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

REGULAR MEETING :
: TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
: PROCEEDINGS
:

Roosevelt Elementary School
4507 Hudson Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Commencing at 7:03 p.m.

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

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CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
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BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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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, February 19th, 2019, at
4 seven p.m., at Roosevelt Elementary School,
5 4507 Hudson Avenue, 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 has been provided to The
14 Jersey Journal, The Record, The Hudson Reporter,
15 and has been posted on the bulletin board in City
16 Hall, made available to the public in the Office
17 of the Municipal Clerk.

18

19 **ROLL CALL:**

20

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Here.

6

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

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

10 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 370 (REQUIRING
11 PERFORMANCE BONDS IN PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION).)

12

13 CITY CLERK: We have two Ordinances on for
14 Introduction.

15 Adoption on First Reading will prompt
16 advertisement and public hearing and adoption on
17 Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at Colin Powell
18 Elementary School, 1500 New York Avenue, Union
19 City, New Jersey.

20 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
21 Amending Chapter 370, Requiring Performance Bonds
22 for Private Construction.

23 May I have a motion to introduce?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Valdivia.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

5 Grullon.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

17

18 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
19 action on the following item:

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

21 2. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 AFFORDABLE
22 HOUSING (PERTAINING TO COLLECTION OF COAH
23 DEVELOPMENT FEES).)

24

25 CITY CLERK: The second Ordinance is an

1 Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 Affordable Housing,
2 Pertaining to the Collection of COAH Development
3 Fees.

4 May I have a motion to introduce?

5 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

6 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

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: Commissioner Martinetti?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

21

22 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and tabled
23 the following item:

24 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

25 (9) Resolution Re-Appointing John Medina and

1 Joseph Bonacci Alternate Members to the Zoning
2 Board of Adjustment.)
3 and

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 Escrow Refunds

11 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
12 the Period of February 2, 2019 through February
13 15, 2019

14 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
15 for the Period of February 2, 2019 through
16 February 15, 2019

17 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of an
18 Overpayment

19 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
20 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

21 (8) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
22 Monies to Outside Lienholders

23 (10) Resolution Re-Appointing Connie Wichert and
24 Xenia Ashton Members of the Union City Library
25 Board of Trustees

1 (11) Resolution Awarding a Contract for
2 Interpreting Services to Sol Interpreting
3 Services

4 (12) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
5 Advertise for Bids for Horticulture Supplies

6 (13) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
7 Advertise for Bids for Pool and Spray Parks
8 Opening

9 (14) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
10 Advertise for Bids for Pool Chemicals.)
11

12 CITY CLERK: There are 14 items on Consent.

13 The first is a Resolution Approving the
14 Payment of Claims.

15 Second is a Resolution Approving the
16 Payment of Concurring Claims.

17 The third is a Resolution Approving Escrow
18 Refunds.

19 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
20 City Payroll for the Period of February 2nd, 2019
21 through February 15, 2019.

22 The fifth is a Resolution Approving the
23 Library Payroll for the Period of February 2nd,
24 2019 through February 15, 2019.

25 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing a

1 Refund of an Overpayment.

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

5 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing
6 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
7 Lienholders.

8 The ninth is a Resolution Re-Appointing
9 John Medina and Joseph Bonacci Alternate Members
10 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

11 The tenth is a Resolution Re-Appointing
12 Connie Wichert and Xenia Ashton Members to the
13 Union City Board -- Library Board of Trustees.

14 The eleventh is a Resolution Awarding a
15 Contract for Interpreting Services to Sol
16 Interpret -- Interpreting Services.

17 The twelfth is a Resolution Authorizing the
18 City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Horticulture
19 Supplies.

20 The thirteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
21 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Pool and
22 Spray Park Opening.

23 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
24 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Pool
25 Chemicals.

1 Mayor, would you like to take comment on
2 Public Consent?

3 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

4 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
5 Agenda, please step forward.

6 State your name and address for the record.

7 Please stand to the -- your right.

8 MR. PRICE: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade.

9 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

10 MR. PRICE: Item 9.

11 You might want to rethink that a little
12 bit.

13 The problem here is Joe Bonacci was elected
14 as the Chairman of the Zoning Board last month.
15 And you can't have an alternate member as the
16 Chairman.

