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507 West Street
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Commencing at 7:05 p.m.

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TILO E. RIVAS, COMMISSIONER
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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, April 24th, 2018, at seven
4 p.m., at the Bruce D. Walter Recreation Center,
5 507 West Street, Union City, New Jersey.

6 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

18

19 **ROLL CALL:**

20

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Here.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
3 absent.

4 And Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Here.

6

7 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

8 **Union City Recreation Karate - AAU State Karate**
9 **Tournament - Sergio Dato, Director**

10

11 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time we have a
12 Special Presentation of the Union City Recreation
13 Karate Program for their participation and
14 excellence in the AAU State Karate Tournament.

15 I'd like to call the Director.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Sergio.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sergio.

18 CITY CLERK: Sergio?

19 MAYOR STACK: Sergio?

20 MR. DATO: Yes.

21 MAYOR STACK: Sergio, if you could stand
22 maybe -- yeah, stand right here and then --

23 MR. DATO: Yes, sir.

24 (Applause.)

25 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the

1 proceedings.)

2 MAYOR STACK: First, just on behalf of the
3 Commissioners and myself -- and Commissioner
4 Valdivia and any other Commissioner that wants to
5 speak will be speaking this evening -- but we'd
6 just like to congratulate all of you.

7 Each of you best of luck and
8 congratulations. Thank you for making Union City
9 proud. And thanks to all the parents and all the
10 volunteers in the program. And most of all thank
11 you very much, Sergio, for the great job --

12 MR. DATO: Thank you, sir.

13 MAYOR STACK: -- you do everyday.

14 Thank you very much, everyone.

15 MR. DATO: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR STACK: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Right, I want to
19 congratulate the parents and the kids for
20 participating and not only winning but making
21 Union City proud.

22 I would like to thank our Honorable Mayor
23 Brian Stack for supporting our Recreation
24 programs; my fellow Commissioners.

25 Sergio, I was talking to Erin before you

1 got -- everyone got here on how wonderful this
2 program is. That on June -- June 2nd will be the
3 graduation; how we fill up the gym in Jose Marti,
4 how the parents participate in this program.

5 (Whereupon, Commissioner Valdivia addressed
6 the audience in Spanish.)

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thank you, Sergio.

9 MR. DATO: No, thank you.

10 Before we call the athletes, once again
11 extend my thank you to Mayor Brian Stack for all
12 the support over these years.

13 He maybe don't remember but it's our
14 anniversary; I met you 25 years ago, --
15 (indiscernible).

16 And also, our -- our anniversary is our ten
17 consecutive year we've had the karate program and
18 it take a village, you know, to raise a child and
19 -- and really we have to thank the City Hall, we
20 have the Board of Education, you know
21 Superintendent Abbato, Chachi (phonetic) Mercado,
22 Director of Facilities, he always have a prime
23 class, you know, facility to the kids work out.
24 In winter, in summer, et cetera.

25 Also our summer camp that we provide free

1 summer recreation during the month of July.

2 So really we have something nice going on
3 for the kids. You know why? Because a vision.
4 You know? Mayor Stack have a vision.

5 And -- and one of the things I see over the
6 year is that in Union City we don't have gang
7 colors. We have sport colors. So you see kids
8 with karate uniforms, soccer shirts, basketball
9 shirts. You know what I mean? And that's
10 important because we making on the future. So
11 instead they spend money putting people in
12 jail, --

13 MAYOR STACK: That's right.

14 MR. DATO: -- we spend money, you know,
15 doing the sports and activities for all the kids.

16 So really -- but this can't be happening if
17 we don't have a Mayor with a vision and the
18 intention, you know.

19 And always it's the veracity about the
20 youth of this City. Like, you know, like I think
21 Commissioner making programs and new things every
22 year. So this can't be happening if he's not in
23 office. So, you know, I wish him the best of
24 luck, you know, in upcoming -- next month. And
25 he really, you know, the -- the City's a much

1 better place and I'm here for 25 years.

2 So let's move on with the citations.

3 So the first one is Ivan Mayen, please.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

6 MR. DATO: Good job, son.

7 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

8 MR. DATO: Damaris Rivera.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

11 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Congratulations.

12 MR. DATO: Gonzalo Ku.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. DATO: Jorge Notario.

15 (Applause.)

