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

REGULAR MEETING

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TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
PROCEEDINGS

Union City High School
2500 Kennedy Boulevard
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Commencing at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

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

LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER

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1 MS. DILLON: Yes.

2 On the record.

3 CITY CLERK: This is a Regular Public
4 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
5 being held on Tuesday, August 20th, 2019, at seven
6 p.m., at the Union City High School, 2500 Kennedy
7 Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey.

8 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

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21 **ROLL CALL:**

22

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez is
24 absent.

25 Commissioner Grullon?

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

6 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

7 MAYOR STACK: Here.

8

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

11 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

12 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

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

15 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
16 the Period of August 3, 2019 through August 16,
17 2019

18 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
19 for the Period of August 3, 2019 through August
20 16, 2019

21 (5) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Premium
22 Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

23 (6) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
24 Monies to Outside Lienholders

25 (7) Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Payment

- 1 for Block 118, Lot 6 (2120 Kennedy Boulevard)
- 2 (8) Resolution Requesting Permission for the
- 3 Dedication by Rider for Uniform Fire Safety Act
- 4 Penalty Money
- 5 (9) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 6 Re-Advertise for Bids for the 3rd Street and
- 7 Manhattan Avenue Project
- 8 (10) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 9 Re-Advertise for Bids for the Improvements to
- 10 Washington Park
- 11 (11) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
- 12 Advertise for Bids for Street Sign Replacements
- 13 (12) Resolution Awarding a Contract to Reliable
- 14 Tree Trimming, Inc. for Tree Trimming Services
- 15 (13) Resolution Approving the 2019-2020 Liquor
- 16 License Renewal for Jimenez De Hey Berta LLC (t/a
- 17 Valparaiso Restaurant) Liquor License No.
- 18 0910-33-034-004 (Pocket License)
- 19 (14) Resolution to Submit a Grant Application
- 20 for the Palisade Avenue (Paterson Plank Road to
- 21 14th Street) Project - Phase 1
- 22 (15) Resolution to Submit a Grant Application
- 23 for the Palisade Avenue (14th Street to 30th
- 24 Street) Project - Phase 2.)
- 25

1 CITY CLERK: There are 15 items on the
2 Consent Agenda.

3 The first is a Resolution Approving the
4 Payment of Claims.

5 The second is a Resolution Approving the
6 Payment of Concurring Claims.

7 The third is a Resolution Approving the
8 City Payroll for the Period of
9 August 3rd, 2019 through August 16th, 2019.

10 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
11 Library Payroll for the Period of August 3rd, 2019
12 through August 15th, 2019.

13 The fifth is a Resolution Authoriz--
14 Authorizing Refund of Premium Monies Collected at
15 the Tax Sale.

16 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing
17 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
18 Lienholders.

19 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing a
20 Refund of Payment to Block 118, Lot 6, 2120
21 Kennedy Boulevard.

22 The eighth is a Resolution Requesting
23 Permission for Dedication by Rider for Uniform
24 Fire Safety Act Penalty Money.

25 The ninth is a Resolution Authorizing the

1 City Clerk to Re-Advertise for Bids for 3rd Street
2 and Manhattan Avenue Project.

3 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
4 City Clerk to Re-Advertise for Bids for the
5 Improvements to Washington Park.

6 The eleventh is a Resolution Authorizing
7 the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Street
8 Sign Replacements.

9 The twelfth is a Resolution Awarding a
10 Contract to Reliable Tree Trimming, Incorporated
11 for Tree Trimming Services.

12 The thirteenth is a Resolution Approving
13 the 2019-2020 Liquor License Renewal for Jimenez
14 De Hey Berta LLC, trading as Valparaiso
15 Restaurant, Liquor License number
16 0910-33-034-004.

17 That's a pocket license.

18 The fourteenth is a Resolution to Submit a
19 Grant Application for Palisade Avenue, Paterson
20 Plank Road to 14th Street, Project, Phase 1.

21 And the 15th is a Resolution to Submit a
22 Grant Application for Palisade Avenue, 14th Street
23 to 30th Street, Project, Phase 2.

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

1 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

2 Just before we do, on number 9, the Re-
3 Advertise for the Bids for 3rd and Manhattan
4 Avenue. I think there was only one bidder on
5 that.

6 Right, Erin?

7 CITY CLERK: Yes.

8 MAYOR STACK: So we're going back out. It
9 seemed a little high also.

10 CITY CLERK: Correct.

11 MAYOR STACK: And the bids for improvements
12 for Washington Park, we're now working on the
13 passive side of the park, which will be on the
14 east side of Palisade Avenue. To just fix up the
15 walkways and plant more flowers and trees and put
16 some flowerbeds in. Also, to have a professional
17 landscaper.

18 The bids for street signs is replacing all
19 the street signs in Union City; to have them all
20 uniform and -- and nicer looking than what they
21 are right now.

22 We're hoping to do the whole City with a
23 nice color; put the City's -- City seal on each
24 sign.

25 The tree trimming will be to trim a lot of

1 the trees that we planted throughout the City;
2 primarily on New York Avenue and then work from
3 there.

4 And the grant applications are just for the
5 -- the work that we're doing on Palisade Avenue
6 right now. Formality.

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

10 MR. PRICE: Larry Price, 1006 Palisade
11 Avenue.

12 Item number 14, which is to submit a grant
13 application for the Palisade Avenue project from
14 the park up to 14th Street.

