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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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Jose Marti
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1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
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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, November
4 21st, 2017, at seven p.m., at Jose Marti Freshman
5 Academy, 1800 Summit Avenue, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

8
9 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
10 said by all.)

11
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.

20

21 **ROLL CALL:**

22

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas is

1 absent.

2 Commissioner Valdivia?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
5 Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Here.

9

10 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
11 action on the following item:

12 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM**
13 **OCTOBER 24, 2017 AND NOVEMBER 8, 2017.)**

14

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The first item for
16 approval is the Meeting Minutes from October 24,
17 2017 and November 8th, 2017.

18 May I have a motion to approve the minutes?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
21 Valdivia.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
24 Fernandez.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

5 Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9

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

12 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

13 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

14 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
15 Concurring Claims

16 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
17 the Period of November 11, 2017 through November
18 22, 2017

19 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
20 for the Period of November 11, 2017 through
21 November 22, 2017

22 (5) Resolution Authorizing Submission of a
23 Strategic Plan for the Union City Municipal
24 Alliance Grant Pursuant to the Governor's Council
25 on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle

- 1 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)
- 2 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 3 Premium Monies Collected at Tax Sale
- 4 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 5 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders
- 6 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a
- 7 Duplicate Payment
- 8 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Award of
- 9 Contracts to Cinelly Group Corporation and
- 10 Cliffside Paving, LLC for Snow Removal Services
- 11 for 2017-2018
- 12 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Deputy Clerk to
- 13 Advertise for Bids for Soccer Equipment and
- 14 Uniforms for 2017-2018
- 15 (11) Resolution Designating a Loading Zone at
- 16 139 - 38th Street, Union City, New Jersey
- 17 (12) State of New Jersey Department of
- 18 Environmental Protection Green Acres Program
- 19 Enabling Resolution for 17th Street Playground
- 20 Improvements

21

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There are 12 items on

23 the Consent Agenda.

24 The first is a Resolution Approving the

25 Payment of Claims.

1 The second is a Resolution Approving the
2 Payment of Concurring Claims.

3 The third is a Resolution Approving the
4 City Payroll for the Period of November 11th, 2017
5 through November 22nd, 2017.

6 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
7 Library Payroll for the Period of November 11th,
8 2017 through November 22nd, 2017.

9 The fifth is a Resolution Authorizing the
10 Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Union City
11 Municipal Alliance Grant Pursuant to the
12 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
13 Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1st, 2018 through June
14 30th, 2019.

15 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing the
16 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at Tax Sale.

17 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing the
18 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
19 Lienholders.

20 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing the
21 Refund of a Duplicate Payment.

22 The ninth is a Resolution Authorizing the
23 Award to Contracts to Cinelly Group Corporation
24 and Cliffside Paving, LLC for Snow Removal
25 Services for 2017-2018.

1 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
2 Deputy Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Soccer
3 Equipment and Uniforms for 2017-2018.

4 The eleventh is a Resolution Designating a
5 Loading Zone at 139 38th Street, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 The twelfth is the State of New Jersey
8 Department of Environmental Protection Green
9 Acres Program Enabling Resolution for 17th Street
10 Playground Improvements.

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

13 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

14 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
15 Agenda, please step forward.

16 Just on number 12, on the 17th Street
17 Playground, that playground will be ready in the
18 spring. It's actually going to be ready even
19 before but we'll have a nice dedication ceremony
20 probably sometime in the middle to the end of
21 March.

22 And that's a park that's dedicated to our
23 veterans.

24 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
25 Agenda, please step forward, state your name and

1 address for the record.

2 Seeing none.

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

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 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 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion
20 to approve all items on Consent Agenda?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
23 Martinetti.

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

1 Valdivia.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

7 Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing on
9 item number 1, Payment to the North Hudson
10 Fire/Rescue.