17 So, he's got to -- as a related item, at
18 the meeting, whenever, last week, there was a --
19 there are only seven members of the Zoning Board,
20 alternates and regular members at this point.
21 You're authorized seven by law, plus four
22 alternates, only seven members, one of them is
23 Libero Marotta, who is not well and who doesn't
24 attend. And you have Ortiz, who, because of his
25 job, tends to come in late.

1 So, at the meeting last -- they need five
2 members present, and at the meeting last week,
3 they only had four. So, the meeting started at
4 six o'clock, they took care of some -- whatever.
5 And then, they basically waited until five till
6 seven for Mr. Ortiz to show up, and then they
7 conducted the meeting.

8 They're short members and it would be a
9 good idea to add four more -- the -- the four
10 alternate -- John Medina is an alternate already.
11 You know, but three -- three more alternates, so
12 that they -- they really have enough members.
13 They're short enough members to work at this
14 point, so --

15 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Mr. Price, for
16 bringing that to our attention.

17 I'm going to table this item at this time
18 until the next meeting, so we could address the
19 situation that was just brought to my attention
20 at the next meeting.

21 CITY CLERK: Um hum.

22 MAYOR STACK: We should do that and make
23 sure we have enough alternates. And whatever
24 members are not showing up, maybe we want to make
25 them alternate members, out of respect for them,

1 and appoint a full complement that are going to
2 show up to these meetings. If not, then they
3 should come off the Board altogether.

4 CITY CLERK: All right. Okay.

5 MAYOR STACK: All right.

6 Just make sure, Erin, I get something on
7 this tomorrow.

8 CITY CLERK: Yes.

9 MAYOR STACK: And we'll address it.

10 Mr. Price, would you like to serve on the
11 Board?

12 MR. PRICE: I think it would be a conflict
13 of interest.

14 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

15 If you'd like to serve, though, I'll
16 appoint you on there.

17 Thank you.

18 CITY CLERK: Anyone else for public
19 comment?

20 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
21 comment?

22 I'm sorry.

23 CITY CLERK: That's okay.

24 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

25 If you can, Erin, please tomorrow.

1 CITY CLERK: Absolutely.

2 Okay.

3 May I have a motion to close public
4 comment?

5 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

8 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

20 May I have a motion to approve all items on
21 consent, with the tabling of item number 9?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

23 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
24 Valdivia.

25 Second?

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

2 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
3 Grullon.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing for
12 -- anything as to the Hudson Regional Fire.

13 Aye on the rest.

14 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

15 And Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

18

19 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
20 action on the following item:

21 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

22 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT OF CLAIM TO
23 THE HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.)

24

25 CITY CLERK: There are two items on the

1 Regular Agenda.

2 The first, a Resolution Approving a Payment
3 of Claim for the Hudson County Improvement
4 Authority.

5 May I have a motion to approve item one?

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Valdivia.

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: Commissioner Martinetti is
19 recusing.

20 Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23

24 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
25 action on the following item:

1 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

2 2. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT OF CLAIM
3 TO THE UNION CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.)

4

5 CITY CLERK: The second is an item
6 Approving a Payment of Claim to the Union City
7 Board of Education.

8 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

9 MR. AUTERI: Ordinarily, Commissioners
10 Valdivia and Gullon would not vote on Board of
11 Ed matters, however, tonight we're invoking the
12 doctrine of necessity.

13 CITY CLERK: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
16 Gullon.

17 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

18 Commissioner Gullon?

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
23 recusing.

24 Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

2

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

5 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

6 **CONSIDERATION:**

7 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4

8 "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" ARTICLE XIII OF
9 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED
10 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" (DETAILS).)

11

12 CITY CLERK: There are four Ordinances on
13 tonight for Public Hearing and Adoption.

14 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
15 Amending Chapter 4 Administration of Government,
16 Article XIII of the Code of the City of Union
17 City, Entitled Police Department, Details.

18 Mayor, at this time, would you like to take
19 public comment on this Ordinance?

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

23 Seeing none.

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

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
3 Valdivia.

4 Second?

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 Martinetti?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to adopt
19 the Ordinance?

20 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

22 Second?

23 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 16 "VEHICLES AND
16 TRAFFIC TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN WHICH PARKING IS
17 PERMITTED IN BUS/COMMUTER VEHICLE STOPS.)

18

19 CITY CLERK: The next Ordinance is an
20 Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Vehicles and
21 Traffic to Change the Hours in which Parking is
22 Permitted in Bus/Commuter Vehicle Stops.

