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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

Early Childhood
Education Center
2200 Kennedy Boulevard
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Commencing at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

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1 CITY CLERK: This is a Regular Public
2 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
3 being held on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018, at seven
4 p.m., at the Early Childhood Education Center,
5 2200 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey.

6 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

7

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

10

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

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

19

20 **ROLL CALL:**

21

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez is
23 absent.

24 Commissioner Rivas?

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 Commissioner -- Commissioner Fernandez had
8 a small medical emergency; that's why he's not
9 here this evening.

10 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

12

13 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
14 action on the following item:

15 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM**
16 **FEBRUARY 13, 2018.)**

17

18 CITY CLERK: The first item is for the
19 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 13th,
20 2018.

21 May I have a motion to approve?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

23 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
24 Valdivia.

25 Second?

1 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Rivas.

4 Commissioner Rivas?

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

12

13 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
14 action on the following item:

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

16 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58 ENTITLED
17 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" TO PROHIBIT THE
18 DISTRIBUTION OF GLASS BOTTLES BETWEEN 9:30 P.M.
19 AND 2:00 A.M. EACH DAY.)

20

21 CITY CLERK: We have five Ordinances on for
22 Introduction this evening.

23 Adoption on first reading authorizes the
24 Municipal Clerk to advertise the Ordinance, along
25 with a notice of a public hearing of the

1 Ordinances.

2 The Ordinances will be further considered
3 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
4 held on March 27th, 2018 at seven p.m. at the
5 William V. Musto, 420 15th Street, Union City, New
6 Jersey, with the exception of Ordinance number
7 2018-9, which will be considered for final
8 adoption on April 24th, 2018 at the Bruce D.
9 Walter Recreation Center, 507 West Street, Union
10 City, New Jersey.

11 That's a Bond Ordinance that has to go
12 before the Local Finance Board so that public
13 hearing will have to come later.

14 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
15 Amending Chapter 58 Entitled Alcoholic Beverages
16 to Prohibit the Distribution of Glass Bottles
17 Between 9:30 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Each Day.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

22 Second by Commissioner Rivas.

23 Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6

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

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

10 2. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, IN THE
11 COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING BOND
12 ORDINANCE 2017-18 OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY.)

13

14 CITY CLERK: Second Ordinance is an
15 Ordinance of the City of Union City, in the
16 County of Hudson, New Jersey, Amending Bond
17 Ordinance 2017-18 of the City of Union City.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

22 Second?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

24 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
25 Valdivia.

1 Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9

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

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

13 3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 "VEHICLES
14 AND TRAFFIC".)

15

16 CITY CLERK: The third is an Ordinance
17 Amending Chapter 16, entitled Vehicles and
18 Traffic.

19 This is dealing with bus stops.

20 May I have a motion to introduce?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

23 Second.

24 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
25 Valdivia.

1 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

2 Commissioner Rivas?

3 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

10

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

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

14 4. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 311, "BUILDING
15 REQUIREMENTS AND MAINTENANCE.)

16

17 CITY CLERK: The fourth is an Ordinance
18 Amending Chapter 311, Building -- Building
19 Requirements and Maintenance.

20 May I have a motion to introduce?

21 MAYOR STACK: Just to -- if you can explain
22 just exactly what that Ordinance does, Erin, just
23 for the public's knowledge.

24 CITY CLERK: So this one is regarding
25 window tinting.

1 Specifically, --

2 Angelo, do you want to --

3 MR. AUTERI: Yeah.

4 CITY CLERK: -- take over that one?

5 MR. AUTERI: Yeah.

6 So, there is a public safety concern on the
7 bottom floor of commercial buildings where some
8 of the businesses have heavy window tints, which
9 make it impossible to see from the street level
10 what's happening within the building.

11 This Ordinance is going to require -- it's
12 going to set forth certain parameters with what
13 sort of tints are allowed.

14 And this is going to be consistent with the
15 New Jersey State Statutes that deal with window
16 tinting on -- on vehicles.

17 So it will be enough of a tint to reduce a
18 glare from the street; however, it will not be so
19 much that you cannot see within the building.

20 This only applies to commercial buildings.

21 MAYOR STACK: And this was brought to our
22 attention by the Police Department just for their
23 -- the business safety and for the public safety.

24 MR. AUTERI: Yes, Mayor.

25 MAYOR STACK: And the Police Department

1 will speak further on that Ordinance at the next
2 hearing, which will be on the 24th?

3 CITY CLERK: The 27th.

4 MAYOR STACK: The 27th.

5 CITY CLERK: At the Musto Center.

6 MAYOR STACK: That would be at 420 15th
7 Street.

8 CITY CLERK: Okay.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

10 CITY CLERK: No problem.

11 May I have a motion to introduce?

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

13 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.
14 Second?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

16 CITY CLERK: By Commissioner Valdivia.
17 Commissioner Rivas?

18 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25

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

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

4 5. ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING SCHEDULE XI, "NO
5 RIGHT TURN ON RED AT ALL TIMES," OF THE CODE OF
6 THE CITY OF UNION CITY.)

7
8 CITY CLERK: The fifth is an Ordinance
9 Supplementing Section XI, No Right Turn on Red at
10 All Times, of the Code of Union City.

11 And this deals specifically with Kennedy
12 Boulevard.

13 May I have a motion to introduce?

14 MAYOR STACK: Just before we do, this is
15 all the streets that come out onto Kennedy
16 Boulevard that would run from east to west coming
17 out onto Kennedy Boulevard for no right turn.

18 Just with the number of accidents that have
19 taken place on Kennedy Boulevard, just as a
20 matter of public safety, to protect both the
21 people that are driving on Kennedy Boulevard, the
22 people that are attempting to cross Kennedy
23 Boulevard, and those people that are looking to
24 make a right hand turn. It's just extremely
25 dangerous.

1 Especially when you come out onto Kennedy
2 Boulevard, with the number of summonses that we
3 issue for speeding on Kennedy Boulevard, so many
4 people turn out onto Kennedy, a right turn on
5 red, only to have the car right in back of them
6 that's traveling north on Kennedy Boulevard.

7 So it's just a matter of public safety,
8 just a preventive measure, just to slow things
9 down a little bit on Kennedy Boulevard, which
10 we've been trying to do and make it a little bit
11 safer.

