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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING :
: TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
: PROCEEDINGS
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Jose Marti Freshman Academy
1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Thursday, December 27, 2018
Commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
WENDY A. GRULLON, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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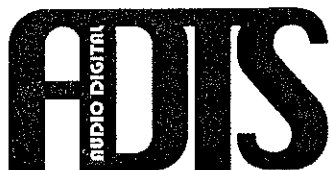
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1 MS. DILLON: On the record.

2 CITY CLERK: Okay.

3 This is a Regular -- this is a Regular
4 Public Meeting of the Union City Board of
5 Commissioners being held on Thursday, December
6 27th, 2018, at six p.m. at the Jose Marti Freshman
7 Academy, 1800 Summit Avenue, Union City, New
8 Jersey.

9 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

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22 **ROLL CALL:**

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24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
6 absent.

7 Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Here.

9

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

12 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

13 (1) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
14 the Period of December 8, 2018 through
15 December 21, 2018

16 (2) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
17 for the Period of December 8, 2018 through
18 December 21, 2018

19 (3) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
20 Lien on the Property Known as 906 New York
21 Avenue, Block 49, Lot 19, in the City of Union
22 City for Tenant Relocation Costs

23 (4) Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Snow
24 Removal and Post Storm Services for Cinelly
25 Group, Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. and Adamo Brothers

1 (5) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
2 the City of Union City Approving the 2018-2019
3 Renewal of Caguas Bar Café (t/a Cruz Eduardo)
4 Liquor License No. 0910-33-106-005 - Pocket
5 License

6 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to
7 Prepare, Complete and Mail as soon as practicable
8 Estimated Tax Bills in accordance with the
9 Procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and
10 Authorizing an Estimated Annual Tax Levy pursuant
11 to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2

12 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
13 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

14 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
15 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

16 (9) Resolution Authorizing a Tax Refund in Tax
17 Appeal Decision by the Tax Court of New Jersey.)

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19 CITY CLERK: We have nine items on the
20 Consent Agenda.

21 The first is a Resolution Approving the
22 City Payroll for the Period of December 8th, 2018
23 through December 21st, 2018.

24 The second is a Resolution Approving the
25 Library Payroll for the Period of December 8th,

1 2018 through December 21st, 2018.

2 The third is a Resolution Authorizing the
3 Placement of a Lien on the Property Known as 906
4 New York Avenue, Block 49, Lot 19, in the City of
5 Union City for Tenant Relocation Costs.

6 The fourth is a Resolution Authorizing a
7 Contract for Snow Removal and Post-Storm Services
8 for Cinelly Group, Joseph M. Sanzari,
9 Incorporated and Adamo Brothers.

10 The fifth is a Resolution of the Board of
11 Commissioners of the City of Union City Approving
12 the 2018-2019 Renewal of Caguas Bar and Café
13 trading as Cruz Eduardo, Liquor License Number
14 0910-33-106-005.

15 It's a pocket license.

16 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing the
17 Tax Collector to Prepare and Complete and Mail as
18 soon as practicable Estimated Tax Bills in
19 accordance with the procedures set forth in
20 N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and Authorize an Estimated
21 Annual Tax Levy pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2.

22 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing a
23 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
24 Lienholders.

25 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing a

1 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
2 Sale.

3 The ninth is a Resolution Authorizing a Tax
4 Refund in Tax Appeal Decision -- in Tax Appeal
5 Decision made by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

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

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

12 Seeing none.

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

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

17 Second?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

19 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
20 Fernandez.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Fernandez.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

21

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

24 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

25 **CONSIDERATION:**

1 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY
2 APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h) TO
3 FUND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAYMENT OF
4 CERTAIN CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE
5 LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY OF
6 HUDSON, NEW JERSEY (\$1,012,741.16- NEW.)
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8 CITY CLERK: We have two Ordinances on this
9 evening for Hearing and Adoption.

10 The first is an Ordinance Authorizing a
11 Special Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to
12 N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h) to Fund the Costs Associated
13 with the Payment of Certain Contractually
14 Required Severance Liabilities of the City of
15 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey.

16 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
17 public comment on this Ordinance?