11 Aye on the rest.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14

15 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
16 action on the following item:

17 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

18 1. Resolution Approving a Payment of Claims to
19 the Grace Theater Workshop.)

20

21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: We have one item on the
22 Regular Agenda.

23 It's the Resolution Approving the Payment
24 of Claims to the Grace Theater Workshop.

25 May I have a --

1 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor
3 Stack.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
6 Martinetti.

7 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

8 Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
11 Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15

16 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
17 action on the following item:

18 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

19 **CONSIDERATION:**

20 1. ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.)

21

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: There are two
23 Ordinances on for Hearing and Adoption.

24 The first is an Ordinance Prohibiting
25 Cruelty to Animals.

1 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
2 -- take public comment on the Ordinance?

3 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

4 Anyone wishing to comment on this Ordinance
5 at this time, it's Prohibiting Cruelty to
6 Animals, please step forward.

7 It's a shame that we even have to do an
8 Ordinance to stop people from being cruel to
9 animals but, unfortunately, we -- we need to do
10 this.

11 Seeing none.

12 I'll make a motion.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack
14 to close public comment.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
17 Valdivia.

18 May I have a motion to --

19 I'm sorry.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
25 Martinetti?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
5 adopt the Ordinance?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion to adopt.

7 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by

8 Commissioner Martinetti.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Valdivia.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner
17 Martinetti?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

21

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

24 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

25 **CONSIDERATION:**

1 2. BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
2 OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE CITY OF
3 UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY;
4 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,350,000 THEREFOR;
5 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
6 BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF
7 UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY IN THE
8 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,282,500;
9 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND
10 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION
11 WITH THE FOREGOING.)

12

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance is
14 a Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of
15 Certain Real Property in and for the City of
16 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey;
17 Appropriating the Sum of 1,350,000 Therefor;
18 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation
19 Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of
20 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, in the
21 Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to 1,282,500;
22 Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and
23 Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection
24 with the Foregoing.

25 Mayor, at this time would you like to take

1 public comment on this Ordinance?

2 MAYOR STACK: This is the street on 33rd,
3 right?

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Yes.

5 MAYOR STACK: This property -- this
6 property that the City of Union City has looked
7 at is actually on 33rd and Palisade Avenue. And
8 it would be between 32nd and 34th on Palisade
9 Avenue/33rd.

10 What it would do is open up an area where
11 we'd be able to bring a street through.

12 So where Peter Street right now starts on
13 Hudson Avenue and ends on Pleasant Avenue, we
14 would open up Peter Street to start on Palisade
15 Avenue and run through to Hudson.

16 We feel it would help with traffic flow in
17 the area tremendously.

18 We've noticed and through studies Ralph
19 Tango has recommended to us, the City Engineer,
20 many people come down Palisade Avenue, all the
21 way down Palisade Avenue only to go back up and
22 make a left, go to the Marginal Highway and come
23 over to Hudson and come back up Hudson.

24 This would make another street in the City
25 of Union City, between 32nd and 34th, on Palisade

1 Avenue.

2 It's one of the longest blocks in the City.
3 There's an opportunity right now where there's
4 older -- for lack of a better term, it's a white
5 structured building, that runs from Palisade all
6 the way through to Hudson Avenue.

7 We would take that, demolish that building,
8 and open up that property and probably create
9 about another 26 parking spaces for residents in
10 the area and just make the -- the circulation of
11 traffic much better in the uptown area.

12 You wouldn't have that backup of traffic,
13 especially with the school only a block away --
14 Jefferson School.

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

18 MR. PRICE: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade.

19 The only thing I would say, that old white
20 building, which apparently were the stables for
21 the Peter Brewery that -- that always -- I -- I
22 never could understand why that -- that structure
23 wasn't redeveloped. Those would have made lovely
24 townhouses.

