACK: Great.

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

10 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Seeing none.

11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Seeing none.

12 MAYOR STACK: Seeing none.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
14 close public comment?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia
20 seconds.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
3 Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance is
8 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 334 of the Code
9 of --

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: You have to
11 approve --

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: I am sorry.

13 May I have a motion to adopt?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
16 Valdivia.

17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
19 Rivas.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

23 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
2 Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6
7 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
8 action on the following item:

9 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

10 **CONSIDERATION:**

11 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 334 OF THE
12 CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED "RENT
13 STABILIZATION".)

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15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance is
16 Amending Chapter 334 of the Code of Union City
17 Entitled Rent Stabilization.

18 Would you like to take public comment?

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

23 Mr. Price?

24 MR. PRICE: Yeah. Larry Price, 1006

25 Palisade Avenue.

1 This Ordinance -- heretofore under rent
2 stabilization, landlords got a three and a half
3 percent increase. It will now be three percent
4 or the increase in the CPI, whichever is less.

5 MAYOR STACK: Is low-- right.

6 MR. PRICE: Currently, I don't -- it --
7 it's for the northeast region, I don't know what
8 that increase is. I do know the national number
9 the increase is one and a half percent in the
10 last 12 months through November.

11 So you're taking the landlords from three
12 and a half percent to one and a half percent
13 currently because that's the lower number.

14 That doesn't sound like much but, you know,
15 from a capital asset pricing point of view, a
16 difference of two percent is a lot. And with the
17 RURA is no longer there and if they're down to
18 the increase of whatever, the pricing of multi-
19 family dwelling or rent control dwellings is --
20 could change dramatically. That means tax
21 appeals.

22 The only -- I would -- you know, I'm not
23 saying don't pass this but don't maybe carve it
24 in stone because there could be problems here.
25 If the tax appeals come -- start to come in you

1 might want to ease up a little bit. But keep it
2 -- all I would say at this point, you know, you
3 should probably keep it in mind. Because this
4 could be a dramatic, you know, change in prices.

5 An anecdotal story. You're well acquainted
6 with the building. I understand there was a deal
7 for 1100 Palisade Avenue prior to the event of
8 RURA. Hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars a
9 unit. And when RURA went the way of all --
10 (indiscernible) -- the deal was abandoned.

11 And I understand about third hand, -- so
12 this is not very good -- it's gossip, it's not
13 factual -- but they can't even do a deal for two-
14 thirds of that number now. And it's because of
15 these changes.

16 And luckily I don't think that will result
17 in a -- a tax appeal but there could be other
18 instances where it would. And that means the
19 burden on the other -- other taxpayers will grow.
20 So it's something to be careful of. That's all.

21 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. I mean we'll --
22 we'll look at it as it goes, Mr. Price, but my
23 concern also is on the people who live in this
24 community and live in the buildings are being
25 basically, you know, priced out of their

1 apartments. And many times the increases are
2 very heavy.

3 Most of these landlords, if not -- I
4 wouldn't say all but most took advantage of the
5 RURA. Did very little improvements to the
6 apartments over the years. Way back, especially
7 when it first -- first started, changed the
8 toilet bowl and painted the apartment and took an
9 apartment from \$400.00 and charged \$1600.00 and
10 did little or no improvements on those
11 apartments.

12 I want to protect the community that lives
13 here right now and keep them in the City and I
14 don't want ever what happened in Hoboken to
15 happen in Union City.

16 MR. PRICE: Well, one insight that I would
17 give you, as you know I'm in the parking
18 business, --

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

20 MR. PRICE: -- and parking a year, year and
21 a half ago in my neighborhood started to really
22 tighten up. In fact, I think it started to
23 tighten up in all of Union City at that point.

24 So I'm talking to a -- a realtor who's
25 knowledgeable. I said why would parking tighten

1 up? There are no new buildings. All the parking
2 spots we had before we have now. Why should
3 there suddenly be this demand for parking?

4 And he said because Hoboken and downtown
5 Jersey City have gotten so expensive it's forcing
6 people out and they're coming here. And the
7 people coming in have cars and the people who
8 are, frankly, being forced out here did not. And
9 that's why there's a difference in parking.

10 So that's one little --

11 Now, Union --

12 MAYOR STACK: But that ties into my
13 argument then.

14 MR. PRICE: Exactly. But --

15 MAYOR STACK: I just don't want them to be
16 pushed out. Exactly.

17 MR. PRICE: But sometimes they're -- you
18 know, sometimes it's like trying to tell the tide
19 not to come in.

20 MAYOR STACK: I understand. I understand.

21 MR. PRICE: But -- but there are a lot of
22 forces out there and all I'm saying is be careful
23 that we don't --

24 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Sure.

25 MR. PRICE: -- punish --

1 MAYOR STACK: Whatever the Commissioners
2 though and I can do in our small part here to
3 keep it affordable in Union City, and to keep the
4 people that are living here keeping them here,
5 we're trying hard to do it.