23 Mayor, would you like to take public
24 comment on this Ordinance?

25 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment at

1 | this time, please step forward. State your name
2 | and address for the record.

3 | Seeing none.

4 | CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
5 | public comment?

6 | MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 | COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

8 | CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

9 | Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

10 | Commissioner Fernandez?

11 | COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 | CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

13 | COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 | CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

15 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 | CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

17 | COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 | CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

19 | MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 | CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to adopt
21 | the Ordinance?

22 | COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

23 | CITY CLERK: Motion by --

24 | COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

25 | CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner Valdivia.

1 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

16 **CONSIDERATION:**

17 3. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY
18 OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN
19 APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR
20 VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS.)

21

22 CITY CLERK: The next is an Ordinance of
23 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
24 Jersey, Cancelling Certain Appropriation Balances
25 Heretofore Provided for Various Capital Projects.

1 Mayor, would you like to take public
2 comment on this Ordinance?

3 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
4 this Ordinance at this time, cancelling all the
5 appropriations on various Bond Ordinances, please
6 step forward, or capital projects.

7 Seeing none.

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

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
12 Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

14 CITY CLERK: Second?

15 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

2 May I have a motion to adopt the Ordinance?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

4 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

5 Martinetti.

6 Second?

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

8 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

9 Valdivia.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: 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 4. BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION
2 OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION
3 OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE
4 CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY;
5 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,311,764 THEREFOR;
6 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
7 BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF
8 UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY IN THE
9 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$10,311,764;
10 MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND
11 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION
12 WITH THE FOREGOING.)

13

14 CITY CLERK: The fourth Ordinance is a Bond
15 Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various
16 Capital Equipment and the Completion --
17 Completion of Various Capital Improvements in and
18 for the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
19 Jersey, Appropriating the Sum of 10,311,764,
20 Therefore Authorizing the Issuance of General
21 Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of
22 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
23 Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up
24 to 10,311,764, Making Certain Determination and
25 Covenants and Authorizing Certain Related Actions

1 in Connection with the Foregoing.

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

4 MAYOR STACK: This -- just for the public's
5 knowledge, this Ordinance would be for -- for
6 roof repairs at City Hall.

7 So, City Hall's roof repairs are very
8 complicated because we've had a roofing expert
9 come in, an engineer, and look at the -- an
10 architect, I'm sorry, not engineer, an architect,
11 and look at the roof at City Hall. It's very
12 complicated.

13 Of course, it's one roof on City Hall, but
14 it's like 16 or 17 different roofs because of
15 peaks and the platforms that are on the roof.
16 So, it's very complicated.

17 So, obviously, we're going out for a
18 special roofer to come in and we'll be going out
19 for public bid on this. That's one roof.

20 We also have the HVAC for the heating and
21 air conditioning at City Hall that has really
22 used up its lifetime, beyond its lifetime, and
23 we'll be working on that also.

24 Also, the improvements to the older
25 building at City Hall, which really was never

1 done. We had various leaks in the court system,
2 in the courtroom. Anyone who's attended the
3 courtroom, that's not the presentation we want to
4 make. But it's not the aesthetics, it's actually
5 needed improvements that need to be done.

6 If anybody knows anything about myself and
7 the Commissioners, we like to do the improvements
8 out there where the community enjoys them, not so
9 much in City Hall. But City Hall is an important
10 building for the community, so these repairs are
11 -- are beyond necessary, at this point. We have
12 to get them done.

13 There's also a roof, additional roofing
14 that needs to be repaired at the public library
15 on 43rd Street. That roof is -- I think it may
16 have been put back in, I think in the '90s. So,
17 it's been a long time, plus some façade
18 improvements at the library. It's a building we
19 want to preserve, because we have a lot of
20 respect for the building.

21 And also, some additional, not repairs, but
22 some additional work that needs to be done in the
23 last bay at the Public Works building. We're
24 obviously not looking to do any -- a lot of work
25 on that building, because hopefully, we'll be out

1 of there very shortly and we could see that
2 building taken down in the near future. But this
3 would just be on the bay that we're using. We
4 had an accident on -- on part of the building
5 that we'll be doing some work on. It was hit by
6 a truck.

7 In addition to that, we have the roof at
8 the Musto Center, which needs some work. We see
9 some compromising of a structural beam in the
10 building.