16 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Congratulations.

18 MR. DATO: Angel Amaya.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

21 MR. DATO: Congratulations.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Congratulations.

23 MR. DATO: Joselyn Hernandez.

24 (Applause.)

25 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.

1 MR. DATO: Samantha Nunez.
2 (Applause.)
3 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.
4 MR. DATO: Mariam Kenema.
5 (Applause.)
6 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.
7 MR. DATO: Sharon Duran.
8 (Applause.)
9 MAYOR STACK: Congratulations.
10 MR. DATO: Oh. Dixie Dato.
11 (Applause.)
12 MAYOR STACK: Very dedicated.
13 MR. DATO: Thank you.
14 Oh, I appreciate --
15 Thank you very much. I appreciate --
16 Thank you very much. I appreciate --
17 (Applause.)
18 MAYOR STACK: Take a picture with the
19 Commissioners; sure.
20 (Whereupon, there was a pause while
21 photographs were taken.)
22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much,
23 everyone.
24 MR. DATO: Thank you, sir.
25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. DATO: So, --

3 MAYOR STACK: Why don't you stand right
4 over here, Sergio, --

5 MR. DATO: Sure.

6 MAYOR STACK: -- so they can -- up on this.

7 MR. DATO: Yeah. Yeah.

8 I want you to accept this from the
9 children. I'm nobody to give the award.

10 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Sergio.

11 MR. DATO: The kids really benefit from the
12 program, everything.

13 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

14 MR. DATO: So this is from the Union
15 City --

16 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

17 MR. DATO: -- Karate program, sir.

18 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thank
21 you very much, everyone.

22 (Applause.)

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

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

3 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH**
4 **27, 2018.)**

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6 CITY CLERK: The next item on the agenda is
7 the Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes from
8 the meeting March 27th, 2018.

9 May I have a motion to approve?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
12 Valdivia.

13 Second?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

19 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24

25 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

1 action on the following item:

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

3 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 334 AND
4 DECREASING THE MAXIMUM RENTAL LATE FEE.)

5

6 CITY CLERK: We have two Ordinances on for
7 Introduction.

8 Adoption on first reading will authorize
9 the Clerk to advertise the Ordinance with the
10 notice of the public hearing and adoption.

11 The next meeting would be on Wednesday, May
12 9th, 2018, at Colin Powell Elementary School, 1500
13 New York Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

14 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
15 Amending Chapter 334 and Decreasing the Maximum
16 Rental Late Fee.

17 May I have a motion to introduce?

18 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Fernandez.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

2 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

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

11 2. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 397 AND SETTING
12 FORTH ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT METHODS WITH RESPECT TO
13 TOWING SERVICES.)

14

15 CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance is an
16 Ordinance Amending Chapter 397 and Setting Forth
17 Acceptable Payment Methods with Respect to Towing
18 Services.

19 May I have a motion to introduce?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Valdivia.

23 Second?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

25 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

4 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 Just for the public's knowledge who are
10 here this evening, the first Ordinance that we
11 introduced for introduction is an Ordinance
12 setting maximum amounts of -- in rent control
13 buildings that landlord could charge tenants.

14 We're setting that limit -- the maximum
15 amount at \$25.00 a month. Because sometimes
16 we're seeing in the City landlords will try or
17 attempt to charge tenants in rent control
18 buildings, 75, a hundred dollars.

19 So, we're trying to just -- we're concerned
20 about the residents who are living in the town,
21 tenants who are working very hard to pay their
22 rent, that not excessive fees are being charged.

23 And, secondly, the second Ordinance is,
24 again, it's allowing residents that have their
25 car towed for some reason or another that they be

1 able to pay by credit card; not just by cash but
2 by credit card also.