25 It really is a unique structure. You know

1 they demolished one -- one end of the structure
2 on Hudson Avenue. When they took it down I
3 couldn't believe it. The bricks are like --

4 You know it's a brick building and the
5 bricks are like four layers thick or what--

6 I mean the -- the brick wall is -- is that
7 thick. They really had to slam it to -- to
8 demolish that part.

9 And I always thought that was an attractive
10 building. I'm sorry to see it demolished.

11 But --

12 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, I think --

13 MR. PRICE: I think -- I agree with you
14 about --

15 MAYOR STACK: -- I don't think the owner,
16 Larry, --

17 MR. PRICE: -- the traffic flow there.

18 MAYORS STACK: Yeah, I don't -- I don't
19 think the owner of that building would do
20 anything where he would rehabilitate the
21 building. If anything he'd probably look to
22 knock it down and build something big on the
23 property.

24 We felt it was a good opportunity looking
25 at it --

1 You know if you look at that -- if you look
2 at that property and you look -- even in the --
3 in lack of a better term but in the asphalt area,
4 it looks like it was a street at one time.

5 We did title searches; we could never
6 find --

7 Right?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

9 MAYOR STACK: -- we could never find that
10 it was a street. We thought it was.

11 I remember years and years ago when I was a
12 kid, I used to go to Musto's rallies at the
13 Italian Community Center, --

14 MR. PRICE: At the ICC.

15 MAYOR STACK: -- that was -- people used to
16 travel through there.

17 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

18 MAYOR STACK: People used to be able to
19 drive through there. Then they had a gate up
20 later on.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STACK: And that's how we came up
23 with the idea and said, you know what, maybe it
24 would be good for traffic flow, open up another
25 street. And in the process I think we create 26

1 new parking spaces.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's
3 cobblestones under there.

4 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's
6 cobblestones under there still.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

8 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: From when it used
10 to be that -- that street or alleyway.

11 MR. PRICE: It's amazing what's buried
12 in --

13 MAYOR STACK: True.

14 MR. PRICE: -- Union City. How Palisade
15 Avenue has got streetcar tracks under it.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Absolutely.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Not only for
18 traffic flow but right now it looks like a
19 blighted area. People throw bottles in there;
20 throw garbage in there. It's -- and they're not
21 going to do anything with the property;
22 something's got to get done. It just looks
23 terrible.

24 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And aside from the

1 traffic.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: It looks awful.

3 MR. PRICE: There is an application to
4 build a five, six story building immediately to
5 the south of that for --

6 MAYOR STACK: That would be at the old
7 Italian Community Center property.

8 Right?

9 MR. PRICE: The old ICC, right.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

11 MR. PRICE: Seventy-two units; hundred and
12 sixty parking spots, --

13 MAYOR STACK: Right.

14 MR. PRICE: -- which is before the Planning
15 Board right now. So, --

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yeah, they -- they
17 had the version of with the street and without
18 the street.

19 MR. PRICE: Exactly.

20 MAYOR STACK: They did?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yeah, --

22 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I think at the -- at the
23 application they sort of counted on --

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yeah, on the street
25 being built.

1 MR. PRICE: -- that street being built
2 there.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: On the street being
4 built.

5 MAYOR STACK: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: And -- and if it
7 wasn't built, which way they would do it.

8 MAYOR STACK: Right. Right.

9 MR. PRICE: Yeah. Very good.
10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thank
12 you.

13 Anyone wishing to comment -- anyone else
14 wishing to comment on this Ordinance at this
15 time, please step forward.

16 Seeing no other.

17 I'll make a motion.

18 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion --
19 Motion to close by Mayor Stack.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Fernandez.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

4 Martinetti?

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
9 adopt?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

12 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
13 Martinetti.

14 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

20 Martinetti?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24

25 OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

1

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

5

MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6

7 Anyone wishing to comment on any matter
8 concerning the City of Union City, please step
9 forward, state your name and address for the
record.

10

MR. PRICE: Still Larry Price. Still 1006
11 Palisade Avenue.