11 In addition to that, the HVAC, I just
12 mentioned at City Hall. We're also going to be
13 replacing all the street signs in the community
14 to have uniformity in the community. That will
15 be done also.

16 Improvements to various municipal
17 buildings. The EMS building on 16th Street needs
18 work done on the roof, also, some brick work,
19 some additional electrical work in the building.

20 These items add up.

21 We're also -- there was a house that was
22 given to the City of Union City for a dollar. A
23 woman passed away on 24th Street and -- and gave
24 the house to the City of Union City.

25 We're looking to take that property down.

1 It's in bad shape. It's on 24th Street, between
2 Kerrigan and Summit Avenue. I believe the
3 address is 821; 821 24th Street. There's a double
4 house; a small house in the front, small house in
5 the back. We'll be taking that down, paving the
6 lot, putting in some lighting, some drainage, and
7 have also a small shelter there where we do the
8 TNR in the community, with the people that are
9 volunteer -- from our Cat Committee.

10 In addition to that, there'll be some other
11 work done in various buildings in the City.

12 We have additional monies in there for some
13 equipment and necessary work on various roadways,
14 additional street lighting in the community,
15 which we'll be working on to add additional
16 street lighting, traffic signals, which are very
17 expensive.

18 The average intersection runs about
19 \$200,000.00 an intersection, to put in traffic
20 lights.

21 We're looking to put a traffic light in on
22 25th and Summit, by Union City High School. When
23 you come out of 25th Street, coming from Central
24 to Summit, it's a challenge coming out onto
25 Summit Avenue, to look both ways and ease -- ease

1 out onto the street, which is very, very
2 dangerous. We're looking to put a traffic signal
3 there. With the amount of students that we have
4 going to school in the morning, between Robert
5 Waters School, Union City High School, all the
6 way down to Jose Marti, now the Gilmore School,
7 is about 7,000 students going to school in the
8 morning. So, any additional traffic lights can
9 only be used as a benefit.

10 Also, 19th and Palisade Avenue, we have a
11 similar situation where we had a number of
12 accidents.

13 And then, we have one more signal going in.
14 I'm not exactly sure the location of that one. I
15 were just discussing it --

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Thirty-fourth and
17 Bergenline.

18 MAYOR STACK: Thirty-fourth and Bergenline
19 Avenue.

20 I'm sorry.

21 Thirty-fourth and Bergenline Avenue, we
22 have a traffic signal going in also.

23 In addition to that, we have some
24 reconstruction of streets and street works that
25 we need to get done, where we have some sinkage

1 on different streets, streets not -- that were
2 not paved by us in the last ten or 15 years.
3 These are streets where we just need to get in,
4 do some work.

5 There might be some additional sinkage on
6 the street, whether it's not caused by a water
7 line or a gas line or a sewer line, it comes to
8 the City to take care of those repairs. And
9 believe me, when we can find somebody else
10 responsible, we do.

11 So that makes up for the \$10 million.

12 I wish I could bring this in as a grant to
13 Union City. Hopefully, in the future, we'll be
14 able to defray some of the cost here.

15 Anyone wishing to comment on this Bond
16 Ordinance at this time, please step forward.

17 This Bond Ordinance also was approved by
18 the Local Finance Board at last Wednesday's
19 meeting in Trenton, which I attended.

20 Anyone wishing to comment? Please step
21 forward. State your name and address for the
22 record.

23 MR. PRICE: I do have a question for --

24 MR. DILLON: Step forward.

25 MAYOR STACK: Sure. You could just step

1 forward, Mr. Price.

2 MR. PRICE: This is not on Ordinance --

3 MS. DILLON: Mr. Price?

4 MR. PRICE: -- this is a general question.

5 MR. DILLON: Ma'am. You're not working.

6 MR. PRICE: You're not in charge here.

7 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
8 proceedings.)

9 MR. PRICE: Question, I paid my taxes, I
10 don't know, a couple weeks back, and of course, I
11 paid them in November. And I calculated the
12 difference between it, and it was a 10.4 percent
13 increase.

14 Did we increase our taxes that much?

15 MAYOR STACK: No.

16 MR. PRICE: I think I must have a
17 discussion with Ms. Shulman.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. If you can.
19 Absolutely. Reach out -- if you're not getting
20 any answer there, reach out for me. But there
21 was no ten point something percent tax increase.
22 No.