12 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

13 May I have a motion to introduce?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor --

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

18 CITY CLERK: -- Stack.

19 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

20 Commissioner Rivas?

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

3

4 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
5 action on the following items in total:

6 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

7 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

8 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
9 Concurring Claims

10 (3) Resolution Approving the Payment of Escrow
11 Refunds

12 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
13 the Period of March 3, 2018 through March 16,
14 2018

15 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
16 for the Period of March 3, 2018 through March 16,
17 2018

18 (6) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes
19 for Block 104, Lot 1 (1901 Summit Avenue)

20 (7) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes
21 Block 217, Lot 9 (132-36th Street)

22 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of an
23 Overpayment

24 (9) Resolution to Cancel Tax Sale Certificate

25 (10) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption

- 1 Monies to Outside Lienholders
- 2 (11) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
3 Payment
- 4 (12) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
5 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale
- 6 (13) Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159
7 Special Revenue Anticipated for the 2017 Drive
8 Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant
- 9 (14) Resolution Authorizing a Chapter 159
10 Special Revenue Anticipated for the SFY2018
11 Pedestrian Safety Grant
- 12 (15) Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of
13 State and Federal Grants
- 14 (16) Resolution Appointing Richard Molinari,
15 Chief of Police, as the Fund Commissioner and
16 Erin Knoedler, City Clerk, as the Alternate Fund
17 Commissioners to The New Jersey Intergovernmental
18 Insurance Fund ("NJIFF")
- 19 (17) Resolution Authorizing the Use of
20 Competitive Contracting for Animal Control
21 Services
- 22 (18) Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an
23 Application to the New Jersey Local Finance Board
24 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:3-1, et seq.
- 25 (19) Resolution Awarding a Contract to Dan

1 Swayze & Son, Inc. for the City Wide Street
2 Striping Program

3 (20) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
4 Advertise for Bid for the Jose Marti Monument
5 Wall Project

6 (21) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
7 Advertise for Bids for the Kerrigan Avenue
8 Improvement Project - Phase 1

9 (22) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
10 Advertise for Bids for the 30th and 31st Streets
11 Bollards Project

12 (23) Resolution Awarding a Raffle License to
13 Prodein Non-Profit, Inc.)
14

15 CITY CLERK: There are 23 items on the
16 Consent Agenda.

17 The first is a Resolution Approving the
18 Payment of Claims.

19 The second is a Resolution Approving the
20 Payment of Concurring Claims.

21 The third is a Resolution Approving the
22 Payment of Escrow Refunds.

23 The fourth is Approving the City Payroll
24 for the Period of March 3rd, 2018 through March
25 16th, 2018.

1 The fifth is a Resolution Approving the
2 Library Payroll for the Period of March 3rd, 2018
3 through March 16th, 2018.

4 The sixth is a Resolution Cancelling First
5 Quarter Taxes for Block 104, Lot 1, 1901 Summit
6 Avenue.

7 The seventh is a Resolution Cancelling
8 First Quarter Taxes for Block 217, Lot 9, 132 36th
9 Street.

10 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing the
11 Refund of an Overpayment.

12 The ninth is a Resolution to Cancel the Tax
13 Sale Certificate.

14 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
15 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
16 Lienholders.

17 The eleventh is a Resolution Authorizing
18 the Refund of Payment.

19 The twelfth is a Resolution Authorizing the
20 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at Tax Sale.

21 The thirteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
22 a Chapter 159 Special Revenue Anticipation for
23 the 2017 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant.

24 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
25 a Chapter 159 Special Revenue Anticipation for

1 the State Fiscal Year 2018 Pedestrian Safety
2 Grant.

3 The fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
4 the Cancellation of State and Federal Grants.

5 The sixteenth is a Resolution Appointing
6 Richard Molinari, Chief of Police, as the Fund
7 Commissioner and Erin Knoedler, City Clerk, as
8 the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the New Jersey
9 Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

10 The seventeenth is a Resolution Authorizing
11 the Use of Competitive Contracting for Animal
12 Control Services.

13 The eighteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
14 the Submission of an Application to the New
15 Jersey Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A.
16 40a:3-1, et seq.

17 The nineteenth is a Resolution Awarding a
18 Contract to Dan Swayze and Son, Incorporated for
19 a City Wide Street Striping Program.

20 The twentieth is a Resolution Authorizing
21 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Jose
22 Marti Monument -- Monument Wall Project.

23 The twenty-first is a Resolution
24 Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids
25 for the Kerrigan Avenue Improvement Project,

1 Phase 1.

2 The twenty-second is a Resolution
3 Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids
4 for the 30th and 31st Streets Bollards Project.

5 The twenty-third is a Resolution Awarding a
6 Raffle License to Prodein Non-Profit,
7 Incorporated.

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

10 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

11 Just before we do, I would just like to
12 thank the Commissioners for keeping with our
13 pledge to keep our meetings in the evening hours
14 and moving a hundred percent of our meetings
15 throughout the community to a different location
16 every time that the Board of Commissioners meets;
17 I thank each Commissioner.

18 I'd just like to point out that the Jose
19 Marti Monument Wall Project, that's up on
20 41st/42nd Street parking lot where we developed a
21 little park a number of years ago. It's called a
22 domino park.

23 There's been some damage in the park, just
24 from the weather and the elements. We'll be
25 redoing that. The park will look much better

1 | than what it looks right now. Our pledge to the
2 | commitment to the area residents and the people
3 | who utilize that park.

4 | Also, just thanking the Commissioners; we
5 | work very hard in obtaining funding for Kerrigan
6 | Avenue. We did 14 to 18 outside of the new
7 | school, Gilmore School.

8 | Now we'll be continuing that project from
9 | 18 to 24 for the duration of that project. That
10 | will be street paving, brand new sidewalks of
11 | stamped concrete, tree planting, decorative
12 | lighting.

13 | Just another safety feature. Especially
14 | for the -- the people that live in that area and
15 | all the residents in the City but the children
16 | that walk to school at -- in that area every day.

17 | Believe it or not, between 16th and --
18 | between 16th Street and 29th Street, on Summit
19 | Avenue, coming and going every day, you have
20 | about 7,000 children that are in that
21 | neighborhood.

22 | So what we've tried to do, the improvements
23 | on Summit Avenue, on West Street, now on Kerrigan
24 | Avenue, on 22nd Street; just to slow people down a
25 | little bit with the speed bumps.

1 We live in the most congestive -- densely
2 populated municipality in the State, probably
3 second or third in the country, and we're just
4 taking extra steps for public safety.

5 Also, the bollards on 30 and 31st Street,
6 that's the Marginal Highway that runs from
7 Kennedy Boulevard on 30th and 31st Street. Just
8 putting some extra measures on the sidewalks to
9 protect residents at bus stops and that are
10 crossing that street.

11 People tend to go a little bit faster in
12 the neighborhood that are driving through the
13 City, sometimes that don't live in the City and
14 may not understand what the speed limit is. Just
15 taking another preventive measure.

16 Having said that, anyone that would like to
17 comment on any of the items on the Consent
18 Agenda, please step forward.

19 Seeing none.

20 I'll make a motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

22 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I'll second.

23 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.