6 Even when I -- when we do improvements,
7 whether we pave the street or build a new school
8 or a new park, we do it obviously for the people
9 that are here, not for people --

10 You know, somebody that's going to move in
11 we welcome them from five years from now but --

12 MR. PRICE: But they're going to move here
13 because it's so attractive.

14 MAYOR STACK: Right.

15 MR. PRICE: That's --

16 MAYOR STACK: Right.

17 MR. PRICE: That's one of the reason why
18 they move here, --

19 MAYOR STACK: Right.

20 MR. PRICE: -- it --

21 By the way, slightly a different -- I -- I
22 don't want to hold the platform too --

23 But I don't go through --

24 Just a side comment. I don't go through
25 Ellsworth Park very often but last summer late I

1 | happened to go --

2 | Because I was trying to take a shortcut.

3 | And I hadn't been there in a while. I make two
4 | comments about it.

5 | First of all, Ellsworth Park is beautiful.
6 | I don't know who -- who laid it out but, boy,
7 | they should be congratulated. It is --

8 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Right here. Right
9 | here.

10 | MAYOR STACK: Myself -- myself and Marla
11 | from Ralph Tango's office. Yeah.

12 | MR. PRICE: But it really --

13 | MAYOR STACK: We spent a lot of time on
14 | that.

15 | MR. PRICE: -- looked --

16 | MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

17 | MR. PRICE: -- beautiful.

18 | MAYOR STACK: It does.

19 | MR. PRICE: The second thing is whoever
20 | laid it out architecturally had -- because there
21 | are all these little nooks and -- not nooks and
22 | crannies but little --

23 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

24 | MR. PRICE: I walked through, I don't know,
25 | on a summer evening, whatever, there probably

1 | were 30 people sitting in the park.

2 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

3 | MR. PRICE: And they were sitting all over
4 | in these -- reading newspaper, reading books,
5 | reading their machines -- whatever, which I'd
6 | never --

7 | And it was -- it was really a lovely little
8 | --

9 | MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

10 | MR. PRICE: -- oasis in the City.

11 | MAYOR STACK: We just changed the lighting
12 | there. Well, not just recently but at the end of
13 | -- the middle of November to the -- yeah, middle
14 | of November we changed all the lighting. We put
15 | new globes on just to make it a little bit
16 | brighter. So when people are sitting there they
17 | can do some of those other things, yeah.

18 | MR. PRICE: They won't do that in November
19 | I would think.

20 | MAYOR STACK: No, not in November. We just
21 | got to change them. So it's even nicer now. If
22 | you pass by it's a little bit brighter and the
23 | lighting is more directed downward.

24 | MR. PRICE: But it really is a lovely
25 | little area in the City now and --

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

2 MR. PRICE: That will be the next hot real
3 estate area.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

5 Anyone else wishing to comment on the -- on
6 the -- on this Ordinance, in reference to the
7 Rent Control Ordinance?

8 No?

9 I'll make a motion to approve.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
13 Martinetti.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

21 Martinetti?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to

1 adopt?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by

4 Commissioner --

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- Martinetti.

7 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

11 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

15 Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19
20 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

21 action on the following item:

22 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

23 **CONSIDERATION:**

24 3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4

25 "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" ARTICLE XIII OF

1 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED
2 "POLICE DEPARTMENT".)

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4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The final Ordinance for
5 Adoption is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4
6 Administration of the Government Article XIII of
7 the Code of Union City Entitled Police
8 Department.

9 Mayor, would you like to open for public
10 comment?

11 MAYOR STACK: Just if you could explain to
12 the public what we're doing, Erin, on this. You
13 or Krystle.

14 MS. NOVA: This Ordinance designates the
15 Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
16 as the appropriate authority and vests the
17 Commissioner with the powers and duties of an
18 appropriate authority and that's pursuant to the
19 Statute N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118.

20 This was recommended to us as a -- due to
21 the Accreditation Program that the Police
22 Department was going through and --

23 MAYOR STACK: Chief, can you just step
24 forward for a minute and just explain to the
25 public what we're doing with the Accreditation

1 Program of the Police Department.

2 What it is. What it entails. Just a brief
3 synopsis of it.

4 CHIEF MOLINARI: Sure.

5 Union City is going through an
6 accreditation process; what basically means that
7 we're going to adhere to guidelines and policies
8 and procedures recommended by the New Jersey
9 State Chiefs Association.

10 And what that is it's over 250 criteria
11 that we have to meet. Standards; very high
12 standards that they recommend that you meet and
13 adhere to. It involves your building, your
14 facility, security, equipment.

15 And on top of that it's a total look at all
16 your rules and regulations, all your memos and
17 policies. They want you to be the highest of all
18 standards.

19 And what that should do is cut down your
20 liability on lawsuits. So if somebody's thinking
21 about suing the Police Department they have a
22 second thought because they say, wow, the Police
23 Department met all the accreditation standards
24 which are very high. And it's just a great
25 way --

1 And it's very difficult for an agency our
2 size to get accredited. We're going to be the
3 third largest police agency in New Jersey being
4 accredited. We're almost there. We hope to have
5 it in January. It's a great thing for the
6 Department. And I thank Mayor Stack and the
7 Board of Commissioners for their support when I
8 brought it to them.

9 So it should be a great thing for the
10 community, as well as the Police Department.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Chief.

12 CHIEF MOLINARI: Thank you, Mayor.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STACK: The Chief and the Police
15 Department have done a great job with this and,
16 in general, within the Police Department itself.