18 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

22 Seeing none.

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

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
2 Fernandez.
3 Second?
4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.
5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
6 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
7 Grullon.
8 Commissioner Fernandez?
9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?
11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?
13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner --
15 I'm sorry.
16 Mayor Stack?
17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
18 CITY CLERK: Thank you.
19 May I have a motion to adopt the Ordinance?
20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Valdivia.
23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.
24 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
25 Fernandez.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

10

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

13 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

14 **CONSIDERATION:**

15 2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY
16 APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h) TO
17 FUND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAYMENT OF
18 CERTAIN CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE
19 LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY OF
20 HUDSON, NEW JERSEY (\$1,732,768.86 - PRIOR).)

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22 CITY CLERK: The -- the second Ordinance is
23 an Ordinance Authorizing a Special Emergency
24 Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h) to
25 Fund the Costs Associated with the Payment of

1 Certain Contractually Required Severance
2 Liabilities of the City of Union City, County of
3 Hudson, New Jersey.

4 May I --

5 Mayor, would you like to take public
6 comment on this Ordinance?

7 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment at
8 this time, please state your name and address for
9 the record; please step forward.

10 See no one on the Ordinance.

11 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
12 public comment?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

14 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
15 Valdivia.

16 Second?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

18 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
19 Fernandez.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

5 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
6 Grullon.

7 Second?

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

9 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
10 Valdivia.

11 Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

23 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

24 1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
25 THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW

1 JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO
2 \$2,745,510.02 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE
3 CITY OF UNION CITY; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS TO
4 MAINTAIN THE EXEMPTION OF THE INTEREST ON SAID
5 NOTES FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION; AND
6 AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH
7 DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE
8 TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
9 NOTES.)

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11 CITY CLERK: We have one item on the
12 Regular Agenda.

13 It's a Resolution of the Board of
14 Commissioners of the City of Union City, County
15 of Hudson, New Jersey, Authorizing the Issuance
16 and Sale of Up to \$2,745,510.02 of Special
17 Emergency Note of the City of Union City; Making
18 Certain Covenants to Maintain the -- the
19 Exemption of Interest on Said Notes from Federal
20 Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further
21 Actions and Making Such Determinations as May be
22 Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the
23 Issuance and Sale of the Notes.

24 May I have a motion to approve the Regular
25 -- item 1 on the Regular Agenda?

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Second?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

5 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
6 Fernandez.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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19 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time would you
20 like to take public comment on any item
21 concerning government in the City of Union City?

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23 At this time I'd like to thank those
24 members of the public that are here this evening.

25 The Commissioners and I move a hundred

1 percent of the meetings around the City.

2 Anyone wishing to comment at this time
3 please step forward, state your name and address
4 for the record.

5 Seeing no one right now.

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

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

9 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commiss--

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS:

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3 1. JRV Restaurant

4 t/a El Papaturro

5 Location: 1018 Summit Avenue

6 Liquor License No. 0910-33-137-005

7 2. El Idolo, LLC

8 t/a Angelo's

9 Location: 4215 Park Avenue

10 Liquor License No. 0910-33-111-008

11 3. Strike It Rich

12 t/a Bowl Rite

13 Location: 714 Summit Avenue

14 Liquor License No. 0910-33-185-001

15 4. Dirve Corporation

16 t/a The Hub Again

17 Location: 807 7th Street

18 Liquor License No. 0910-33-049-002

19 5. Chandni and Madhu, LLC

20 t/a Vale Tapas Bar

21 Location: 3417 Park Avenue

22 Liquor License No. 0910-33-119-006

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24 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time we have

25 liquor license disciplinary proceedings.

1 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Sapienza?

2 Charles Sapienza?

3 CITY CLERK: Or do you need a few minutes?

4 MAYOR STACK: You need a few minutes, --

5 CITY CLERK: You need a few minutes?

6 MAYOR STACK: -- Charlie?

7 MR. SAPIENZA: Pardon?

8 MAYOR STACK: You need a few minutes?

9 MR. SAPIENZA: No, I think I'm okay.

10 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

11 MR. SAPIENZA: A few minutes doesn't really

12 help me --

13 You know?

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1 EL IDOLO, LLC

2 t/a ANGELO'S

3 Location: 4215 Park Avenue

4 Liquor License No. 0910-33-111-008

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6 MR. SAPIENZA: The first case is the Board
7 of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the City of
8 Union City versus El Idolo, LLC, License number
9 0910-33-111-008.