3 MR. AUTERI: Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: That's basically it.

5 Right?

6 MR. AUTERI: That's correct, Mayor, yes.

7 MAYOR STACK: Good.

8 MR. AUTERI: And if --

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

10 MR. AUTERI: -- and if I could just add
11 that it mostly mirrors the State statute, which
12 authorizes the same.

13 MAYOR STACK: Great.

14 Thank you.

15

16 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
17 action on the following items in total:

18 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

19 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

20 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
21 Concurring Claims

22 (3) Resolution Approving the Payment of Escrow
23 Refunds

24 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
25 the Period of April 13, 2018 through April 28,

- 1 2018
- 2 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
- 3 for the Period of April 13, 2018 through April
- 4 28, 2018
- 5 (6) Resolution Re-appointing Kennedy Ng as the
- 6 Rent Regulation Officer for the City of Union
- 7 City
- 8 (7) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
- 9 Monies to Outside Lienholders
- 10 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 11 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale
- 12 (9) Resolution Cancelling Second Quarter Taxes
- 13 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Adjustment of
- 14 Estimated Taxes for the Second Quarter
- 15 (11) Resolution Cancelling 2017 Taxes and
- 16 Transferring Taxes to the New Units
- 17 (12) Resolution Renaming Hudson Avenue between
- 18 38th and 39th Streets "Lt. Mark Zeitounian Way"
- 19 (13) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 20 Advertise for Bids for Crossing Guard Uniforms
- 21 (14) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 22 Advertise for Bids for Bergenline Avenue
- 23 Crosswalk Restoration Project
- 24 (15) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 25 Advertise for Bids for 2018 DOT Roads Project

1 (16) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
2 Advertise for Bids for the Kerrigan Avenue,
3 Section 2 Project

4 (17) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
5 Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
6 Trust Fund Application for the 38th Street Park
7 Project

8 (18) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
9 Space, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
10 Trust Fund Application for the Washington Park
11 Project

12 (19) Resolution Amending the Housing Trust Fund
13 Spending Plan.)

14

15 CITY CLERK: There are 19 items on the
16 Consent Agenda.

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

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

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

23 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
24 City Payroll for the Period of April 13th, 2018
25 through April 28th, 2018.

1 The fifth is a Resolution Approving the
2 Library Payroll for the Period of April 13th, 2018
3 through April 28th, 2018.

4 The sixth is a Resolution Reappointing
5 Kennedy Ng as the Rent Regulation Officer for the
6 City of Union City.

7 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing
8 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
9 Lienholders.

10 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing the
11 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at Tax Sale.

12 The ninth is a Resolution Cancelling Second
13 Quarter Taxes.

14 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
15 Adjustment of Estimated Taxes for the Second
16 Quarter.

17 The eleventh is a Resolution Cancelling
18 2017 Taxes and Transferring Taxes to the New
19 Units.

20 The twelfth is a Resolution Renaming Hudson
21 Avenue between 38th and 39th Streets as -- as
22 Lieutenant Mark Zeitounian Way.

23 The thirteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
24 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Crossing
25 Guard Uniforms.

1 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
2 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for
3 Bergenline Avenue Crosswalk Restoration Project.

4 The fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
5 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the 2018
6 DOT Road Project.

7 The sixteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
8 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Kerrigan
9 Avenue, Section 2 Project.

10 The seventeenth is a Resolution Endorsing
11 -- Endorsing the Hudson County Open Space,
12 Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
13 Application for the 38th Street Park Project.

14 The eighteenth is a Resolution Endorsing
15 the Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, and
16 Historic Preservation Trust Fund Application for
17 Washington Park Project.

18 The nineteenth is a Resolution Amending the
19 Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

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

22 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

1 Seeing none.

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

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

6 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

7 Second by Commissioner Rivas.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

11 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
17 approve all items on Consent Agenda?

18 MAYOR STACK: Just --

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 MAYOR STACK: -- just before we do, on --
21 on Resolution Number 12, naming 38th to 39 on
22 Hudson Avenue to the honor Lieutenant Mark
23 Zeitounian.

24 Mark Zeitounian was a Police Lieutenant in
25 Union City and was killed on his way to work --

1 on his way -- on his way to work into Union City
2 Police. And we felt that would be a nice way to
3 honor him.

4 He also was a -- a student when he was in
5 high school back at Union Hill High School.

6 In addition to that, Number 15, the
7 application for DOT roads. We'll be doing
8 additional roads; new streets and sidewalks over
9 the summer.

10 We'll also be finishing Kerrigan Avenue
11 from 18th to 24th. That will be the whole length
12 of Kerrigan Avenue will have been done new.
13 We're trying to make it very nice there for all
14 the children that go to school in that area.