17 Right before we came in tonight the Chief
18 gave me his word he's staying for another ten
19 years.

20 Anyone wishing to comment on this time at
21 this -- on this Ordinance, please step forward,
22 state your name and address for the record.

23 Seeing none.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
25 close public comment?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

2 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
4 Valdivia.

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Can I --

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by --

7 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- say something?

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Okay.

10 Thank you.

11 Yes, I would like to commend the Mayor, you
12 know, for the -- an excellent job displayed. You
13 know, Thanksgiving Day and then now it's only,
14 you know, A Christmas Story given away.

15 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: So it was a tremendous
17 -- a tremendous impact in the community. I mean
18 so many kids need it; kids need -- took advantage
19 of this. And then that was a great -- great
20 achievement.

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

22 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Great achievement.
23 Excellent. Excellent. We're so proud of you,
24 Mayor, an excellent job.

25 Thank you.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a second?

3 MAYOR STACK: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second; Commissioner --

6 or Mayor Stack -- or Commissioner Rivas.

7 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas will

9 second.

10 May I have a motion to adopt?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

13 Fernandez.

14 Second --

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- by Commissioner

17 Valdivia.

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

22 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

1 Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack; --

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- recusing.

6 MS. NOVA: Mayor Stack is recusing on that.

7 MAYOR STACK: I'm recusing.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Yeah.

9 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry. I'm recusing --

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: That's okay.

11 MAYOR STACK: -- as the Director.

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

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15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time
16 would you like to take public comment on any
17 matter?

18 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

19 Anyone wishing to comment at this time on
20 any matter concerning municipal government in the
21 City of Union City, please step forward, state
22 your name and address for the record.

23 I'd like to also thank those residents that
24 have come out tonight to the meeting. We move
25 the Commission meetings, 100 percent of them,

1 throughout the community.

2 This meeting tonight residents from -- I
3 know the weather is not the best, tonight it's
4 very cold, but 21st Street to 32nd Street, from
5 Palisade Avenue to Kennedy Boulevard received a
6 notice on the meeting. I know we do a lot of
7 outreach, a lot of different types of meetings.
8 I thank those residents that did come out
9 tonight. I know that it's somewhat cold this
10 evening.

11 Anyone wishing to comment at this time?

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I --

13 MAYOR STACK: Seeing none.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
15 close public comment?

16 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.
19 Seconded by Commissioner Rivas.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

23 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

2 Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, we have two

7 Liquor License Disciplinary Hearings.

8 MAYOR STACK: Just for the public's

9 knowledge, at this time we'll be going into

10 Liquor License Hearings. Anyone's welcome to

11 stay if you like.

12 Mr. Farmer, --

13 MR. FARMER: Yes.

14 MAYOR STACK: -- if you could step forward?

15 Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new

16 year to everyone.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Mayor, can I

18 leave?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Thank you.

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22 (Whereupon, Commissioner Martinetti left

23 the meeting at 7:47 p.m.)

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:

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1. Manhattan Bar & Grill (Hearing for
Continuation of Special Conditions)
T/A Manhattan Bar & Grill

Location: 1711 Manhattan Avenue

License No. 0910-33-188-004

2. Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant
T/A Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant

Location: 1711 Manhattan Avenue

License No. 0910-33-188-004

MR. FARMER: Good evening, Mayor and Board.

We have two matters on your agenda this
evening. Both matters involve the same
license --

MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Sue.

MR. FARMER: -- and that is --

MAYOR STACK: Good job, Sue.

MR. FARMER: -- Manhattan Bar and Grill.

And they are represented by Mr. Diaz whose
here this evening. And the licensee is also here
this evening.

And the interpreter, I think, is going

to --

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

3 MR. DIAZ: Good evening, Board members.
4 Luis Diaz for the licensee.

5 MR. FARMER: I think the record should also
6 reflect that Sergeant Dunlay is here as well.

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1 MANHATTAN BAR & GRILL

2 (Hearing for Continuation of Special Conditions)

3 T/A MANHATTAN BAR & GRILL

4 Location: 1711 Manhattan Avenue

5 Liquor License No. 0910-33-188-04

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7 (Whereupon, Sol Villon, Interpreter,
8 translated for Armida Lazo.)

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10 MR. FARMER: The two applications before
11 you are that -- the first one dealing with a
12 hearing on the continuation of special
13 conditions.

14 Last time this license was renewed, as had
15 been in the past, we renewed it with special
16 conditions dealing with the music being at the
17 premises and had a schedule with respect to that.

18 They have made an application to be removed
19 from those special conditions. When I say they I
20 mean the licensee.

21 It's my understanding with respect to that
22 application, which is to continue the special
23 conditions, Mr. Diaz and his client are going to
24 withdraw that application.

