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

REGULAR MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

Islamic Education Center
4613 Cottage Place
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER,
(Arrived at 7:05 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 :

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

ERIN KNOEDLER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: This is a Regular
2 Public Meeting of the Union City Board of
3 Commissioners being held on Tuesday, October 24th,
4 2017, at seven p.m., at the Islamic Education
5 Center, 4613 Cottage Place, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

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21 **ROLL CALL:**

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23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

1 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Here.

6

7 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
8 action on the following items in total:

9 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

10 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

11 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
12 Concurring Claims

13 (3) Resolution Approving the Payment of Escrow
14 Refunds

15 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
16 the Period of September 30, 2017 through October
17 13, 2017

18 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
19 for the Period of September 30, 2017 through
20 October 13, 2017

21 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Deputy Clerk to
22 Advertise for Bids for 48 Gallon Black Powder
23 Coated Mesh Weatherproof Outdoor Receptacles

24 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Deputy Clerk to
25 Advertise for Bids for Information Technology

1 Management and Computer Consulting Services for
2 Computers, Programs and Peripheral Computer
3 Equipment
4 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Deputy Clerk to
5 Advertise for Bids for the HVAC Maintenance
6 Service Agreement
7 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Deputy Clerk to
8 Advertise for Bids for Poly Garbage Bags
9 (10) Resolution Appointing M. Mario Bordon to
10 the Position of Municipal Emergency Management
11 and Homeland Security Preparedness
12 Coordinator/Director
13 (11) Resolution Approving Contract With General
14 Sales Administration (t/a Major Police Supply)
15 for Lighting, Sirens and Other Equipment for
16 Police Department
17 (12) Resolution Approving an Amendatory Contract
18 for A&J Contractor Group for Repairs to 21st
19 Street and Execution of a Change Order
20 (13) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
21 Raffle License to Prodein Non-Profit, Inc.
22 (14) Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund in Tax
23 Appeal Decisions by the Tax Court of New Jersey
24 (15) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
25 Monies to Outside Lienholders

1 (16) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
2 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale.)
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4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There are 16 items on
5 the Consent Agenda.

6 The first is a Resolution Approving the
7 Payment of Claims.

8 The second is a Resolution Approving the
9 Payment of Concurring Claims.

10 The third is a Resolution Approving the
11 Payment of Escrow Refunds.

12 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
13 City Payroll for the Period of September 30th,
14 2017 through October 13th, 2017.

15 The fifth is a Resolution Approving the
16 Library Payroll for the Period of September 30th,
17 2017 through October 13th, 2017.

18 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing the
19 Deputy Clerk to Advertise for Bids for 48 Gallon
20 Black Powder Coated Mesh Weatherproofing Outdoor
21 Receptacles.

22 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing the
23 Deputy Clerk to Advertise for Bids for
24 Information Technology Management and Computer
25 Consulting Services for Computers, Programs and

1 Peripheral Computer Equipment.

2 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing the
3 Deputy Clerk to Advertise for Bids for HVAC
4 Maintenance Service Agreement.

5 The ninth is a Resolution Authorizing the
6 Deputy Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Poly
7 Garbage Bags.

8 The tenth is a Resolution Appointing M.
9 Mario Bordon to the Position of Municipal
10 Emergency Management Homeland Security and
11 Preparedness Coordinator/Director.

12 The eleventh is a Resolution Approving a
13 Contract with General Sales Administration for
14 Lighting, Sirens and Other Equipment for the
15 Police Department.

16 The twelfth is a Resolution approving a
17 change order and amending the contract for 21st
18 Street repairs.

19 The thirteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
20 the Award of a Raffle License to Prodein
21 Non-Profit, Incorporated.

22 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
23 Tax Refund in Tax Appeal Decisions by the Court
24 -- Tax Court of New Jersey.

25 The fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing

1 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
2 Lienholders.

3 The sixteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
4 the Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
5 Sale.

6 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
7 public comment on the Consent Agenda?

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

9 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
10 Agenda, please step forward, state your name and
11 address for the record.

12 Seeing none.

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

15 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Rivas.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
20 Valdivia.

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: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion
5 to approve all items on Consent Agenda.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Rivas.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

15 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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21 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
22 action on the following item:

23 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

24 1. Resolution Approving a Payment of Claims to
25 the Hudson County Improvement Authority.)

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2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, there is one
3 item on the Consent (sic) Agenda.

4 It's a Resolution Approving a Payment of
5 Claims to the Hudson County Improvement
6 Authority.

7 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a --

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Regular Agenda.