15 And, also, the Resolution Endorsing the
16 Hudson County Open Space, Recreation, Historic
17 Preservation Trust Fund Application for 38th
18 Street Park. I just would like to give a lot of
19 credit to Commissioner Valdivia for the great job
20 he's done with recreation and parks in our
21 community; along with all the Commissioners. But
22 that's something that's always been very close to
23 the Commissioner's heart.

24 So, thank you very much, Commissioner.

25 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to approve

1 all items on Consent?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

3 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

4 Valdivia.

5 Second?

6 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

7 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

8 Rivas.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 Commissioner Valdivia?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18

19 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

20 action on the following item:

21 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

22 **CONSIDERATION:**

23 1. ORDINANCE RETITLING CHAPTER 223, ARTICLE
24 VI, SECTION 50 AS "MEDICAL MARIJUANA ALTERNATIVE
25 TREATMENT CENTERS," AMENDING SAME TO ALLOW

1 MEDICAL MARIJUANA ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS,
2 AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 223, ARTICLE I, SECTION
3 5 TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS.)

4

5 CITY CLERK: There's one Ordinance on for
6 Public Hearing and Adoption tonight.

7 It's the Ordinance Retitling Chapter 223,
8 Article VI, Section 50 as Medical Marijuana
9 Alternative Treatment Centers, Amending the Same
10 to Allow Medical Marijuana Alternative Treatment
11 Centers, and Supplementing Chapter 223, Article
12 I, Section 5 to Define Relevant Term.

13 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
14 public comment on this Ordinance?

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

16 Just if we could have Angelo just explain
17 to the public exactly what we're doing and we're
18 clearing up a discrepancy that was pointed out by
19 an individual who attended our meeting who's
20 actually here tonight, who I'd like to thank very
21 much for pointing it out to us.

22 But I'll have Angelo explain it and then
23 we'll take public comment.

24 MR. AUTERI: Yes, Mayor, that's correct.

25 So what last time we did an Ordinance which

1 prohibited any marijuana facilities, the retail
2 use, manufacturing, or sale in an anticipation of
3 a possible legalization of recreational use
4 marijuana centers.

5 This Ordinance allows medical marijuana
6 centers, the retail use of -- of medical
7 marijuana and retailers can open within the City
8 with this Ordinance.

9 We also cleaned up some of the definitions
10 regarding marijuana and marijuana derivatives to
11 make it a little cleaner, a little tighter.

12 So that is the change. Currently, after
13 this Ordinance goes into effect, a retail
14 establishment could be open within the City;
15 however, recreational use establishments are
16 still prohibited.

17 MAYOR STACK: Anyone at this time would
18 like to comment, please step forward, state your
19 name and address for the record.

20 MS. DILLON: Right over here.

21 MR. GRIMES: Over here? Okay.

22 MS. DILLON: Over here.

23 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

24 MR. GRIMES: My name is Lefty Grimes.

25 I was born and raised in Bayonne. And I'm

1 here to thank the Council and the Mayor for their
2 compassion on this issue. It's a -- it's a huge
3 issue.

4 I've -- I've been fighting for this for a
5 long time. I started fighting for this back in
6 the eighties when I met a woman named Cheryl
7 Miller; she had MS. And she literally fought
8 from a bed.

9 She went down to Washington -- and her
10 husband used to push her around in the bed; Jim
11 Miller. And she could only move her head. She
12 couldn't move her arms or legs and she fought
13 with her head and her eyes and her mouth and she
14 actually convinced Senator Andrews (phonetic) to
15 change his vote. And Bill Caruso was in the room
16 at that time; he's a lobbyist down in Trenton you
17 probably know him.

18 MAYOR STACK: I do.

19 MR. GRIMES: And Bill Caruso and Jim became
20 friends ever since that day because Cheryl had
21 such a profound effect on his life going forward
22 and mine too. This is why I help sick people
23 because it -- it --

24 For example today I did a video in Jersey
25 City about the -- the ramp issue. It's

1 another --

2 Thank -- I want to thank you for that also,
3 for helping with that. That's -- you're one of
4 the few politicians who have done anything. You
5 and --

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you -- thank you for
7 pointing it out.

8 MR. GRIMES: Yeah. You and Angela McKnight
9 have been like wonderful in this.

10 Thank you.

11 But today after we got done I saw a kid in
12 a wheelchair and he had Cerebral Palsy he
13 couldn't get into a barbershop. And it -- it was
14 sad but this kid has his whole life ahead of him.
15 He couldn't even get into this barbershop. And
16 his parents are -- are -- they're going to carry
17 him in.