25 So in other words the special conditions,

1 as outlined in the Resolution in the past, are
2 going to stay in place during the licensee period
3 which expires in June. And I don't know what
4 they're going to do then but --

5 Okay?

6 And that's it.

7 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

8 MR. DIAZ: That's correct, Mr. Farmer. We
9 -- we agree to the withdrawal of that
10 application.

11 MR. FARMER: Okay. The second one we
12 have --

13 MAYOR STACK: Just -- just before we do, is
14 there any -- is there any members of the public
15 that are here this evening on this application
16 for Manhattan Bar and Grill at 17--

17 If -- would you -- this gentleman, I
18 believe, is here.

19 MR. FARMER: Yes. Yes.

20 MAYOR STACK: That's why --

21 Please step forward.

22 MR. FARMER: If --

23 MAYOR STACK: Maybe if everyone could maybe
24 just step aside --

25 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

1 MS. DILLON: Allow him to go in front of
2 the microphone please.

3 MR. FARMER: Right here.

4 MR. VENTRICELLI: All right, good -- good
5 evening.

6 MS. DILLON: Sir, can you state your name
7 and spell it for the record and give your
8 address.

9 MR. VENTRICELLI: Mark, M-A-R-K.
10 Ventricelli, V-E-N--

11 MS. DILLON: I'm sorry?

12 MR. VENTRICELLI: V as in Victor, E-N-T-R-
13 I-C-E-L-L-I. The owner --

14 MR. DIAZ: Yeah. The neighbor.

15 MS. DILLON: And your address?

16 MR. VENTRICELLI: -- owner of 1708 and 1706
17 Manhattan Avenue.

18 MS. DILLON: Okay.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. VENTRICELLI: Thank you.

21 Just basically wanted to follow-up. Last
22 meeting there was some promises made by the

23 Manhattan Grill that weren't followed through on.

24 They promised that they were going to get a
25 doorman trying to keep the rowdiness outside

1 down, which we have not yet seen.

2 Also, I hand-- I gave the Lieutenant some
3 surveillance that the bar is staying open well
4 beyond two a.m.; just this past Saturday, 2:30
5 a.m., there was a crowd outside. You know, cars
6 parked off the corners. Just been throw-up
7 there's empty bottles along the house and being
8 next to a school that should be somewhat of a
9 hazard.

10 So, it's just a lot of promises that was
11 made to better their standards haven't been met
12 at all. I think they're de-gressed (sic) in --
13 from the last time. So it's just a concern that
14 you should -- definitely should look into.

15 MAYOR STACK: And -- and, Mr. Ventricelli,
16 you said that they were open after what time?

17 MR. VENTRICELLI: This Saturday, 2:30 a.m.,
18 which I provided Lieutenant Loaces a surveillance
19 with a time stamp.

20 MAYOR STACK: Lieutenant, can you step
21 forward please?

22 Just stay up here also, Mr. Ventricelli.

23 Just stay so we can --

24 MR. VENTRICELLI: Yes, sir.

25 MAYOR STACK: Just -- Mr. Ventri-- I don't

1 know if you could hear from the vantage point --

2 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Lieutenant Loaces, --

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 LIEUTENANT LOACES: -- Union City Police.

5 Yes.

6 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

7 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I met with him earlier.

8 He actually -- what he showed me right now is
9 actually a still photo.

10 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

11 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I'm going to make
12 arrangements with Mr. Ventrlicelli to get a copy
13 of that actual video --

14 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

15 LIEUTENANT LOACES: -- and see if I can
16 figure out what exactly is going on according
17 to --

18 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

19 LIEUTENANT LOACES: -- the video he's going
20 to provide.

21 MAYOR STACK: Were you aware, Mr. Farmer,
22 of any of this happening?

23 MR. FARMER: Oh I found out when I arrived
24 here this evening.

25 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Okay.

1 MR. DIAZ: Mayor, may I address --

2 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

3 MR. DIAZ: There was never any condition to
4 the doorman. This is the first time that I hear
5 of that.

6 What I believe, there's a vendetta between
7 this individual and my client. There have been
8 no incidents since the last time that we were
9 here; it's going to be almost a year.

10 It's a coincidence that notice has been
11 given to all the neighbors in the neigh-- in the
12 area, 200 feet, and the only individual that has
13 come, not only today but on prior occasions, --

14 MAYOR STACK: But he lives --

15 MR. DIAZ: -- is this --

16 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Diaz, just to be fair to
17 Mr. Ventricelli, he lives directly across the
18 street from the establishment.

19 MR. DIAZ: I believe he lives next door.

20 There is a driveway --

21 MR. VENTRICELLI: No. I live across the
22 street.

23 MR. DIAZ: Across the street?

24 MAYOR STACK: Across the street he lives,
25 yeah.

1 MR. DIAZ: Well, --

2 MAYOR STACK: He's probably the most --
3 besides the other homes that are in that
4 immediate -- whether it be next door, across the
5 street, or catty-corner, he would probably be one
6 of the most affected in that area.

7 MR. VENTRICELLI: I also spoke to Mrs.
8 Castoro who lives two houses down. Couldn't be
9 here because she broke her ankle. And I believe
10 somebody else wrote in.

11 And, frankly, vendetta's a very strong word
12 and I'm insulted that you'd even say that. Very
13 unprofessional.

14 MAYOR STACK: Have -- have you received, --

15 MR. DIAZ: No, don't --

16 MAYOR STACK: -- Mr. Farmer, --

17 MR. DIAZ: -- don't question my

18 professional --

19 MR. FARMER: Wait. Wait.

20 MR. DIAZ: Please.

21 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

22 MR. DIAZ: Okay?

23 MR. FARMER: Let's not talk --

24 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

25 MR. FARMER: -- to one another.

1 MAYOR STACK: No.

2 MR. DIAZ: No. No, I --

3 MR. FARMER: Let's --

4 MAYOR STACK: Let's -- let's just direct
5 the comments, if you --

6 MR. DIAZ: I'm insulted that you're
7 insulted.

8 MAYOR STACK: Right. Just, Mr. Diaz, just
9 direct the comments here.

10 Just -- you -- you said -- was there -- was
11 there anything written? Any other comments sent
12 in?

13 MR. FARMER: All right. This -- this
14 morning, --

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 MR. FARMER: -- when I picked up my mail
17 there was a letter in the mail dealing with 1711
18 Manhattan Avenue.