12

Mr. Mayor, I got the stuff that you sent me
13 on the -- on, first of all, your proposed bill,
14 which I think I disagree with by the way and
15 having to do with, you know, strokes in -- in New
16 Jersey and specifically in Hudson County.

17

Some of the data that -- and the backup
18 material -- there's 65 hospitals in New Jersey.
19 Fifty-two of them are, as they call primary
20 stroke centers, which as best I can determine
21 means absolutely nothing. Thirteen of them are
22 what they call comprehensive stroke centers,
23 which are real stroke centers if you will.

24

There are none in Hudson County. Nearby
25 ones are Hackensack.

1 I was surprised; Holy Name, which is a very
2 comprehensive cardiac care center is -- is not a
3 comprehensive stroke center. They usually go
4 together but in this case they did not.

5 University Hospital in Newark; Barnabas in
6 Livingston.

7 There's one other one nearby; I've
8 forgotten --

9 None in Hudson County.

10 And that's really where you want to go if
11 you have a stroke.

12 It -- personally, you know, I go to New
13 York Hospital in New York, which is one of the
14 great hospitals of the world. They have great
15 doctors. No bad doctors; that's what I --

16 So I call and I'm a modest contributor, so
17 they owe me a few favors. I call up the
18 emergency department, which is one of the great
19 emergency departments in the world, and said can
20 you send one of your ambulances to here. They
21 said, no, we cannot, it is against the law, we
22 could go to jail for --

23 But the only thing they can do is that they
24 can make a pickup from an emergency room here.

25 But to -- to come to my residence and lift me out

1 and whatever, they are not permitted and they
2 wouldn't do it. So I'm working on a few -- few
3 angles.

4 But if you have a stroke in Hudson --

5 By the way, that law -- I'll put your other
6 hat on as State Senator, that kind of law serves
7 no purpose other than to advance the economic and
8 financial wellbeing of hospitals in New Jersey.
9 It just serves no purpose and is a very bad law
10 or regulation, whatever it --

11 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

12 MR. PRICE: The -- anyway, I'm still
13 working on it.

14 But if you have a stroke in -- whatever,
15 you're better off to call Uber than to call 911.
16 Because 911 will take you to one of the local
17 hospitals, which are frankly not equipped to
18 treat --

19 MAYOR STACK: If you have an idea though,
20 Larry, give me something on a piece of
21 legislation or change it on the regulation, I'm
22 willing to do it. I agree with you.

23 I mean I spoke at the last -- not the last
24 meeting but one of the meetings with you we spoke
25 about it, --

1 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

2 MAYOR STACK: -- I mean the care that my
3 mother got at Hackensack, at Englewood, at New
4 York Hospital, she was in Columbia, --

5 MR. PRICE: Correct.

6 MAYOR STACK: My mother had a stent put in
7 her lung and when I brought her to hospitals in
8 New Jersey -- without naming the hospitals -- and
9 I told them later my mother has a stent in -- in
10 her lung, they laughed and said, no, you mean a
11 stent in her heart. I said, no, a stent in her
12 lung. They're like we've never heard of that
13 before.

14 MR. PRICE: Never -- yeah. Yeah.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. It kept her alive for
16 an additional year and a half.

17 But if you have an idea on this, I'm
18 willing to introduce a piece of legislation and
19 change the regulation.

20 MR. PRICE: Okay.

21 MAYOR STACK: I agree with you. I agree.

22 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

23 The -- by the way, the one thing I think I
24 disagree, your -- the legislation that you're co-
25 sponsoring would create another tier down,

1 basically -- (indiscernible) -- to treat
2 whatever, that is really not a good idea. I mean
3 because the -- the stroke centers aren't really
4 equipped to treat --

5 And you go to a country hospital, forget
6 it, they're -- they're just going to get in the
7 way. I mean what you -- what you -- you got to,
8 with a stroke, you -- it's -- it's pretty
9 elementary.