24 Commissioner Rivas?

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
7 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
8 approve all items on Consent?
9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
10 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
11 Valdivia.
12 Second?
13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.
14 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
15 Martinetti.
16 Commissioner Rivas?
17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
22 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
24 CITY CLERK: Thank you.
25

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

3 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

4 **CONSIDERATION:**

5 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FLORIO KENNY RAVAL,
6 LLP TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF 3316
7 PALISADE AVENUE, BLOCK 200, LOTS 7, 8, 29 AND 30,
8 UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY BY EMINENT DOMAIN.)
9

10 CITY CLERK: At this time we have Ordinance
11 for Hearing and Adoption Consideration.

12 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
13 Authorizing Florio Kenny Raval, LLP to Proceed
14 with the Acquisition of 3316 Palisade Avenue,
15 Block 200, Lots 7, 8, 29 and 30, in Union City,
16 New Jersey by Eminent Domain.

17 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
18 public comment on this --

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

20 CITY CLERK: -- Ordinance?

21 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

22 Just before we do, just so everyone
23 understands what we're doing here.

24 Between 32nd and 34th on Palisade Avenue
25 there's a parcel of land that hasn't been

1 occupied in many, many years. I mean I couldn't
2 even tell you how many years --

3 It runs, basically, from Palisade to
4 Hudson. It's a white building. It looked like,
5 years ago, it may have been like a horse stable
6 or something like that. The property hasn't been
7 used in many years.

8 There's a property next to that that's
9 right outside that adjacent to it that runs
10 through the entire property.

11 The Commissioners and I felt, along with
12 the Chief, just to circulate traffic better in
13 the uptown area -- we haven't done really any
14 eminent domain except for what the State has done
15 with schools in Union City.

16 We felt by taking this property by eminent
17 domain, we could make circulation of traffic
18 better uptown; make the area more pedestrian
19 friendly; and free up some of the traffic.

20 If somebody's going to -- somebody's
21 traveling down Palisade Avenue, let's say that
22 they picked up their child at Jefferson School,
23 -- just as an example -- and they come down
24 Palisade Avenue. They can't make the left there
25 because that's school -- that street may be

1 closed school is letting out, they have to go all
2 the way down to the Marginal Highway, which is
3 already congested with traffic, only to make the
4 left and come back up Hudson Avenue.

5 This would make it a little bit better for
6 circulation -- the uptown area. It would create
7 anywhere from about 22 to 26 parking spots and we
8 create a new street in the uptown section of
9 Union City. Which anyone knows who lives up
10 there in uptown Union City or travels, how
11 congested it is in Union City.

12 So it's just a -- a project that we're
13 pretty excited about. It creates a new street in
14 the City.

15 Peter Street only runs right now from Park
16 Avenue/Pleasant Avenue up to Hudson. It would
17 actually now run over to Palisade Avenue.

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

21 Okay, seeing none.

22 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
23 public comment?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

5 Valdivia.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Danny.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

8 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to adopt?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

18 Valdivia.

19 Second?

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

23 Martinetti.

24 Commissioner Rivas?

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7

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

10 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

11 **CONSIDERATION:**

12 2. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 334, SECTION
13 2(B)(1), "APPLICABILITY; EXCEPTIONS".)

14

15 CITY CLERK: The next Ordinance for
16 Adoption is an Ordinance Amending Chapter 334,
17 Section 2(B)(1), Applicability; Exceptions.

18 And this is pertaining to requiring a
19 superintendent on location for non-owner occupied
20 buildings.

21 MAYOR STACK: So this would be a requiring
22 a superintendent onsite for six --

23 Is it six units or more?

24 CITY CLERK: Yes.

25 MAYOR STACK: For six units or more that

1 the building has a superintendent.

2 We found very much from the Health
3 Department, to the Police Department, to the Fire
4 Department, where there's an emergency or a
5 tenant even needs a simple repair, it makes the
6 most sense to have a superintendent onsite taking
7 care of that building.

8 When the building is left alone by itself
9 and is absent and there no one's taking care of
10 that building, -- there's decay, there's problems
11 in the building -- the tenants have no one to
12 turn to for repairs.

13 So we just want to make sure that every
14 building, six units or more, has a superintendent
15 onsite within -- or within 200 feet of the
16 building.

17 CITY CLERK: Mayor, would you like to take
18 public comment on this Ordinance?

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

20 Anyone wishing to comment on this Ordinance
21 at this time, please step forward.

22 Seeing none.

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

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Rivas.
2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
3 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
4 Valdivia.
5 Commissioner Rivas?
6 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
11 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
13 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to adopt?
14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
15 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
16 Valdivia.
17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.
18 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.
19 Commissioner Rivas?
20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
25 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

5 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

6 **CONSIDERATION:**

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

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19 CITY CLERK: The last Ordinance on for
20 public hearing and adoption this evening is a
21 Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of
22 Certain Real Property in -- for the City of Union
23 City, County of Hudson, New Jersey; Appropriating
24 the Sum of 1,350,000 Therefore; Authorizing the
25 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond

1 Anticipation Notes of the City of Union City,
2 County of Hudson, New Jersey in the Aggregate
3 Principal Amount of up to 1,282,500; Making
4 Certain Determinations and Covenants; and
5 Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection
6 with the Foregoing.

7 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
8 public comment?

9 MAYOR STACK: This is in reference to what
10 we just passed on the street.

11 CITY CLERK: It is.

12 And it's just being heard again for a
13 second time because in the newspaper there was a
14 noticing error.

15 MAYOR STACK: This -- this is just on the
16 project that we just spoke about, about the
17 street that would run from Palisade over to
18 Hudson Avenue, which would be called Peter
19 Street. The extension.

20 Anyone wishing to comment on this Ordinance
21 at this time, please step forward.

22 Seeing none.

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

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.
3 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.
4 Commissioner Rivas?
5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
10 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?
11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
12 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to adopt
13 the Ordinance?
14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
15 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
16 Valdivia.
17 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.
18 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.
19 Commissioner Rivas?
20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.
21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?
24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
25 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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5 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
6 like to take public comment on any
7 item concerning government in the City of Union
8 City?

9 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

10 Just before we do, just on the Ordinance
11 that was introduced this evening, as we promised
12 to the -- to the liquor establishment owners that
13 we would do.

14 The next meeting, which would be on --

15 CITY CLERK: Twenty-seventh at the Musto
16 Center, seven p.m., 420 15th Street in Union City.

17 MAYOR STACK: But all will be receiving a
18 letter also on that. You'll be receiving a
19 letter in the mail. Anyone who would like to
20 attend, we welcome you to attend and any public
21 comment will be heard at that time.

22 This is just the introduction this evening.

23 Anyone else wishing to comment on any
24 matter concerning municipal government in the
25 City of Union City, please step forward, state

1 your name and address for the record.

2 Sure.

3 Do you have something over --

4 MS. DILLON: Yes.

5 MAYOR STACK: Oh, I see it. Okay. Good.

6 MR. PRICE: You want it here, right?

7 MS. DILLON: Pardon me?

8 Yes.

9 MR. PRICE: You --

10 MS. DILLON: You're good.

11 MR. PRICE: Okay.

12 Larry Price, 1006 Palisade Avenue.

13 The 1st of March, the Appellate Division

14 handed down a decision effecting Union City.