19 And it said the music should only --
20 should --

21 Let me start again.

22 The music should be only until 10 p.m. and
23 even that is late. People do have to get up
24 early and it should be mandatory that the bar
25 doors are always closed. This is very important

1 to and for the neighborhood. Loud music noise
2 can be a negative for a very good neighborhood,
3 bringing the value of property down and not being
4 able for selling purposes. The management of the
5 bar allow patrons to go outside and be noisy. It
6 is the owner's duty to tell patrons to be quiet,
7 especially from 12 midnight to two a.m. We are
8 concerned about New Year's Eve and the noise. We
9 hope you can do something. This is in
10 confidence. Please, you might receive this
11 letter after the meeting but even then you should
12 try to maintain the bar as suggested please.

13 It's unsigned. Didn't have a return
14 address or anything.

15 And, as Mr. Diaz pointed out, we had sent
16 letters of this night's hearing to approximately
17 80 people in the neighborhood.

18 MR. DIAZ: And, Mr. Farmer, there is only
19 one person in the room answering that -- those
20 letters.

21 Is that correct?

22 MR. FARMER: I understand the gentleman who
23 just testified is the only person and he
24 testified as to other people.

25 MR. DIAZ: And, Mayor, again, going back to

1 the accusation of doorman, the -- the agreement
2 to have a doorman, which to me now -- and I have
3 represented this lady for a couple of years -- is
4 my first that I hear of it. And making a
5 statement like that, which is not true, should go
6 to the credibility of -- of this individual.

7 MAYOR STACK: Maybe -- maybe what was
8 mentioned -- and I'm not sure, I don't remember
9 myself, I got to be honest, maybe there was some
10 mention of a security guard though I remember?

11 MR. DIAZ: Security. And I believe --

12 MAYOR STACK: But that's what I think --

13 MR. DIAZ: -- that there is --

14 MAYOR STACK: -- that's what I think --

15 MR. VENTRICELLI: That's a doorman, Mr.

16 Mayor. Just somebody on -- somebody at the door
17 to keep the patrons inside and when they do leave
18 disperse --

19 MAYOR STACK: To move them from the area.

20 MR. VENTRICELLI: All -- all we ask --

21 MAYOR STACK: Right.

22 MR. VENTRICELLI: -- we suggested it that

23 -- I'm sure if we go to the meeting notes it

24 would be clear as day.

25 MAYOR STACK: Right.

1 MR. DIAZ: And, Mayor, you're correct,
2 security is what was mentioned and there is the
3 security.

4 MAYOR STACK: That's my question. Is there
5 a security guard at that --

6 MR. DIAZ: My understanding that there is.

7 THE INTERPRETER: We ourselves do that.
8 Because it's not really a bar; it's a family
9 oriented place -- baby showers, people after mass
10 come in to dine, meetings. People come and take
11 videos. And I don't understand why --

12 MAYOR STACK: Ma'am? Ma'am?

13 THE INTERPRETER: -- you, Mark, --

14 MAYOR STACK: Ma'am? You need -- you need
15 to address us though.

16 THE INTERPRETER: No, --

17 MAYOR STACK: He has a -- he has -- whether
18 it's Mark Ventricelli here tonight or Joe Blow,
19 they have a right to come to the meeting and
20 object or put a comment on the record.

21 THE INTERPRETER: I have -- I have
22 neighbors above -- (indiscernible) -- o'clock in
23 the morning -- (indiscernible) -- six o'clock in
24 the morning I have to -- (indiscernible) -- work.
25 Right above from my establishment and they've

1 | never complained about anything. (Indiscernible)
2 | -- New York City and he even knows that. He
3 | knows that.

4 | And right across from him there is a
5 | business and there's also a building across from
6 | him where there's other persons --

7 | MAYOR STACK: The thing -- the thing --

8 | THE INTERPRETER: -- whom have never --

9 | MAYOR STACK: Right.

10 | THE INTERPRETER: -- complained.

11 | MAYOR STACK: The comment -- the comment

12 | that I want to make though, it's a very, very
13 | residential neighborhood. There's not much

14 | industry, not much business in that area and

15 | she's got to be cognizant of that. There's --

16 | there's all homes in that area and it's very --

17 | as the rest of the City, is very closely

18 | attached.

19 | And -- and if somebody's -- when they're --

20 | when they're leaving at two o'clock or quarter to

21 | two in the morning, whatever time it is that

22 | they're leaving, people can't be congregating in

23 | front because people live in the area. When they

24 | speak, especially in the quiet of the night, the

25 | sound travels obviously.

1 It's not just a problem we have with her
2 place; we have this problem with other
3 establishments in the City. We just ask them to
4 please work with us, not to -- not to allow
5 people to congregate in front when they're
6 leaving.