9 MR. AUTERI: Regular.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Yes.

11 May I have a motion to approve?

12 Motion by Mayor Stack.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
15 Valdivia.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Excuse me, which
18 one --

19 MAYOR STACK: We're having a hearing though
20 aren't we?

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- which one was that
22 one?

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: This is the Regular
24 Agenda.

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Oh, the Regular

1 Agenda. Okay.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Yeah.

3 MAYOR STACK: What we're voting on right
4 now, Erin, we're voting on the -- the Bond
5 Ordinance?

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: No, the Bond Ordinance
7 will be the next.

8 MAYOR STACK: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

9 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: I apologize.

10 MAYOR STACK: I -- I missed that. I'm
11 sorry.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: That's okay.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, on the Regular
14 Agenda?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas
17 is --

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'm -- I'm recusing.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- abstaining.
20 Recusing.

21 Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25

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

3 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

4 **CONSIDERATION:**

5 1. BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION
6 OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE
7 CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY;
8 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 THEREFOR;
9 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
10 BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF
11 UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY IN THE
12 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,700,000;
13 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND
14 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION
15 WITH THE FOREGOING.)

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17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There's one Ordinance
18 on tonight for public hearing and adoption.

19 It's the Bond Ordinance Authorizing the
20 Completion of Various Capital Improvements in the
21 City of Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey;
22 Appropriating the Sum of \$6,000,000.00 Therefore;
23 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation
24 Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes in the City of
25 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey in the

1 Aggregate Principal Amount of 5,700,000; Making
2 Certain Determinations and Covenants; and
3 Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection
4 with the Foregoing.

5
6 (Whereupon, Commissioner Maryury A.
7 Martinetti arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
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9 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Let the record reflect
10 that Commissioner Martinetti has arrived.

11 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
12 public comment on this Ordinance?

13 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

14 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
15 please step forward, state your name and address
16 for the record. This is on the Bond Ordinance.

17 Seeing none.

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

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Rivas.

23 Second?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

1 Martinetti.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

9 Martinetti?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to

14 adopt the Ordinance?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by

17 Commissioner Valdivia.

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

20 Rivas.

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.

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

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10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time,
11 would you like to take public comment on any item
12 concerning government in Union City?

13 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

17 MR. PRICE: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade
18 Avenue.

19 Let me hand out --

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

23 MR. PRICE: I apologize in advance for the
24 quality of the photography. I took it. So,
25 they're --

1 In any case, these are pictures of a --
2 apparently there's an intent to open some kind of
3 neighborhood health center in the Monastery
4 Housing project.

5 The picture at the top, which you can't see
6 too well, is a placard -- rather large placard,
7 probably ten feet by five feet, which is mounted
8 on the fence along West Street.

9 And the second one is a sign, which is
10 mounted on the building.

11 The problem here is that this is a
12 residential zone and this is not a permitted use.
13 They -- and they've never gone before -- before
14 the Zoning Board to get approval.

15 So, you know, Mr. Martinetti should, in
16 fact, be intervening here because, you know, they
17 should not be allowed to open at that --

18 MAYOR STACK: I'll have it looked into
19 right away, Larry.

20 MR. PRICE: Okay.

21 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

22 MR. PRICE: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

24 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
25 time?

1 Seeing no other.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
3 close public comment?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
7 Valdivia.

8 Second by 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: Commissioner
16 Martinetti?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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21 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are no
24 other items on the agenda this evening.

25 May I have a motion to adjourn?

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

7 Commissioner Valdivia?

8 Commissioner -- Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

11 Martinetti?

12 Mayor Stack?

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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16 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

17 at 7:08 p.m.)

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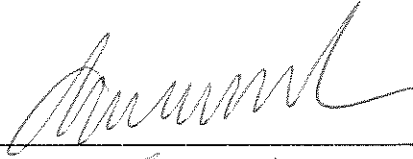
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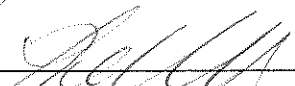
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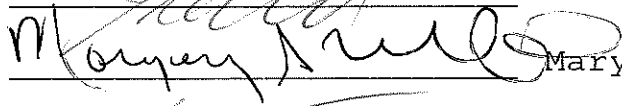
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Tilo E. Rivas

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Attest: 

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Erin Knoedler,

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Deputy City Clerk

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1 STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

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3 COUNTY OF ESSEX :

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5 I, KAREN A. MARINO, assigned transcriber,
6 do hereby affirm that the foregoing is a true and
7 accurate transcript in the matter of the REGULAR
8 MEETING of the UNION CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
9 heard on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 and recorded
10 on tape.

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