15 This is in the matter of Corey Corbo/Union City
16 Police Department.

17 Basically, you know the decision didn't
18 really have any dates in it. There were -- there
19 were agenda numbers that indicated it was
20 2014/2015.

21 This was a -- a police officer. He was at
22 home. He lived in Monroe Township. He -- EMS
23 was called because he overdosed on cocaine.

24 They took him to the hospital; tests were
25 done. Eventually he got dismissed from the Union

1 City Police Department for being -- whatever.

2 And the Appellate Division handed down a
3 decision and said basically the problem here is
4 there was a statement from his then girlfriend
5 who was an Officer Garcia. She also worked for
6 the Union City Police Department. She said he
7 took a bump -- I learned what a bump is -- a bump
8 of cocaine. He had that. And, whatever, that
9 testimony was introduced. The lab tests were --

10 But the lawyer failed to authenticate the
11 lab test. And just to read --

12 Both items of evidence utilized to
13 discipline Corbo were hearsay. Hearsay cannot
14 buttress hearsay under the residuum rule. In
15 that no competent evidence was reduced (sic) to
16 prove Corbo's ingestion of cocaine, we are
17 compelled to reverse the decision removing him as
18 a Union City Police Officer.

19 Inexplicably, no hospital personnel or
20 other witness testified that the medical records
21 met any of the requisite conditions. Absent any
22 qualifying evidence, the records were not
23 properly admitted as business records.

24 Okay.

25 So, my question is when did this happen?

1 What is his current status? When was -- I
2 guess, basically, when --

3 And the attorneys for -- at the Appellate
4 Level were O'Toole Fernandez Weiner Van Lieu,
5 LLC.

6 My question is who were the attorneys
7 before the Administrative Law Judge?

8 Those are my questions?

9 MAYOR STACK: I mean I can comment on as
10 much as I can because it's still pending, Larry,
11 and we're appealing that decision.

12 MR. PRICE: Oh, it's -- it's now --

13 MAYOR STACK: No.

14 MR. PRICE: It's a decision by the
15 Appellate Division.

16 MAYOR STACK: No, no, no, I agree.

17 MR. PRICE: Unless you're taking it to the
18 --

19 MAYOR STACK: I agree. I can't get into
20 the personnel -- the whole background of
21 everything. I'm going to rely upon -- I'm going
22 to ask the Chief if he could come also on this.

23 We're just going to have to be guided in
24 how much we say on the record right now because
25 we're under appeal to the Supreme Court.

1 MR. PRICE: Oh. Oh, you are?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. We're going to be
3 appealing it.

4 MR. PRICE: Oh.

5 MAYOR STACK: I -- I believe that the
6 incident took place back sometime -- Chief, would
7 it be --

8 Can you just step forward, Chief, for a
9 minute? I think 2014, Chief?

10 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
11 proceedings.)

12 CHIEF MOLINARI: I just think it's a
13 personnel issue at this time, Mayor, and I --

14 MAYOR STACK: We just have to be careful.

15 CHIEF MOLINARI: -- would caution that we
16 -- you know, there's a couple of procedures still
17 underlying, not --

18 MAYOR STACK: I agree.

19 CHIEF MOLINARI: I just think we should
20 just leave it as a personnel issue until it's
21 further resolved.

22 MR. PRICE: Well but anything which is a
23 matter of a public record -- now, which it must
24 be because this thing went before an
25 administrative law judge.

1 MAYOR STACK: Right. But, Larry, --

2 MR. PRICE: There's a record there.

3 MAYOR STACK: -- just to protect the
4 taxpayer in Union City, we have a strategy that
5 we've come up with and I'd rather not get into
6 a --

7 MR. PRICE: Well, the future --

8 MAYOR STACK: -- lot of stuff.

9 MR. PRICE: Particularly, any appeal to the
10 Supreme Court, don't even go there because that's
11 not --

12 But what -- I'm just asking when did this
13 happen and what -- what is his current status as
14 far as Union City is concerned?

15 MAYOR STACK: Well, I could tell you --
16 he's not a -- he's not an active -- he's not in
17 the -- he's not back to work.

18 That I could tell you.

19 MR. PRICE: When was he discharged?

20 MR. AUTERI: All of that information, I
21 believe, will be provided in the public record in
22 the future.

23 But right now I don't have the case in
24 front of me. It's not something the corporation
25 counsel is handling. So, --

1 MAYOR STACK: If --

2 MR. AUTERI: -- but --

3 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. If you could, -- if
4 you could, give me until the next Commission
5 meeting --

6 MR. PRICE: Sure. That's --

7 MAYOR STACK: -- and I'll -- and I'll --

8 MR. PRICE: No.

9 MAYOR STACK: -- get the -- I'll get the
10 information I can actually give out on the
11 record --

12 MR. PRICE: Sure.

13 MAYOR STACK: -- just to protect the -- the
14 residents --

15 MR. PRICE: Absolutely.

16 MAYOR STACK: -- and the taxpayers of the
17 City.

18 MR. PRICE: As one of the taxpayers of
19 Union City, --

20 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Absolutely.

21 MR. PRICE: -- I'm with you on that.

22 MAYOR STACK: I'd be more than happy to
23 give you the information I can give you --

24 MR. PRICE: And --

25 MAYOR STACK: -- on the record.

1 MR. PRICE: -- the -- the -- the key
2 question here is, as far as I'm concerned is, the
3 law firm.

4 You know, who -- who was the law firm that
5 represented the City before the Administrative
6 Law Judge?

7 I know who it was at the Appellate Division
8 but it might be a different firm. So, I'm --

9 MAYOR STACK: I -- I think it was the same
10 firm. I'm not a hundred percent sure. But I'll
11 give you that information.

12 MR. PRICE: Okay. Very good.

13 MAYOR STACK: I'll give you as much as I
14 possibly can.

15 MR. PRICE: Absol-- that's all I --

16 And, obviously, if it's going to the
17 Supreme Court, that's --

18 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

19 MR. PRICE: -- off --

20 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

21 MR. PRICE: -- clearly off limits.

22 MAYOR STACK: I have no problem
23 discussing --

24 If it wasn't under appeal, I'd get into all
25 the details. The fact that it is under appeal,

1 I'll just be guided by what they tell me, what we
2 can discuss right now.

3 MR. PRICE: Right. Okay.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

5 MR. PRICE: Very good.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

7 MR. PRICE: Be the 24th --

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 MR. PRICE: -- on -- at Musto?