10 You've got a two hour envelope before real
11 damage starts to occur. And during that two
12 hours you have to determine by CAT scan whether
13 you've got an ischemic -- which -- which means a
14 blood clot. They say -- in the data you sent me
15 it said 87 percent of all strokes are ischemic --
16 a blood clot. Whatever. And 13 percent are
17 cerebral hemorrhages.

18 Okay. If you find out that it's a blood
19 clot, you -- it -- it's not just give me a shot;
20 there's diffusion required. But -- but you give
21 them TPA and it dissolves the clot.

22 And people get strokes -- if they're
23 treated properly get strokes and three days later
24 they walk home. I mean it's that good.

25 And if they don't get the proper care

1 within that two hour envelope, you know, 15
2 percent of them die and 50 percent of them end up
3 with lasting lifetime damage.

4 So, in the rural area, rather than set up
5 your local hospital to try and treat whatever,
6 you want to be able to figure out how to evacuate
7 someone from a rural area --

8 MAYOR STACK: Get them to a different
9 facility.

10 MR. PRICE: -- to a comprehensive stroke --

11 MAYOR STACK: If you can, give me something
12 that you want to see done. I'll introduce --
13 even if I got to come off that piece that I
14 introduced, I'm willing to do it. I'll work with
15 you on it. I'll have OLS -- Legislative Services
16 in Trenton, -- they're the ones who help us draft
17 the bills once we have an idea --

18 MR. PRICE: Right.

19 MAYOR STACK: -- or a concept, I'll have
20 them work directly with you with my office and
21 we'll do it.

22 MR. PRICE: Could I -- can I call them and
23 use your name and --

24 MAYOR STACK: You have to go through the
25 Senator's office. They won't speak to you unless

1 my staff member is the one --

2 So just reach out to me early next week and
3 I'll have Lady or Fanny from my office work with
4 you.

5 MR. PRICE: Sure. Okay.

6 MAYOR STACK: All right?

7 But do that.

8 MR. PRICE: That works.

9 Okay.

10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Larry.

12 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
13 proceedings.)

14 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
15 comment at this time?

16 Seeing no other.

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

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
21 Valdivia.

22 Second?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
25 Martinetti.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 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 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor, before we
11 adjourn the meeting, I just wanted to announce
12 that the December 5th meeting was originally to be
13 held at Robert Waters School. There's a conflict
14 with scheduling, so we're moving that meeting to
15 the Sara Gilmore Academy at 1600 Kerrigan Avenue.

16 Notice will be in the paper and on the
17 website.

18 At this time we have no other items on the
19 agenda.

20 May I have a motion --

21 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer, doesn't have any
22 liquor -- any liquor disciplinary --

23 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: No.

24 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: December 5th.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's December
2 6th?

3 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion
4 to --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Or December 5th?

6 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: December 5th.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: December 5th.

8 MAYOR STACK: So that's going to be at Sara
9 Gilmore.

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 MAYOR STACK: And you'll notify the papers
12 and everyone way in advance.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: It will -- notice will
14 be in the paper on the 25th --

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- and the website is
17 being updated tomorrow.

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19 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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21 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
22 adjourn?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

25 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Valdivia.

2 Second by --

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

4 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner

5 Martinetti.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Commissioner

11 Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Thank you.

16 MAYOR STACK: Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Happy Thanksgiving

18 to everyone.

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20 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

21 at 7:18 p.m.)

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1 _____ Brian P. Stack

2 _____ Lucio P. Fernandez

3 _____ Maryury A. Martinetti

4 _____ Celin J. Valdivia

5 **Board of Commissioners**

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7 **Attest:**

8 **Erin Knoedler,**

9 **Deputy City Clerk**

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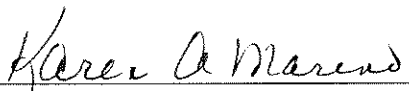
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