10 Please come forward.

11 John Appello.

12 May I introduce the attorney for the
13 respondent here, John Appello, filling in for --

14 MR. APPELLO: Good evening.

15 MR. SAPIENZA: -- Scott Bazzani.

16 MR. APPELLO: Good evening, everybody.

17 MAYOR STACK: Good evening.

18 MR. SAPIENZA: Good.

19 This particular licensee, trading as
20 Angelo's Café, has agreed to tell you what
21 happened and accept responsibility for two of the
22 five charges that he's accused of violating.

23 The first is that he stayed open after
24 hours, after two a.m.

25 And the second is that he did not have his

1 books of account when the police officer asked
2 him to produce them.

3 The other charges are all part of that two
4 a.m.

5 The third charge was that he didn't clean
6 all the bottles off after two a.m., which
7 naturally would fold into the charge of staying
8 open after two a.m.

9 So, I would -- we're going to recommend
10 here that on his guilty plea the penalty for this
11 -- these charges -- in his plea on these charges
12 would be -- would be part of a penalty that he
13 previously incurred because of other charges
14 incurred when he was last here.

15 Is this confusing to you?

16 Am I --

17 MAYOR STACK: Well, I remember him being
18 here a couple weeks ago; two weeks ago or a
19 month --

20 MR. SAPIENZA: That's right.

21 MAYOR STACK: -- ago.

22 Right?

23 MR. BRAVO: Yeah, well the team wasn't
24 here.

25 MAYOR STACK: Right.

1 MR. SAPIENZA: Right.

2 That penalty was going to start January 1st
3 and go to January 16th.

4 This penalty would essentially start from
5 January 16th to the end of the month but --

6 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Appello, did you enter
7 your appearance?

8 MR. APPELLO: Yeah, for the record, my
9 name --

10 MAYOR STACK: Just so you --

11 MR. APPELLO: -- is John Appello, --

12 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

13 MR. APPELLO: -- A, double P, E, double L,
14 O, on behalf of the defendant, -- who's shutting
15 off his cell phone -- Mr. Bravo.

16 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

17 So -- so what we're doing here, the
18 penalty, --

19 MR. SAPIENZA: These penalties will run
20 consecutively to each other.

21 MAYOR STACK: I got it.

22 MR. SAPIENZA: They will wind up -- the
23 gentleman will be closed for the entire month of
24 January.

25 MAYOR STACK: For the entire month of

1 January?

2 MR. SAPIENZA: Yes.

3 MAYOR STACK: So from January 1st until, I
4 guess, midnight January 31st?

5 Is that what it would be, Mr. Appello?

6 MR. APPELLO: My understanding, --

7 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

8 MR. APPELLO: -- sir.

9 MR. BRAVO: And -- and you put it for
10 after --

11 MS. DILLON: You have to state your name
12 for the record.

13 MAYOR STACK: Just, yeah, if you could.

14 MR. BRAVO: After January 1st, --

15 MR. APPELLO: Say your name. No, say your
16 name.

17 MAYOR STACK: Just if you could state your
18 name and what --

19 MR. BRAVO: My name is --

20 MAYOR STACK: -- your role is.

21 MR. BRAVO: -- Hector. My last name is
22 Bravo, B-R-A-V-O.

23 MR. APPELLO: And you're an agent of
24 Angelo's Café.

25 Correct?

1 MR. BRAVO: Yes.

2 MS. DILLON: Mr. Sapienza, do you want him
3 sworn?

4 MR. SAPIENZA: Yes.

5 MS. DILLON: Okay, please raise your right
6 hand.

7 Do you affirm the testimony you're about to
8 give this Board is the whole truth?

9 MR. BRAVO: Yes.

10 MS. DILLON: Okay.

11 And just step in front of the microphone
12 for me. And keep your voice up because there's a
13 fan above.

14 MAYOR STACK: Just to follow-up on what
15 your attorney said. You're -- you're a manager
16 or the owner of -- of --

17 MR. BRAVO: I'm the owner.

18 MAYOR STACK: -- Angelo's Café, sir?

19 MR. BRAVO: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

21 MR. BRAVO: Me and my --

22 MAYOR STACK: Just -- just for the record.
23 I know who you are but just for the record.

24 MR. BRAVO: Yeah.

25 Okay?

1 MR. SAPIENZA: What did you want to say,
2 Mr. Bravo?

3 MR. BRAVO: I know I plead guilty. What --
4 what happened over the -- with the time it was
5 changed, this happened.

6 On the second time it was me and my wife
7 were having bad news and the heads was -- was
8 like this. When after ten o'clock Sergeant
9 Ocasio went over there and he find a few bottles.