7 And when -- and when -- nobody should be
8 leaving with an open container. Make sure nobody
9 leaves there with an open -- in a bottle or an
10 open container.

11 And when she leaves at the end of the night
12 or -- or her manager, make sure that there's
13 nothing left outside, just to keep the City
14 clean, work with the -- it's a very nice
15 neighborhood.

16 THE INTERPRETER: I understand. And I'm
17 very happy, you know. I never had any issues or
18 any problem. I'm a single mother --

19 MS. DILLON: Excuse me, Sol?

20 Could -- could you step closer to the mic?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

22 MS. VILLON: You want me to get closer to
23 the mic?

24 MS. DILLON: Yeah.

25 MS. VILLON: Okay.

1 MS. DILLON: And if you can also give me
2 her name for the record.

3 MS. LAZO: (In English) Armida Lazo.

4 MS. VILLON: Armida Lazo.

5 MS. DILLON: Spell.

6 MS. LAZO: (In English) A-R-M-I--

7 MS. VILLON: I-D-A?

8 MS. LAZO: --D-A. L-A-C-O (sic).

9 MR. DIAZ: Z like in zebra.

10 MS. VILLON: S-O. S-O.

11 MS. LAZO: (In English) Z like in --

12 MS. VILLON: Z-O.

13 MR. DIAZ: Z like in zebra.

14 MS. DILLON: Okay. Okay.

15 Thank you.

16 THE INTERPRETER: Like I said I'm a single
17 mother. I am both mother and father to my
18 daughter. Mark knows that. He would come to my
19 business, to talk, to dine with his family -- his
20 mother, his sister. As a matter of fact even his
21 uncle was there Saturday. I've never had any
22 problems with him. I've always appreciated him.
23 He's my brother's best friend. I understand that
24 suddenly he just changed totally.

25 MAYOR STACK: I know but this is -- but

1 | this is --

2 | THE INTERPRETER: This is what I -- this is
3 | my livelihood.

4 | MAYOR STACK: I understand. I understand.
5 | But what -- what's being misconstrued here is
6 | focus on what could make the establishment
7 | better; not about Mr. Ventrice's comments.
8 | Because --

9 | MR. VENTRICELLI: Mr. Stack, I'm sorry --

10 | MAYOR STACK: -- when I go into that
11 | neighborhood and I hold a constituent day,
12 | whether I go to Hudson School or I'm on the
13 | street or we hold a police community meeting, the
14 | complaint that I've heard is a little bit of the
15 | noise and also about when they leave at the end
16 | of the night just to move the groups out of the
17 | area. That's all we're asking.

18 | THE INTERPRETER: I promise you --

19 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

20 | THE INTERPRETER: -- that I will do that.

21 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

22 | THE INTERPRETER: I support my children
23 | with this --

24 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

25 | THE INTERPRETER: -- work. And it worries

1 me because my daughter will be attending college
2 next year; I have an 8 year old, I have one in
3 college, and it's not fair -- it's not fair
4 because I work hard, 18 hours a day in order for
5 me to earn a living.

6 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

7 THE INTERPRETER: You understand?

8 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I understand.

9 There's no -- don't be upset. There's no
10 reason to be upset.

11 Let -- let me just go back. Mr.
12 Ventricelli?

13 MR. VENTRICELLI: I just want to state for
14 the record that every time I've come in here I've
15 never -- never asked them to shut the bar down.
16 I've never asked to -- any -- anything vengeful.
17 I just ask, respectfully, that they respect the
18 neighbors and operate under the rules and
19 regulations and make everybody's life happy.

20 I understand she has to feed her children
21 and I'm not asking for any license -- any
22 additional restrictions; just operate peacefully
23 and be respectful of your neighbors. And, you
24 know, you can go a little above and beyond by
25 going outside yourself to disperse them. You

1 | should do that. That's all we're asking.

2 | MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

3 | MR. VENTRICELLI: I'm not asking to close
4 | the place, to, you know, limit them or anything
5 | of the sort.

6 | MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

7 | MR. DIAZ: And, Mayor, if I can, just --
8 | just to bring the history.

9 | This is not a place where there has been
10 | brawls, fights, disturbances. The problem is
11 | what was --

12 | MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

13 | MR. DIAZ: -- has been spoken.

14 | MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

15 | MR. DIAZ: But it's not a problematic
16 | place --

17 | MAYOR STACK: Right.

18 | MR. DIAZ: -- in terms of violence --

19 | MAYOR STACK: No, I've --

20 | MR. DIAZ: -- or fights or anything like
21 | that.

22 | MAYOR STACK: -- I've never heard any of
23 | that. I've only heard, like I said, gating the
24 | groups and somewhat noise.

25 | Just make sure that the door is always

1 closed. We -- I think we -- we have an Ordinance
2 on that even. You have to keep your door closed.