10 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

11 MR. PRICE: Very good.

12 Thank you.

13 MAYOR STACK: Chief, just if you could
14 reach out to them tomorrow for me?

15 CHIEF MOLINARI: Sure.

16 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

17 MR. GRIMES: My name is Lefty Grimes. I'm
18 from -- I was born and raised in Bayonne.

19 And today I saw a lot of ignorance and I
20 was actually disgusted by what I saw here in this
21 town today.

22 There is no compassion for the sick and
23 dying in this town. Zero. If you get in a
24 wheelchair -- to get in a wheelchair --

25 I invite every council member to get in a

1 wheelchair and drive around town in a wheelchair
2 and spend the day in a wheelchair and see how
3 many stores you can get into in this town.

4 Seriously.

5 I went to a Police Station today. Maybe
6 the Chief can answer this question. The Police
7 Station had no wheelchair access. Downtown; 7th
8 Street. Couldn't get in.

9 But you guys are worried about banning the
10 medicine for the sick and the dying. Why don't
11 you ban steps for the sick and dying? Why you
12 banning their medicine?

13 I'm shocked. I -- I help the sick and the
14 dying. I advocate for them. And when I saw that
15 you guys banned their medicine it made me come
16 out here and call you out on it. Because it's
17 disgusting that you would ban someone's medicine.

18 You don't ban fentanyl. You don't ban
19 oxycontin. But you sell that all over town here.
20 That's all over town.

21 I'm talking about cannabis. You banned
22 cannabis. And right now there is no recreational
23 cannabis. You're banning medicine from sick
24 people. People that are dying.

25 Do you know anybody with cancer?

1 Do you know anybody with AIDS?

2 Epilepsy?

3 Seizures?

4 You took the medicine out of their mouths
5 and I'm disgusted.

6 You have no wheelchair access in this town
7 and you're taking their medicine out of their
8 mouths, too?

9 New Jersey -- you're a shame to New Jersey.
10 You're dis-- it's disgusting. Absolutely
11 disgusting what I've seen here today.

12 And people of color on this council are
13 actually supporting a racist system? A racist
14 policy? Really?

15 Let me tell you why Governor Murphy is
16 legalizing cannabis. Because of the social
17 justice issue. Because of racism. And not just
18 because three out of -- three out of -- one out
19 of three people -- I mean three -- three -- three
20 out of one blacks to Hispanics are -- are
21 arrested to white people.

22 But the reason why we have a drug war, back
23 last century was a man named Harry Anslinger. He
24 started the drug war. Rich industrialists used
25 him as his mouthpiece. And he said things to

1 Congress.

2 Now if you support this, you support
3 racism. You support a racist policy.

4 This is what Harry Anslinger said to
5 Congress. He said that marijuana makes darkies
6 think they're as good as white men.

7 Does that upset anybody on the council to
8 hear that? Marijuana makes darkies think they're
9 as good as white men. That's shocking to me as a
10 white man.

11 There are over 100,000 total marijuana
12 smokers in the USA, most are Negroes, Hispanics,
13 Filipinos and entertainers. Their Satanic music,
14 jazz and swing, result from marijuana usage.
15 This marijuana causes white women to seek sexual
16 relations with Negroes, entertainers, and others.

17 Did you guys know about this?

18 Did you guys know about this before you
19 banned cannabis? Before you banned med--

20 Did you know about the wheelchair access?
21 Maybe you didn't know about that either.

22 Maybe there's things you just don't know
23 that you need to be aware of, like the wheelchair
24 access; about the racism with the drug war.

25 Here, there's more. Wait, there's more.

1 Marijuana is the most violence causing drug
2 in the history of mankind.

3 Marijuana leads to pacifism and communist
4 brainwashing.

5 The primary reason to outlaw marijuana is
6 its effect on the degenerate races.

7 Speaking of a degenerate race, my friend
8 Armando (phonetic) is an inner-city Hispanic
9 person in Newark.

10 And I'm a medical marijuana patient --
11 medical cannabis patient. I -- I can afford my
12 cannabis; I have white privilege. I have this.
13 I -- I can afford this.

14 My friend Armando could not afford this.
15 He lived in the inner-city. He couldn't afford
16 the doctor -- the doctor visits, the -- the --
17 the fees, the overpriced cannabis. So he went on
18 the street to treat his spine cancer with
19 cannabis off the street.

20 Now, we're doing the same thing. He's
21 treating his illness with -- with marijuana. I'm
22 treating my illness with cannabis. We're doing
23 the same thing, except I'm a customer and he's a
24 criminal. I'm a customer; he's a criminal.
25 That's America?

1 Because I have money, I have privilege, I'm
2 a customer. My friend who's -- who's Hispanic in
3 the inner-city, he gets -- he gets the shaft.

4 And he -- he's dead by the way. He died.
5 He died three weeks ago.

6 Disgusting what I see about New Jer-- I'm
7 -- I'm going to council meetings all around New
8 Jersey because of this ignorance.

9 And we couldn't get a cancer patient down
10 here tonight because they're home sick and dying.
11 They couldn't be here tonight.

12 They couldn't be here two weeks ago or
13 whenever your meeting was when you banned their
14 medicine. They couldn't get out here, probably
15 because they're in wheelchairs and they couldn't
16 get here because of the wheelchair access. But
17 they couldn't make it here. Sorry they missed
18 their time limit to beg for their lives. Sorry.

19 One of the saddest things I've ever seen in
20 my life was down in Trenton. Chris Christie put
21 together a dais of doctors and they were going to
22 add conditions to the cannabis. You know, add
23 conditions. And they paraded a bunch of people
24 in front of this committee begging for their
25 lives. People with diseases.

1 Can you please help my son? Please cover
2 my son with -- with cannabis.

3 Please help my wife. Please, she needs to
4 -- to live too.

5 And it was the sickest thing I've ever seen
6 where they had a parade of sick people in front
7 of a committee begging for their lives. And now
8 we have that here. Begging at councils for their
9 lives so that you -- cannabis.

10 I have people down the shore that have to
11 drive an hour and a half to get their cannabis.
12 Actually, they can't drive; their wife has to
13 drive an hour and a half to Woodbridge to get the
14 cannabis for them.

15 If he was on oxycontin or fentanyl, he
16 could just take a walk down the street, get
17 fentanyl and OD, no problem. But, no, cannabis,
18 he's got to go an hour and a half, he --

19 No insurance will cover it by the way.
20 Insurance doesn't cover cannabis.

21 I -- I'm -- I'm disgusted what I saw to the
22 Police Department. A Police Department with no
23 handicap access.

24 MAYOR STACK: Sir, sir, let me just --

25 MR. GRIMES: Are you kidding me?

1 MAYOR STACK: Can I clear --

2 Let -- let me just clear it up. I didn't
3 want to interrupt you.

4 There is -- there is access to that Police
5 Station. There's a side door for a wheelchair --
6 for a ramp.

7 MR. GRIMES: How are they supposed to know
8 that in emergency situations, sir? They don't
9 know that.

10 MAYOR STACK: There's -- there's -- there's
11 a bell outside --

12 I don't know if the bell is outside --

13 MR. GRIMES: There's no bell outside.
14 There's no markings outside.

15 MAYOR STACK: There's -- there's -- there's
16 always a clerk there that mans there 24 hours a
17 day and they're told that if somebody's outside
18 -- there's always access.