18 The problem is if you carry him in that's a
19 fire hazard because then how is he going to get
20 out if there's an emergency.

21 But that's not why --

22 I'm -- I'm here to thank you for a lot of
23 things. That's not what I'm here to talk about
24 right now.

25 The medical cannabis is a huge issue for

1 me. It's very helpful. Disabled war vets need
2 this in Hudson County. There's cancer patients.
3 There's MS patients. There's children that need
4 it. And thank you very much for having
5 compassion for --

6 That's -- that's what we --

7 I could care less about adult use. I
8 thought adult use would help the patients. But
9 right now it's actually hurting patients.
10 Because of all this talk and all the -- these --
11 all the councils that are banning it, we have to
12 have people come up and beg for their lives.

13 People with chemo bags. People in
14 wheelchairs. And they're begging for their lives
15 at these meetings. And thank you for not letting
16 us have to go through that here and -- and just
17 -- you cut me right off, like cut me off at the
18 legs, it was great. You know you -- you stopped
19 me right at the -- at the start there.

20 So thank you and --

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

22 MR. GRIMES: -- I appreciate it.

23 MAYOR STACK: And, Mr. Grimes, thank you
24 for bringing it -- thank you for bringing it to
25 our attention, both that issue of the mistake

1 with the Ordinance, and also with the ramp.

2 There should be more people like you that
3 come out and say that.

4 I live right down the block from there and
5 believe me it was never our intention.

6 My father, in fact, was in a wheelchair; he
7 used to volunteer there. And I appreciate you
8 bringing that to our attention. We addressed it
9 right away and I said make sure -- I said to Erin
10 make sure we let him know that we took care of
11 that.

12 MR. GRIMES: Thank you.

13 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

14 MR. GRIMES: Thank you.

15 MAYOR STACK: Anything else you see out
16 there, call me, come to a meeting, call me on my
17 cell phone anytime.

18 MR. GRIMES: Well, I have more to talk
19 about later.

20 MAYOR STACK: Anytime. Anytime.

21 Thank you.

22 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
23 time?

24 A CITIZEN: I'd just like to thank you --
25 (indiscernible) --

1 MAYOR STACK: No problem.

2 A CITIZEN: -- (indiscernible).

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Thank
4 you.

5 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
6 time?

7 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
8 public comment?

9 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 Second by Commissioner Rivas.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

23 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
24 Valdivia.

25 Second?

1 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

2 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

6 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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14 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
15 like to take public comment on any item
16 concerning government in Union City?

17 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

22 Go right ahead. Sure.

23 MR. GRIMES: Lefty Grimes again.

24 MS. DILLON: Just wait until you get here.

25 Wait until you get here.

1 MR. GRIMES: Yeah.

2 Lefty Grimes again.

3 I was born and raised in Bayonne. And like
4 I said this issue is very important to me -- the
5 wheelchair access.

6 We were in Jersey City today. We did
7 something -- Mayor -- Mayor Fulop came out and
8 called -- called out Bayonne, calling us Bayonne
9 Boxes. I own a Bayonne box and I took offense to
10 that. So we came out with something even better
11 than that, which is the Jersey City Jump.

12 And I don't know if you saw the video but
13 Jersey City Jump is when -- Jersey City has a
14 Marion Branch Library with no access. Marion
15 Branch Library has no wheelchair access.

16 So my friend has spina bifida. He actually
17 crawled up into the -- into the library and then
18 jumped off the second step onto the sidewalk.
19 Jersey City Jump. He actually hurt himself doing
20 it, too. Front of -- yeah, it --

21 We shouldn't have to be doing this kind of
22 stuff to prove a point. But I think Mayor
23 Fulop's on top of it.

24 But it's a State issue, too. I know you're
25 a State Senator. Maybe there's something we

1 | could do on the State level.

2 | If you look across the street from that
3 | Statehouse, it's horrible. The access -- just --
4 | just take a walk across the street from the
5 | Statehouse; you'll see the sidewalks are all
6 | crooked, there's six steps going up, six steps
7 | going down. That's our State Capital. If we
8 | can't fix it there, where can we fix it?