3 No?

4 Yeah.

5 THE INTERPRETER: I understand. As his
6 neighbor, we're supposed to be getting along. So
7 come and talk to me. Armida, you see, --

8 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

9 THE INTERPRETER: -- and tell me.

10 MAYOR STACK: Right.

11 MR. FARMER: I --

12 MAYOR STACK: But --

13 MR. FARMER: -- I think we're at the point
14 now --

15 THE INTERPRETER: Talk to me --

16 MAYOR STACK: Mr. --

17 MR. FARMER: -- where everybody's --

18 MAYOR STACK: -- Mr. Diaz, let me -- I
19 mean --

20 MR. FARMER: -- in agreement.

21 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry. Mr. Farmer, --

22 THE INTERPRETER: -- neighbors that we are.

23 MAYOR STACK: -- what -- what are the
24 special -- what are the special conditions that
25 we're keeping in place?

1 MR. FARMER: The special conditions that
2 we're keeping in place is a schedule dealing with
3 the hours that music can be played.

4 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

5 MR. FARMER: And I have it -- here, I have
6 it right here.

7 MAYOR STACK: All right. Let -- can we
8 read that into the record --

9 MR. FARMER: Yes.

10 MAYOR STACK: -- just so we all have an
11 idea; --

12 MR. FARMER: Yes.

13 MAYOR STACK: -- to refresh the
14 Commissioners and --

15 MR. FARMER: Monday --

16 MAYOR STACK: -- the neighbors and --

17 MR. FARMER: -- up until 10:30 p.m.

18 Tuesday, till 10:30 p.m.

19 Wednesday, to 10:30 p.m.

20 Thursday, to 10:30 p.m.

21 Friday, to 12 a.m.

22 Saturday, to 12 a.m.

23 Sunday, 11 p.m.

24 MAYOR STACK: Well, all right, I'm -- I'm
25 confused now. I'm confused. Just one second.

1 Okay, but what about the comments that
2 there's been people in your establishment after
3 two o'clock in the morning?

4 THE INTERPRETER: That Saturday I have
5 cousins that come and they're actually waiting
6 for me -- (indiscernible) -- come back home --
7 (indiscernible) -- come back home -- once I close
8 the business I stay sweeping, mopping, cleaning,
9 organizing. I don't have anybody -- I don't have
10 the means to hire someone to come in and do the
11 after-cleaning to help me. I don't have that so
12 I stay afterhours to clean, take garbage out.

13 MAYOR STACK: I'm -- I'm just going to make
14 something very clear. The conditions have to be
15 -- have to be -- have to be followed very
16 strictly.

17 Okay?

18 THE INTERPRETER: Very well.

19 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

20 MR. DIAZ: Mayor, and I have explained that
21 to her, specifically today, --

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Yes.

23 MR. DIAZ: -- that it's something that has
24 to be followed; cannot be --

25 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

1 MR. DIAZ: -- curtailed or --
2 (indiscernible).

3 MAYOR STACK: I think sometimes -- and I'm
4 not saying that this is the case here and -- but
5 I think sometimes everybody -- some of the
6 business owners, when -- when they have a liquor
7 license, the main -- the main pitch I would make
8 there if I had that type of an establishment in a
9 nice neighborhood like that is to really serve
10 good food. Get a good reputation that you serve
11 good food, you have a liquor license and you'll
12 do well in that location. And you can -- you
13 abide by the local ordinances and the state laws
14 and you'll do very well on your business.

15 Focus on the food. There's a lot of places
16 that do very well.

17 THE INTERPRETER: I have to sell more food
18 than alcohol because I have Christian parties for
19 people that come from church that don't even
20 drink. We have gatherings. I have for 50 people
21 a party just this weekend where there was -- the
22 daughters gave their mom a birthday party and
23 they're not of drinking nature because only
24 natural juices they drink --

25 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

1 THE INTERPRETER: -- because of their
2 religion.

3 And --

4 MAYOR STACK: Let -- let's abide --

5 THE INTERPRETER: -- everything I serve is
6 natural.

7 MAYOR STACK: Let's make sure we strictly
8 abide by this. And you'll have a good
9 relationship with the neighbors, with the
10 community, with the City of Union City. Sure.
11 No one's looking to hurt you.

12 Was there -- was there any other condition,
13 Mr. Farmer?

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

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 MR. FARMER: The other condition was --
17 well that pertained to last year, on New Year's
18 Eve they could stay open till 11:30. I think
19 it's moot because this year it will be on a
20 Sunday; they can stay open till 12 on Sunday.

21 MAYOR STACK: I got it.

22 MR. FARMER: When say open, I don't want
23 any confusion. They -- that's -- the music
24 ceases. They can stay open after 12 o'clock --

25 MAYOR STACK: Right.

1 MR. FARMER: -- but they can't have music,
2 karaoke or anything like that.

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 MR. DIAZ: That's correct.

5 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Ventricelli, did you have
6 anything further?

7 MR. VENTRICELLI: No, --

8 MAYOR STACK: No?

9 MR. VENTRICELLI: -- just want to thank
10 everybody for their time.

11 Thank you.

12 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thank
13 you for coming forward.

14 This is what we encourage in all the
15 neighborhoods. If people have complaints or
16 problems to please come forward.

17 I appreciate you taking time out.

18 MR. FARMER: Take care. Thanks a lot.

19 MAYOR STACK: Lieutenant, do you have
20 anything further that you wanted to add on this?

21 Or Sergeant Dunlay? Either of you?

22 LIEUTENANT LOACES: No, sir.

23 MAYOR STACK: No?

24 SERGEANT DUNLAY: Just that we're going to
25 monitor it strictly, sir. And it will be looked

1 at in six months when the renewals come up.