10 I plead guilty but I hope not happen again.

11 And can you just start like February 1st?

12 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

13 And just try to keep the noise down like we
14 spoke about.

15 MR. BRAVO: Yeah, I -- I put --

16 MAYOR STACK: Good.

17 MR. BRAVO: -- I put soundproof.

18 MAYOR STACK: Good.

19 MR. BRAVO: I took my best. I talk to the
20 new landlord now; he's gonna help me too.

21 MAYOR STACK: Good. Good.

22 That's good.

23 MR. BRAVO: And thank you very --

24 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

25 Good.

1 MR. BRAVO: -- thank you very much.

2 MAYOR STACK: No problem.

3 MR. BRAVO: And I apologize all of you --
4 (indiscernible). I don't -- (indiscernible).

5 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

6 MR. BRAVO: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: No problem.

8 Thank you for your honesty.

9 I'll make a motion to approve the
10 recommendation.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

12 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

13 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

24 Thank you, Mr. Appello.

25 MR. APPELLO: Thank you, sir.

1 MR. BRAVO: Thank you.

2 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, sir.

3 Thank you, Mr. Bravo.

4 Have a Happy New Year.

5 MR. APPELLO: You, too.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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1 CHANDNI AND MADHU, LLC

2 t/a VALE TAPAS BAR

3 Location: 3417 Park Avenue

4 Liquor License No. 0910-33-119-006

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6 MR. SAPIENZA: The next is Vale.

7 Ladies and gentlemen, this is the
8 proprietor of the Vale Tapas Bar.

9 The correct name of the establishment is
10 Chandni and Madhu. The license number is 0910-
11 33-119-006.

12 There are five charges pending that
13 November the 17th of 2018, at -- at this
14 particular location, when asked to produce
15 certain of its records by the Police, they did
16 not produce it.

17 We've discussed this. I had the pleasure
18 of discussing it with the owner, Mrs. --

19 MS. PATEL: Priti.

20 MR. SAPIENZA: All right, introduce
21 yourself please.

22 MS. PATEL: Priti Patel.

23 MS. DILLON: Okay, please raise your right
24 hand.

25 Do you affirm the testimony you're about to

1 give this Board is the whole truth?

2 MS. PATEL: Yes.

3 MS. DILLON: Okay.

4 I need you to state your name and spell it
5 for the record; first and last.

6 MS. PATEL: First name Priti, P-R-I-T-I.
7 Last name Patel, P-A-T-E-L.

8 MS. DILLON: Thank you.

9 MAYOR STACK: And -- and what is your --
10 what is your role with the establishment?

11 Are you the owner or the manager?

12 MS. PATEL: I'm the owner.

13 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Great.

14 Okay, do you agree so far what Mr. Sapienza
15 has said?

16 MS. PATEL: Yes.

17 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

18 MR. SAPIENZA: And we have further
19 agreement, we had a meeting on this prior to the
20 hearing this evening, that they would accept a
21 suspension of ten days for these recordkeeping
22 charges.

23 They understand now that they're required
24 to have these records available when the Police
25 Officer comes in. They're very important to the

1 oversight the City has of the licensed
2 establishments.

3 So I recommend that a ten day suspension
4 would be appropriate under the facts of this
5 case.

6 MAYOR STACK: Are you represented by an
7 attorney?

8 MR. PATEL: No, sir.

9 MAYOR STACK: No?

10 Do you want to be represented by an
11 attorney?

12 MR. PATEL: No.

13 MS. DILLON: Your name, sir?

14 MR. PATEL: Sure.

15 Jignesh Patel. J-I-G-N-E-S-H. Patel, P-A-
16 T-E-L.

17 MAYOR STACK: You do realize you have a
18 right to an attorney?

19 MR. PATEL: Yes.

20 MAYOR STACK: You're -- you're waiving that
21 right?

22 You don't want to have an attorney?

23 You're -- you're agreeing to what Mr.

24 Sapienza has just mentioned that you'll be closed
25 for ten days, sir?

1 MR. PATEL: Yes, sir.

2 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

3 Okay. I'll make a motion to approve.

4 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

6 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

7 Fernandez.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

15 MR. SAPIENZA: What --

16 May I --

17 I'm sorry to interrupt you.

18 Dates that you will be suspended for?

19 What dates would be most reasonable in your

20 estimation?