15 I thought that was a done deal?

16 MAYOR STACK: It is.

17 CITY CLERK: So it is. It is.

18 MAYOR STACK: It's just a formality.

19 CITY CLERK: It's actually just a formality
20 that --

21 MAYOR STACK: Right.

22 CITY CLERK: -- DOT requires.

23 When we initially had asked the Board of
24 Commissioners to approve for an application, we
25 put various roads.

1 Now that we've picked a project, DOT wants
2 us to do a specific resolution for that specific
3 project.

4 MR. PRICE: They can't say no.

5 Right?

6 MAYOR STACK: No.

7 CITY CLERK: Correct.

8 MAYOR STACK: No.

9 CITY CLERK: Yeah, it's --

10 MAYOR STACK: No, we already started. They
11 better not.

12 MR. PRICE: Yeah. I mean --

13 CITY CLERK: It's -- it's really just a
14 paperwork issue.

15 MR. PRICE: Okay.

16 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

17 Anyone else?

18 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
19 comment at this time.

20 Seeing none; no other.

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

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

24 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
25 Valdivia.

1 Second?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

3 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

4 Grullon.

5 Commissioner Grullon?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing from

11 payments, on number one, payments for Adolfo

12 Lopez.

13 Aye on the rest.

14 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

17 And may I have a motion to adopt all items

18 on Consent?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

21 Valdivia.

22 Second?

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

24 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

25 Grullon.

1 Commissioner Grullon?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

6 You're recusing on Adolfo Lopez payment.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Aye on the rest.

10 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

13

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

16 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

17 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION
18 RESERVE TRANSFER.)

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20 CITY CLERK: There are two items on the
21 Regular Agenda.

22 The first is a Resolution Approving the
23 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfer.

24 May I have a motion to approve item 1?

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

5 Valdivia.

6 Commissioner Grullon?

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

15

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

18 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

19 2. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, IN
20 THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATE
21 OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT") AUTHORIZING THE
22 LOCAL UNIT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE POOLED NOTE
23 FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE HUDSON COUNTY
24 IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.)

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1 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution of
2 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
3 Jersey -- State of -- yeah, State of New Jersey,
4 for Authorizing the Local Unit's Participation in
5 a Pooled Note Financing Program of the Hudson
6 County Improvement Authority.

7 May I have a motion to approve item 2?

8 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

10 MAYOR STACK: Second.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

12 Second by Commissioner Grullon.

13 Commissioner Grullon?

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Recusing.

19 CITY CLERK: Recusing.

20 And 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 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

2 **CONSIDERATION:**

3 1. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY
4 OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF
5 \$30,363 IN FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
6 FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF
7 VARIOUS COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.)

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9 CITY CLERK: There is one ordinance for
10 Public Hearing and Adoption.

11 It's an Ordinance of the City of Union
12 City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, Appropriating
13 the Sum of \$30,363.00 in Funding from the Capital
14 Improvement Fund for the Acquisition and
15 Installation of Various Computer Hardware and
16 Software.

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

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

20 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
21 please step forward, state your name and address
22 for the record.

23 CITY CLERK: Seeing none.

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

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Second?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

5 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

6 Martinetti.

7 Commissioner Grullon?

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

16 May I have a motion to adopt the Ordinance?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

18 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

19 Martinetti.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

23 Valdivia.

24 Commissioner Grullon?

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

10

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

14 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

15 Just before I do -- and I failed to mention
16 this when we got into the meeting. Commissioner
17 Fernandez hurt his back and that's the reason
18 he's not at the meeting this evening.

19 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

20 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
21 any matter concerning government in the City of
22 Union City, please step forward, state your name
23 and address for the record.

24 CITY CLERK: Seeing none.

25 May I have a motion to close Public

1 Comment?

2 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

4 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

5 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

6 Commissioner Grullon?

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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18 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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20 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
21 the agenda.

22 May I have a motion to adjourn?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

24 MAYOR STACK: And liquor hearings are on
25 for next meeting --

1 CITY CLERK: Correct.

2 MAYOR STACK: -- Mr. Farmer said.

3 CITY CLERK: Correct. Yes. They've been
4 adjourned to the next meeting.

5 I'm sorry, motion by Mayor --

6 I'm sorry.

7 Motion by Commissioner Martinetti.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Valdivia.

12 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: And Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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22 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
23 at 7:09 p.m.)

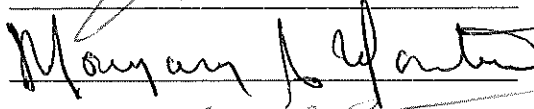
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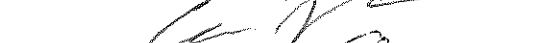
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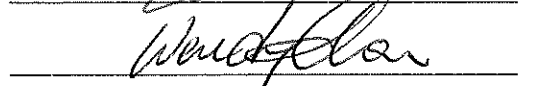
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7 accurate transcript in the matter of the REGULAR
8 MEETING of the UNION CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
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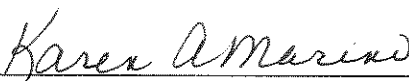
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