2 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

3 Mr. Diaz, did you want to add anything
4 further?

5 MR. DIAZ: No, --

6 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

7 MR. DIAZ: -- Mayor, I think that pretty
8 much we had spoke, the --

9 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

10 MR. DIAZ: -- spoken the --

11 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer?

12 MR. FARMER: No. Just so it's on the
13 record that they are now withdrawing their
14 application to modify change or eliminate the
15 special conditions that are on the license.

16 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

17 MR. DIAZ: That's correct, Mayor.

18 MR. FARMER: Okay.

19 MAYOR STACK: There was -- anything further
20 on this license? No? Okay.

21 MR. FARMER: Yeah, we have a disciplinary
22 matter --

23 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

24 MR. FARMER: -- on the license.

25 MAYOR STACK: And that's on --

1 MR. FARMER: And that's --

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: That's item 2.

3 MR. FARMER: -- that's number 2.

4 MAYOR STACK: Okay, I got it.

5 MR. FARMER: All right?

6 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion on this
7 one with the special conditions, taking into
8 account the testimony we heard from the Police
9 Department and from a resident.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack makes the
13 motion.

14 Commissioner Fernandez; second.

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 | **MANHATTAN BAR & GRILL**

2 | **T/A MANHATTAN BAR & GRILL RESTAURANT**

3 | **Location: 1711 Manhattan Avenue**

4 | **Liquor License No. 0910-33-188-04**

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6 | MR. FARMER: All right, the disciplinary
7 | charge on this licensee is on November 6th the --
8 | that's right, November 6th, the Police went to the
9 | establishment, heard music from the outside. It
10 | was 12:30 on Saturday. It should have been
11 | shutdown at 12 o'clock. They went in. There
12 | were people there, which was legitimate but you
13 | could hear music. And they have a video that
14 | acknowledges that.

15 | MAYOR STACK: Were there people inside?

16 | MR. FARMER: There were people inside.

17 | MAYOR STACK: Were they drinking?

18 | MR. FARMER: It was 12:30. So they
19 | probably were drinking. And there were some
20 | paper violations.

21 | We've negotiated a plea, with the approval
22 | of Lieutenant Loaces and Sergeant Dunlay and
23 | myself, that it will be a 17 day suspension
24 | that's going to include three weekends and it
25 | will be from Friday the 6th at midnight.

1 So one minute after midnight on the 6th,
2 which is a Friday, the suspension goes into
3 effect and it continues for 17 days until the
4 22nd, which is Sunday, at midnight.

5 MAYOR STACK: I think, Mr. -- Mr. Diaz, if
6 you could please impress upon your client please
7 not to let this happen again --

8 MR. DIAZ: That's correct, Mayor.

9 MAYOR STACK: -- or the penalty will be
10 much more severe.

11 MR. DIAZ: Mayor, not that it's an excuse
12 but sometimes parents do things for their kids,
13 for their family, that they would not do
14 otherwise.

15 Not that it's an excuse. Not that it makes
16 it better than -- but it's just a reality of
17 things.

18 But nevertheless I have impressed that it
19 must be followed. It's like the law; sometimes
20 the laws are not fair, but they are the law and
21 you have to follow them whether they're fair or
22 not. And the same thing with this -- this
23 condition, it has to be observed.

24 MAYOR STACK: So that's a 17 day
25 suspension, Friday, January 6th to January -- to

1 Sunday, January 22nd.

2 MR. FARMER: Correct.

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I'll make a motion to
4 approve.

5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Seconded by
8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There are no --

18 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Have a
19 happy holiday, everyone.

20 MR. DIAZ: Thank you, Mayor, --

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

22 MR. FARMER: Okay.

23 That's it.

24 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

25 MR. DIAZ: -- and Board -- and

1 Commissioners.

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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

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9 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There are no other
12 items on the agenda.

13 Can I have a motion to adjourn?

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
18 Rivas.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

22 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 Thank you.

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3 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
4 at 8:09 p.m.)

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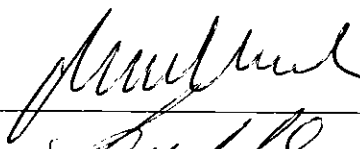
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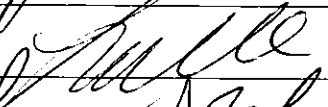
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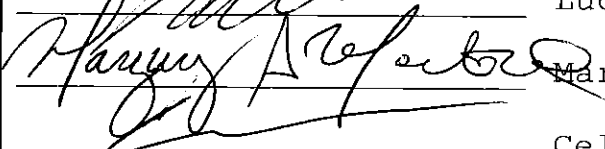
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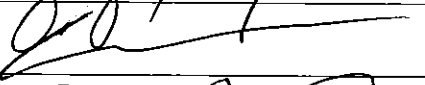
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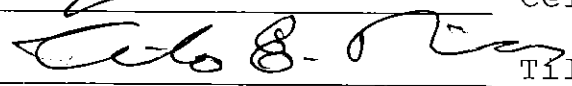
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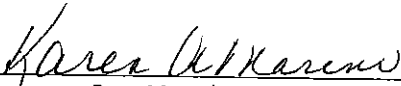
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