19 I'll explain to you why. My dad was in a
20 wheelchair before he passed away. My father and
21 my mother both died of cancer. And my dad used
22 to volunteer there a couple hours a day just to
23 get out of the house. And he always -- he would
24 go in the side door and up. The side door is
25 always there.

1 If there's not a bell on there, I'll make
2 sure a bell is --

3 I live a block away. I'll make sure the
4 bell is on.

5 Let -- let me just tell you, I'm also a
6 State Senator. I voted in favor of medical
7 marijuana. I voted in favor of it.

8 No one has ever put an application into the
9 City of Union City to open a medical marijuana
10 dispensary. If they did, we would have supported
11 it.

12 The Ordinance that was adopted here was
13 just about cannabis in general. Because we live
14 in the most densely populated City in America; we
15 got 14,000 kids in the school system. Literally,
16 sir, Mr. Grimes, there's a -- there's a school --
17 basically if you go three or four blocks in every
18 direction there's a grammar school in there. And
19 we just took that step being so densely
20 populated.

21 I'm willing to go back and amend the
22 Ordinance that if somebody wanted to open medical
23 marijuana here, believe me when I tell you this
24 from the bottom of my heart, I would never in a
25 million years stop anyone from getting whatever

1 medication they need for a sickness or end of
2 life or whatever.

3 I saw my mother and my father both suffer
4 with a cancer and it was horrible.

5 MR. GRIMES: Then you should understand.
6 You guys banned their medicine.

7 MAYOR STACK: Well, --

8 MR. GRIMES: Your parents could have been
9 using this medicine.

10 MAYOR STACK: We should go back -- we
11 should go back, Erin, put it on for the next
12 meeting and put that if it's a medical marijuana
13 dispensary that is not banned.

14 You have my commitment on that; we'll do
15 that at the next meeting.

16 MR. GRIMES: Thank you, Mayor.

17 MAYOR STACK: All right?

18 Just if you can --

19 MR. GRIMES: Thank you.

20 MAYOR STACK: -- just get Erin your
21 information. We'll send you a copy of the
22 Ordinance.

23 CITY CLERK: I have his email address.

24 MR. GRIMES: Yeah.

25 MAYOR STACK: All right?

1 MR. GRIMES: Yeah.

2 CITY CLERK: And I'll make sure --

3 MAYOR STACK: We'll get it to --

4 CITY CLERK: -- it gets to you.

5 MAYOR STACK: -- you right away.

6 MR. GRIMES: Okay.

7 MAYOR STACK: We definitely will.

8 And on 7th Street Precinct, I'll make sure
9 that they put a buzzer on that side door. You're
10 a hundred percent correct.

11 MR. GRIMES: Thank you, sir.

12 MAYOR STACK: No problem at all.

13 MR. GRIMES: It's important.

14 MAYOR STACK: Just when you can, Erin, on
15 that, just make sure when it's done just to let
16 Mr. Grimes know.

17 CITY CLERK: Of course.

18 MR. GRIMES: At our podcast -- we do a
19 podcast outside Chris Christie's office -- now
20 it's Governor Murphy's office. And we have a --
21 when you -- when I became a patient --

22 One out of ten of us die every year.
23 That's a statistic that just happens. One out of
24 ten of us die. And I've lost a lot of friends.

25 And at the end of our show we do an ode of

1 remembrance to all the people that have died and
2 it goes like this.

3 They shall grow not old as we that are left
4 grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the
5 years condemn. At the going down of the sun and
6 in the morning we will remember them.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thank
8 you for coming to the meeting tonight. I
9 appreciate it.

10 We'll make sure we get you a copy of the
11 Ordinance also, okay?

12 MR. GRIMES: Thank you, sir.

13 MAYOR STACK: Any questions on it, Erin
14 will give you my cell phone number, reach out for
15 me.

16 CITY CLERK: Absolutely.

17 MR. GRIMES: Thank you.

18 MAYOR STACK: Call me on my cell, any time.
19 Thank you.

20 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
21 time?

22 Yes, ma'am?

23 MS. DILLON: Right up here, ma'am.

24 MS. MC GILL: Thanks.

25 MS. DILLON: If you could please state your

1 name and spell it for the record?

2 MS. MC GILL: Rose --

3 MR. AUTERI: Can we -- excuse me. Can we
4 remove the camera from the podium please?

5 MAYOR STACK: It's okay.

6 A VOICE: Do you want it there?

7 MS. MC GILL: I want it --

8 MAYOR STACK: It's okay.

9 A VOICE: She wants it there.

10 MAYOR STACK: I'm fine. I'm fine with
11 that.

12 MS. MC GILL: All right. It's for me.

13 MS. DILLON: I'm sorry. Rose?

14 MS. MC GILL: Yes, Rose. McGill, M-C-G-I-
15 L-L.

16 MS. DILLON: And your address?

17 MS. MC GILL: I'm in Lawrenceville, New
18 Jersey.

19 MS. DILLON: Thank you.

20 MS. MC GILL: I'm very happy to be here in
21 Union (sic) because I was born in Union Hospital
22 53 years ago and I have never come back, so I'm
23 glad to be here.

24 So, your Ordinance states a concern for
25 public health and safety. I can speak to public

1 health concern because the public health would
2 improve if there was more access to the natural
3 medicine of cannabis.

4 There are hundreds of well known and
5 scientifically proven medicinal uses for severe
6 illness and all other manner of pain and
7 suffering. But the real reason that millions of
8 people are already using it it is because it
9 relaxes you and it relieves stress. When your
10 body and mind is allowed to relax, it is allowed
11 to heal.

12 It frees up your mind to be able to think
13 of bigger and better things. Gives you a new
14 perspective and enhances creativity. It allows
15 you to reconsider why you may have been so mean
16 to someone you love. Therefore, your residence
17 will become more peaceful and reduce the violence
18 caused by alcohol and the death caused by the
19 real dangerous drugs.

20 So if you get your residents off the donuts
21 and fast food and booze and allow them to have
22 natural remedies, the public health will improve.

23 I'm leaving you some articles about the
24 scientific studies related to cannabis and the
25 good health that you may use to help educate your

1 residents.

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

3 MS. MC GILL: This is for you.

4 Thank you.

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 Erin, you want to disseminate that?

7 CITY CLERK: Yes.

8 MAYOR STACK: Erin will get it out to all
9 of us.

10 MS. MC GILL: Thank you very much.

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

13 Is there anyone -- anyone else?

14 Sure, sir. Come right up.

15 Just if you could just state your name and
16 address for --

17 MR. GIORDANO: I saw you earlier down City
18 Hall.

19 MAYOR STACK: I saw you in the garage. I
20 saw you in the garage.

21 MS. DILLON: If you could state your name
22 and spell it for me?

23 MR. GIORDANO: Sure.

24 My name is Hugh Giordano. H-U-G-H.

25 Giordano, G-I-O-R-D-A-N-O.

1 MS. DILLON: And your address, sir?

2 MR. GIORDANO: I'm from 57 Blackwood Avenue
3 in Gloucester Township.

4 MS. DILLON: Okay.

5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much for
7 coming.