21 MR. PATEL: From January 1st --

22 MR. SAPIENZA: From January 1st until --

23 And that would be for --

24 MR. PATEL: -- to the --

25 MR. SAPIENZA: -- ten days --

1 MR. PATEL: Yes.

2 MR. SAPIENZA: -- to the 11th?

3 Correct.

4 MAYOR STACK: And this establishment right
5 now is closed to the best of my knowledge.

6 Right?

7 MR. PATEL: Correct, sir.

8 MAYOR STACK: And when are you going to
9 reopen your establishment?

10 MR. PATEL: I will open on the 31st. And
11 then we close from January 1st.

12 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

13 And -- and is your establishment open now,
14 for business now?

15 MR. PATEL: No, sir.

16 MAYOR STACK: No.

17 You're closed?

18 MR. PATEL: Yes.

19 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

20 And when will you be --

21 MR. PATEL: We closed on --

22 MAYOR STACK: -- when will you be reopening
23 your establishment for business?

24 MR. PATEL: We're trying to reopen by March
25 or April --

1 MAYOR STACK: In March?

2 MR. PATEL: -- officially.

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 MR. PATEL: You know.

5 MAYOR STACK: Okay, no problem.

6 Good luck with your establishment.

7 MR. PATEL: Thank you.

8 MS. PATEL: Thank you.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. PATEL: Okay.

12 MR. SAPIENZA: All right.

13 Thank you.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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1 **STRIKE IT RICH**

2 **t/a BOWL RITE**

3 **Location: 714 Summit Avenue**

4 **Liquor License No. 0910-33-185-001**

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6 MR. SAPIENZA: One particular licensee on
7 the schedule this evening has asked that his
8 matter be adjourned until January the 8th. That
9 would be --

10 I need to get my --

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

13 MR. SAPIENZA: What I'm about to say
14 pertains to Strike It Rich trading as Bowl Rite.

15 MAYOR STACK: So that will be adjourned
16 until January the 8th?

17 MR. SAPIENZA: Yes.

18 I received an email from their attorney,
19 who was only recently retained in this case, Mr.
20 Fay, F-A-Y, William Fay.

21 And he said he'd greatly appreciate it if
22 you would adjourn it to give him a chance to get
23 --

24 MAYOR STACK: And that was on Strike It
25 Rich.

1 Right?

2 MR. SAPIENZA: Yes. Strike It Rich. The
3 license number is 0910-33-185-001.

4 MAYOR STACK: You got it. January 8th.
5 Okay.

6 MR. SAPIENZA: Thank you.

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1 JRV RESTAURANT

2 t/a EL PAPATURRO

3 Location: 1018 Summit Avenue

4 Liquor License No. 0910-33-137-005

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6 MAYOR STACK: And on the other two

7 licenses?

8 MR. SAPIENZA: I don't see or I've had no
9 notice from any of the others that are on the
10 agenda for this evening.

11 MAYOR STACK: El Papaturro is first.

12 And then The Hub Again is number 4.

13 MR. SAPIENZA: For El Papaturro, that's --
14 the name is JRV Restaurant Inc. The license
15 number is 0910-33-137-005.

16 I've had no conversation with any
17 representative of El Papaturro, although I'm sure
18 that Mr. Farmer has. He thought that --

19 MAYOR STACK: I was just going to call you;
20 yeah, maybe Lieutenant Loaces could also help us
21 on this, Charlie.

22 MR. SAPIENZA: I appreciate it, Lieutenant.

23 Hi.

24 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Hi.

25 Lieutenant Juan Loaces, L-O-A-C-E-S, Union

1 City Police.

2 I had the opportunity of speaking with the
3 licensee of El Papaturro with Mr. Farmer a couple
4 of weeks back.

5 He had agreed to plea to a seven day
6 suspension. He had assured us he would be here
7 today on the 27th. I'm not sure why he's not.