9 | I mean -- and I don't know where to start.
10 | It's -- it's all about money. Where do we get
11 | the money from? Maybe cannabis? I don't know.
12 | But something has to be done, it's 2018.

13 | MAYOR STACK: We try -- we try, Mr. Grimes,
14 | anytime we get a building that we renovate, we
15 | always bring it. But even buildings that haven't
16 | been renovated, we always try to go back and
17 | retrofit them.

18 | If you see anything in Union City that's
19 | not been done, please let us know. Please.

20 | MR. GRIMES: Public stuff? Well, I wasn't
21 | going to say --

22 | MAYOR STACK: And anything on the State
23 | level I'm willing to work with you on.

24 | MR. GRIMES: When we came here before I
25 | said where's the meeting at? Is the meeting in

1 the school? Where's the -- where's the handicap
2 access?

3 No the handicap access is here. Said what
4 about the school? They said there's no handicap
5 access at the school here. I didn't know that.

6 MAYOR STACK: I think --

7 MR. GRIMES: Is that --

8 MAYOR STACK: -- I think the way it is
9 though, I think the access -- I'm not a hundred
10 percent sure but I think the access is through
11 the back --

12 CITY CLERK: Side.

13 MAYOR STACK: -- and then you take the
14 elevator here.

15 MR. GRIMES: Oh.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

17 MR. GRIMES: Okay.

18 MAYOR STACK: That's where it is. Yes.

19 MR. GRIMES: Okay. They weren't sure.

20 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

21 MR. GRIMES: So, it's just an issue. I
22 mean --

23 MAYOR STACK: Anything that we build new in
24 the City, it all comes equipped -- accessible,
25 obviously. But even the old stuff, it's not,

1 we'll retrofit it.

2 MR. GRIMES: Okay.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 MR. GRIMES: Yeah, I see that. I see that
5 a lot.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 MR. GRIMES: One side of the street --
8 What street was that before?

9 A CITIZEN: That was Jersey City.

10 MR. GRIMES: No, that was Jersey City. But
11 that was on the border.

12 A CITIZEN: Yeah, one side --

13 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

14 MR. GRIMES: But one side of the street was
15 all great for access and one was horrible for
16 access.

17 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, that's probably my
18 side. We -- we're doing a lot of sidewalks over
19 in the community.

20 MR. GRIMES: Yeah.

21 MAYOR STACK: Anytime I pave a street I
22 give everybody on the block a new sidewalk and
23 every curb in the City is done.

24 If you could find one that's out there
25 that's not done, let me know. I mean that. I

1 walk all over the City; I check that stuff. Any
2 cracks, we fix it right away. Yes.

3 MR. GRIMES: Thanks again, sir.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

5 MR. GRIMES: Appreciate it.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

7 MR. GRIMES: Thank you.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thanks for taking time out to
9 come tonight.

10 Thank you. Thank you again.

11 CITY CLERK: Anyone else?

12 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, any-- anyone else
13 wishing to comment at this time?

14 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yeah, I would like to
17 thank everyone. This is my last meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: No, you have one
19 more.

20 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: One more?

21 MAYOR STACK: You have one more.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: The 9th. May 9th.

23 MAYOR STACK: You better --

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Really?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Wait. Wait. May

1 9th.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: May 9th?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: May 9th.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, because you're not
7 sworn in until -- the new Commissioner's not
8 sworn in until the 16th.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Until the 16th.

10 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Okay, --

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: You have one more.

12 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: -- I take back what I
13 said then.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: You -- you got one
15 more.

16 CITY CLERK: You have to save your speech.

17 MAYOR STACK: You got one more, Tilo. One
18 more. You're not going to get away that easy,
19 Tilo.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sixteenth?

21 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: I -- I came with my
22 speech here.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: No, Tilo, no.

24 MAYOR STACK: No, save it.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Save it. Save it.

1 Save it.

2 MAYOR STACK: Save it for the next one.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: May 16th?

4 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Just like in the
5 Assembly.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: No you got one
7 more.

8 MAYOR STACK: Save it. Save it.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: The day the --

10 MAYOR STACK: Oh my God.

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- election, the
12 day --

13 MAYOR STACK: Tilo.

14 CITY CLERK: May 9th is --

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: -- after the
16 election.