8 MR. GIORDANO: No problem.

9 My name is Hugh Giordano. I'm a union
10 representative for the United Food Commercial
11 Workers Union, Local 152. We have approximately
12 15,000 members in New Jersey but that doesn't
13 include the other members that we have; we
14 approximately have over a hundred thousand
15 numbers within New Jersey, thousands in this
16 area.

17 Represents Shop-Rites, Acmes; manufacturing
18 such as Dietz and Watson, Black Bear, Kraft,
19 Progressive, Goya. They're all our members.

20 We have 1.2 million members across the
21 country. And the reason I'm here today is
22 because of the Ordinance that did pass a few
23 weeks ago pertaining to cannabis and blocking it.

24 The UFCW represents cannabis workers around
25 the country, both in recreational and medical

1 states. So we find an Ordinance like this an
2 attack on workers.

3 And even though, I'm glad you said, you're
4 open to the medical, that's -- that makes the
5 conversation a little bit easier to have tonight.

6 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

7 MR. GIORDANO: So, just a -- so, I guess as
8 a union rep, let's give some -- (indiscernible) -
9 - in what we're doing.

10 First off on the tax revenue side of it,
11 it's estimated that one billion dollars will be
12 raised through revenue and between 300 million
13 and 500 million dollars through taxes through
14 this bill. That doesn't include taxes -- I mean
15 that doesn't include licensing -- licensing and
16 fees that comes through.

17 For an example, in Los Angeles, they
18 brought in 3.2 million dollars just in -- in
19 licensing and fees.

20 Now of course that's a small -- a bigger
21 city; you won't get that much but it's something
22 that goes towards the taxpayers and towards the
23 working class.

24 The one thing I notice about this
25 community, it's a working class community.

1 People of color and people who probably live
2 paycheck to paycheck. Cannabis is a way to
3 create good jobs.

4 Now I'll give you an example of that. In
5 Minnesota the UFCW organized the first medical
6 dispensary in Minnesota. The custodian made
7 \$18.00 an hour, benefits, pension. The people
8 that work in the lab, lab techs and the bud
9 tenders, making \$22.00 an hour, plus pension and
10 benefits. And the head growers make \$2200.00 a
11 week, pension and benefits.

12 These are good working class jobs. These
13 are jobs that people in this neighborhood would
14 -- could -- could get, be trained in, and get a
15 trade.

16 Another example of why it's a trade. In
17 California we work with the state to create an
18 apprenticeship through Oaksterdam University, the
19 City of San Francisco, which is a -- it's an
20 official apprenticeship program. And anybody
21 that comes works in dispensaries, go through that
22 program, they're topnotch employees.

23 These workers are trained -- just like you
24 would find at the Ironworkers or the Carpenters;
25 they're just as skilled.

1 This is a -- this is an industry of
2 science. This is an industry of hard work.
3 People earn their wages. This is not something
4 that's just given to them. People put a lot of
5 time and effort into it and we believe that's an
6 important issue to grow on.

7 If you look at it, in perspective, right
8 now cannabis is worth nine billion dollars
9 nationally. It is expected by 2025 to be worth
10 24 billion dollars. And that's just based on the
11 current states that have it legalized under
12 medical or -- and/or recreational and the number
13 can be much higher.

14 It's also claimed by 2020 -- this is from
15 Forbes magazine -- saying that 300,000 jobs will
16 be created. More than public utilities, more
17 than government, and more than manufacturing.

18 So this is an industry that's going to
19 surpass other industries that have been the
20 backbone for most working class families within
21 the industry.

22 I think it's important to understand, too,
23 that by having a prohibition of -- in the
24 cannabis industry, it affects female executives.
25 The cannabis industry currently right now has 36

1 | percent of -- of women in the cannabis industry
2 | are of CEO quality and 65 -- and 63 percent are
3 | up of in executive levels below the CEO.

4 | Compare that to the American business model
5 | where only five percent of women are in CEO
6 | position and only 25 percent are in other top
7 | executive levels below the CEO.

8 | So by -- so by banning cannabis, you're --
9 | you're certainly holding back young females who
10 | want to be entrepreneurs within the City.

11 | It's also -- understand that only one
12 | percent of African-American/Latinos are involved
13 | within the cannabis industry. And being a city
14 | of minorities, this would be a great place to
15 | show that the talent is here in Jersey City.
16 | That small business men and women can open up a
17 | place where it is safe and to grow and dispense
18 | cannabis.

19 | I think the one thing to understand with --
20 | on the union side too is we are just as concerned
21 | with public safety as anybody else is. Here's
22 | the reality of it. The Teamsters deliver alcohol
23 | every day. The Teamsters, if you ask anybody,
24 | the Teamsters runs the alcohol industry.

25 | They deliver Miller Lite, Bud Light, rum

1 and vodka. And you don't see Teamsters handing
2 out alcohol to minors or to kids. Why? Because
3 they have union wages, union benefits, and union
4 pension. Nobody's going to give that up. No
5 one's going to risk that.

6 I do believe that for the public safety and
7 for health it is important to have a dispensary
8 here, whether medical or recreational, because it
9 allows folks, first off, our membership not to go
10 on opioids when they get hurt at work. I -- I do
11 believe -- you know, LIUNA -- Laborer's Union,
12 took a big stance saying that they will cover
13 medical cannabis.

14 So, unions are -- are going this way now
15 because we want to see our members on something
16 much safer than the opioid.

17 You know, for public safety, especially for
18 protecting your children, we believe our members
19 are the best ones to do that. Because we believe
20 they're well-trained and since they get a good
21 wage, they won't be giving things out. Unlike
22 the drug dealer who will push anything to get a
23 dollar.

24 The drug dealer in this case wins when
25 there's prohibition on this industry in any area

1 | because that gives them full access to sell. And
2 | there's no regulations on that and there's no tax
3 | incentives on the drug dealer. They just hurt
4 | people.

5 | So it is our position that the -- on --
6 | from the -- and, you know, not only the UFCW,
7 | United Farm Workers represents the growers. The
8 | Teamsters represent the transportation. The
9 | Electrical Worker, the Carpenters, the
10 | Pipefitters, the Steamfitters, they would all
11 | create the dispensaries.

12 | These are thousands of union jobs from
13 | start to finish that could be created. And even
14 | though you are a small dense place, I'm sure
15 | there's pharmacies here and if you can give out
16 | opioids then you can certainly give out medical
17 | cannabis, which is a much safer substance as
18 | studies have shown. And, not only that, much
19 | more protected.