23 CITY CLERK: No.

24 MAYOR STACK: No, not at all.

25 MR. PRICE: Okay.

1 Very good.

2 MAYOR STACK: No.

3 MR. PRICE: Thank you.

4 MAYOR STACK: Just discuss with her. If
5 you're not getting the answer, please reach out.

6 MR. PRICE: You know, I -- I get various
7 credits because I'm a veteran and maybe they
8 dropped one or something.

9 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Check it out.

10 CITY CLERK: Well, the Senior -- senior
11 freeze is coming up. We just put notification
12 out today. So, maybe that will show up in the
13 next quarter. I'm not certain what the timing is
14 on that but --

15 MAYOR STACK: But check with Sonia,
16 definitely, because something's not right there.

17 MR. PRICE: Yeah. When it's money, I'll --
18 I'll call.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yeah. Absolutely call.
20 Absolutely.

21 Anyone wishing to comment at this time on
22 the Bond Ordinance?

23 Okay.

24 Seeing no other.

25 I'll make a motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack to close
2 public comment.

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: Commissioner Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

19 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
20 Valdivia.

21 Second?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

23 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
24 Grullon.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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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 the City of Union City?

17 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

18 Just before we do, I would just like to
19 thank the members of the public that are here
20 this evening for coming out to the Commission
21 meeting.

22 I appreciate very much your participation.

23 The Commissioners and myself take pride in
24 moving the meetings around the entire City every
25 two weeks.

1 Each of the Commissioners thanks you very
2 much.

3 I also wanted to advise everyone that in
4 addition to the work that you heard we'll be
5 doing this year in the spring and in summer,
6 Palisade Avenue, we've been awarded by Governor
7 Murphy and the legislature, \$9 million to redo
8 the entire length of Palisade Avenue.

9 We'll be starting it on the lower end of
10 Palisade Avenue, on 2nd Street -- well, at
11 Paterson Plank Road coming north. We expect,
12 between this year and next year, to do from
13 Paterson Plank Road to 30th Street, and then 2020-
14 2021, we'll do from 30th Street to 49th on
15 Palisade.

16 And that will include new sidewalks, tree
17 planting, decorative lighting, additional
18 lighting installed on Palisade Avenue, tree
19 planting, plantings along Palisade and obviously,
20 a brand new roadway.

21 So, we're very proud of that.

22 We're working in conjunction with the water
23 company, SUEZ Water Company. In fact, I'm
24 meeting again with them on Friday.

25 PSE&G, Verizon, North Hudson Sewer

1 Authority, all the different agencies to make
2 sure we get as much upgrades as possible before
3 we do our work on the surfaces.

4 So, thank you again everyone.

5 Anyone wishing to comment at this time on
6 any matter concerning municipal government in the
7 City of Union City, please step forward.

8 State your name and address for the record.

9 Seeing none.

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

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

14 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
15 Fernandez.

16 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Gullon?

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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6 CITY CLERK: There no other items on the
7 agenda for this evening, may I have a motion to
8 adjourn?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
12 Fernandez.

13 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

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: Commissioner Martinetti?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much,

1 everyone.

2 Have a good evening.

3 Thank you.

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5 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
6 at 7:22 p.m.)

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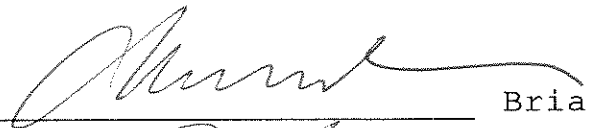
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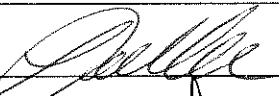
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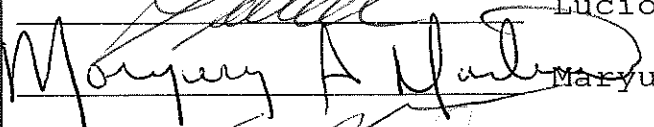
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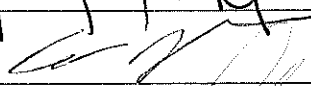
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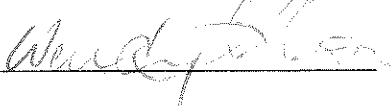
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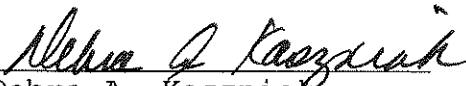
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