8 The only thing we're waiting on him is to
9 actually choose what date the seven days would
10 be.

11 MAYOR STACK: Do you think maybe -- and I'm
12 not sure of this, that the meeting usually being
13 at seven, moved up to six, might have caused some
14 confusion.

15 MR. SAPIENZA: If I might just comment on
16 that?

17 I was unable to speak with the gentleman
18 today when I tried to call everybody else to let
19 them know the meeting hours were moved up.

20 So it may very well be exactly as you said.

21 MAYOR STACK: So, let -- let's do this
22 then. Let's play it safe.

23 Let's just adjourn that one to January the
24 8th.

25 I -- I would suggest, if we have a number

1 for the man, to reach out to him now to tell him
2 not to come at seven o'clock, to make sure he's
3 at the 8th meeting.

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1 DIRVE CORPORATION

2 t/a THE HUB AGAIN

3 Location: 807 7th Street

4 Liquor License No. 0910-33-049-002

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6 MAYOR STACK: And then on The Hub Again,
7 did we have any contact with them?

8 Is this a new charge with The Hub?

9 LIEUTENANT LOACES: It is.

10 MAYOR STACK: A new one?

11 MR. SAPIENZA: It is.

12 The Hub is a gentleman named Kennedy who's
13 the proprietor.

14 Lieutenant Loaces and I did speak with him
15 at the pre-hearing conferences that we had. He
16 -- he came. He explained to Lieutenant Loaces
17 what the situation was on this particular
18 evening. And he's going to -- he wanted an
19 opportunity tonight to explain to you what
20 happened and to, essentially, ask you for
21 consideration based upon what he would say.

22 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

23 MR. SAPIENZA: He's not here.

24 MAYOR STACK: Did you speak to him,
25 Lieutenant, any more?

1 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I did. I -- I had the
2 opportunity to speak to him.

3 He had an incident at The Hub Again not too
4 long ago. This is a separate incident where the
5 Police responded on a call of a fight or a
6 dispute.

7 The officers arrived. They saw people in
8 the area. People scattered. But as far as
9 anybody giving us any account of an actual
10 dispute that happened inside, we were not able to
11 justify the fact that there was anything that
12 happened inside the bar whatsoever.

13 MAYOR STACK: So, let's do this then.

14 Let's put him also for the -- for the
15 January 8th meeting. And just notify him --

16 Where is that meeting, Erin?

17 CITY CLERK: Robert Waters.

18 MAYOR STACK: That meeting is at Robert
19 Waters, which is 2800 Summit Avenue. And they
20 would enter through the 29th Street side, through
21 the schoolyard.

22 I -- I think it might be a good idea if we
23 call both of them right now so they don't come
24 here at seven o'clock. And apologize for any
25 inconvenience that we made on the time.

1 MR. SAPIENZA: We'll try and reach out to
2 him as soon as I'm --

3 MAYOR STACK: You got it.

4 Because that -- that was the agenda, I
5 believe.

6 Right?

7 Five cases?

8 MR. SAPIENZA: It was.

9 MAYOR STACK: That was the agenda.

10 MR. SAPIENZA: It was.

11 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

12 No problem.

13 John, if you could assist him in that
14 maybe?

15 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Absolutely, sir.

16 MAYOR STACK: All right?

17 I appreciate it.

18 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Not a problem, sir.

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20 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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22 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time there are
23 no other items on the agenda.

24 May I have a motion to adjourn?

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

3 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

4 Fernandez.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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15 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

16 at 6:20 p.m.)

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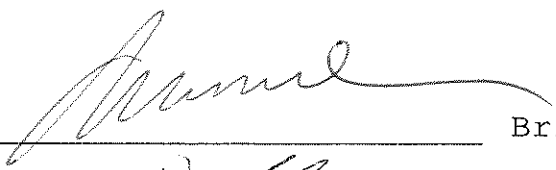
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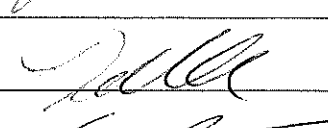
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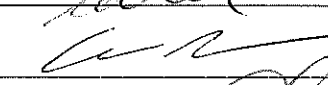
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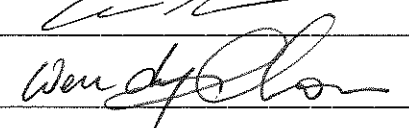
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