17 CITY CLERK: -- the next meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: The day after the
19 election, --

20 CITY CLERK: That's the Wednesday, the day
21 after Election Day.

22 MAYOR STACK: I picked it up --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: May 9th.

24 MAYOR STACK: -- real quick now.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then gets

1 sworn in?

2 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer?

3 MR. FARMER: Yeah, I'm ready.

4 MS. DILLON: Erin, do you want to close --

5 MR. AUTERI: Did we close?

6 MS. DILLON: -- Public Comment?

7 CITY CLERK: I'm sorry.

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes. I'm sorry -- yes.

9 Anyone else that would like to comment?

10 Seeing no other.

11 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close

12 Public Comment?

13 Commissioner, would you like to make the

14 motion?

15 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Motion.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Rivas.

18 Second by --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

20 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

21 Fernandez.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

25 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:

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3 1. Wendy C. Diaz

4 t/a Tropical Bar & Restaurant

5 Location: 4100C Bergenline Avenue

6 License No. 0910-33-060-003

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8 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time we have
9 one Liquor License Disciplinary Hearing.

10 MR. FARMER: Good evening, Mayor and Board.

11 The one that you have is Tropical Bar and
12 Restaurant, 4100 Bergenline Avenue.

13 What this is is there were -- they're paper
14 charges. There are three charges of not having
15 the amusement license for a couple pool tables
16 and a juke box.

17 Whether that's in your purview I think
18 could be debatable.

19 But in any event they also have a charge of
20 not having certain books, namely delivery slips
21 and books of account.

22 Now, along that line, the licensee has
23 taken the course that Detective Dunlay gave to
24 all of the bar owners over a two-day period.

25 Out of all of the bars in Union City, only

1 | ten have not -- did not take the training. This
2 | licensee has.

3 | Also, we've just spent about five or ten
4 | minutes outside with Detective Dunlay explaining
5 | to the representative of the licensee -- because
6 | the licensee -- is her daughter. Okay? I don't
7 | see any problem with that.

8 | It's a modest suspension, which is going to
9 | be three days; May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

10 | And I would recommend that to the -- to the
11 | Board. Okay, a three-day suspension.

12 | And Detective Dunlay's been involved in the
13 | whole thing and --

14 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

15 | MR. FARMER: -- he's in agreement with it.

16 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

17 | Ma'am, do you agree with what was said this
18 | evening so far?

19 | MS. DILLON: Just state your name for the
20 | record.

21 | MS. DIAZ: Lucrecia Diaz.

22 | MR. FARMER: Keep your voice up.

23 | MS. DILLON: I'm sorry, I didn't catch
24 | that.

25 | MS. DIAZ: Lucrecia Diaz.

1 MS. DILLON: Lucrecia Diaz?

2 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

3 And do you -- do you understand everything
4 that Mr. Farmer has just said?

5 MS. DIAZ: Yeah.

6 MAYOR STACK: Do -- do you want an attorney
7 tonight here? Do you want --

8 MS. DIAZ: No.

9 MAYOR STACK: No?

10 MS. DIAZ: No, no.

11 MAYOR STACK: And you under-- and you agree
12 to what the terms are, what Mr. -- what Mr.
13 Farmer just stated?

14 MS. DIAZ: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 MS. DILLON: Say it louder, ma'am.

17 MS. DIAZ: Yes.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes you do. Okay. I just
19 want to make sure. Okay.

20 All right, on Mr. Farmer's recommendation,
21 I'll make a motion to approve.

22 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

24 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
25 Fernandez.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

4 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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10 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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12 CITY CLERK: Mayor, there are no other
13 items on the agenda.

14 May I have a motion to adjourn?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Fernandez.

18 Second?

19 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Second.

20 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Rivas.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Rivas?

24 COMMISSIONER RIVAS: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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6 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

7 at 7:33 p.m.)

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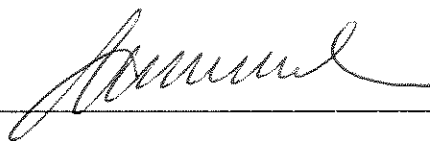
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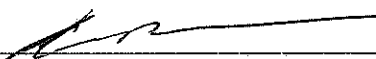


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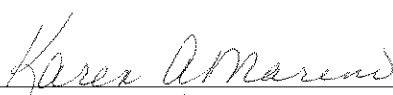
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