20 | Most of the people who work in the
21 | dispensaries are retired police officers. So as
22 | a union rep I find that good, too, because most
23 | union -- I mean most police officers are in a
24 | union, whether PBA or FOP. So to see police
25 | officers be able to have a part-time job

1 afterwards is good for the union too.

2 It's a working class issue. So very happy
3 that the Mayor has said that he would change that
4 Resolution, at least have a medical side of it,
5 and --

6 MAYOR STACK: It was never intended. But
7 not to interrupt you but it was never intended to
8 do that. And for that we apologize. We'll
9 correct it immediately.

10 MR. GIORDANO: And just -- and just for a
11 little bit of openness, the United Food and
12 Commercial Workers right now is in the process of
13 representing Garden State Dispensary in
14 Woodbridge. They'll be the first unionized
15 dispensary in New Jersey. And they accepted the
16 union. They didn't fight it; they let it come
17 in.

18 So I had to give them, you know, kudos for
19 that.

20 And the one thing that they're doing to
21 show the professionalism of -- of the industry
22 and to show how -- how really scientific and hard
23 work it is, they're inviting politicians to come
24 in and see.

25 So as a UFCW member I would suggest to you

1 and also ask you to visit Garden State
2 Dispensary, see how professional it is. And then
3 what we can do too is, since we represent all
4 these businesses around the country, we could
5 find the best model that works for your city. So
6 that way you're not only on the medical side but
7 maybe down the road a adult use side.

8 So you could see just how professional it
9 is and go from there.

10 MAYOR STACK: And just -- just on the
11 statewide issue, I mean in my other role as a
12 State Senator, I -- I've said both to the Senate
13 President and I said to -- I said to the Senate
14 President and I said to the Chairman of the
15 Judiciary Committee, which I serve on, Nick
16 Scutari, --

17 MR. GIORDANO: Yes.

18 MAYOR STACK: -- I said that -- just that
19 we should get more information out there, get for
20 the Senate and for the public -- for the public
21 really to hear both sides of the issue. Have
22 some more public hearings on the issue. Have
23 hearings throughout the State. At least four
24 hearings; one in the south, maybe two in central,
25 and maybe one in the north.

1 MR. GIORDANO: Absolutely.

2 MAYOR STACK: I even offered to host it in
3 Union City -- that I would host one of those
4 hearings, --

5 MR. GIORDANO: Fantastic. That's great.

6 MAYOR STACK: -- just to give the people
7 both sides of the issue.

8 I just think there's a lot of -- on both
9 sides, there's a lot of misinformation out there
10 right now --

11 MR. GIORDANO: Agreed.

12 MAYOR STACK: -- and people are very --
13 Believe me I talk to a lot of people.

14 MR. GIORDANO: Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: I'm not one of these elected
16 officials that sits in an office and hides. I
17 see probably about 500 people a week.

18 MR. GIORDANO: You seem down to earth.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. And we -- and we do --
20 we do a lot of outreach in Union City. And
21 there's a lot of confusion out there on both
22 sides.

23 MR. GIORDANO: Absolutely.

24 MAYOR STACK: You know.

25 MR. GIORDANO: Well we hope that labor

1 | could be a part of this.

2 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

3 | MR. GIORDANO: United Food -- again, United
4 | Food and Commercial Workers Union represents
5 | cannabis workers. We are to what Teamsters are
6 | to alcohol.

7 | MAYOR STACK: Right.

8 | MR. GIORDANO: So we take it very
9 | seriously. We know what could be done. We know
10 | the folks in this -- in this town deserve good
11 | wages and benefits, they deserve to live a
12 | quality of life. And we believe that this
13 | industry can do that and give small business
14 | owners and regular people an opportunity to -- to
15 | strive.

16 | And the United Food and Commercial Workers
17 | supports that and we support good jobs.

18 | MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

19 | And thank you. I thank you all for coming
20 | up and taking time out of your night to get here
21 | tonight.

22 | I know you have like a two hour ride,
23 | right?

24 | MR. GIORDANO: Yes.

25 | MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

1 MR. GIORDANO: Yes. It's been --

2 MAYOR STACK: So --

3 MR. GIORDANO: -- it's -- it's -- it's not
4 -- you know being a labor activist, you know, or
5 labor rep, it never ends.

6 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Sure. Sure.

7 MR. GIORDANO: It's from the time I open my
8 eyes until the times I close -- and half the time
9 I have nightmares about it anyway, so it never
10 ends.

11 But we take it seriously.

12 MAYOR STACK: Right.

13 MR. GIORDANO: Thanks for taking the --

14 MAYOR STACK: I appreciate it.

15 MR. GIORDANO: -- the Resolution --

16 MAYOR STACK: No, thank you for coming and
17 taking time out.

18 MR. GIORDANO: Do you want my cards?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, please.

20 MR. GIORDANO: Okay.

21 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. I appreciate
22 that.

23 MR. GIORDANO: I'll give it to Clerk.
24 Okay.

25 MAYOR STACK: You can give them to the

1 Clerk; she'll get them to me. Absolutely.

2 MR. GIORDANO: Thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for taking time
4 out. Thank you.

5 Anyone else that would like to comment at
6 this time?

7 Sir? Sure. Oh, okay.

8 Anyone else that would like to comment at
9 this time?

10 Seeing no other.

11 I'd just like to thank all the members of
12 the public that took time out to be here this
13 evening. I wish everyone a good night; a safe --
14 safe trip home.

15 Thank you very much, everyone.

16 Thank you.

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

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Martinetti.

23 Second by --

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

25 CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner Rivas.

1 Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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10 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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12 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
13 the agenda this evening.

14 May I have a motion to adjourn?

15 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Rivas.

18 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

19 Commissioner Rivas?

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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4 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
5 at 7:45 p.m.)

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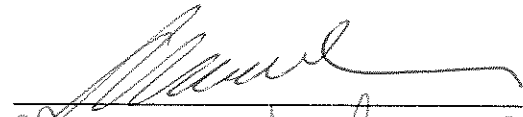
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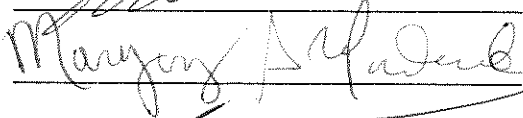
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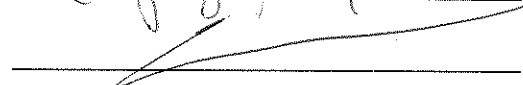
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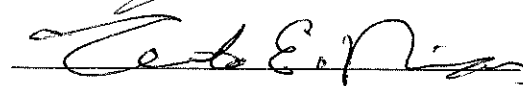
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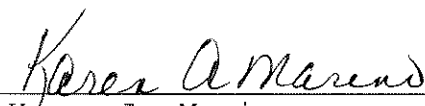
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