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

SPECIAL MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

Union City Housing Authority
Union City Renaissance
2601 Central Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
Commencing at 6:32 p.m.

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

LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER
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:

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

ERIN M. KNOEDLER, CITY CLERK

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1 MS. DILLON: On the record.

2 CITY CLERK: Okay.

3 This is a Special Meeting of the Union City
4 Board of Commissioners being held on Tuesday,
5 September 17th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Union
6 City Housing Authority, Union City Renaissance,
7 2601 Central Avenue, 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 held in
14 accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

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21 **ROLL CALL:**

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23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

25 CITY CLERK: 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.

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

11 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

12 (1) Resolution Rejecting the Bids for Palisade
13 Avenue (14th - 30th Street) Project and
14 Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise for New
15 Bids

16 (2) Resolution Awarding a Contract to S. Batata
17 Construction, Inc. for 3rd Street (Palisade Avenue
18 to Manhattan Avenue) & Manhattan Avenue
19 Improvements Project.)

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21 CITY CLERK: There are two -- there's two
22 items on the Consent Agenda.

23 The first, a Resolution Rejecting the Bids
24 for Palisade Avenue, 14th through 30th Street,
25 Project and Authorizing the City Clerk to

1 Advertise for New Bids.

2 The second is a Resolution Awarding a
3 Contract to S. Batata Construction, Incorporated,
4 for 3rd Street, Palisade Avenue to Manhattan
5 Avenue, and Manhattan Avenue Improvements
6 Project.

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

9 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

10 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
11 please step forward. State your name and address
12 for the record.

13 Seeing none.

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

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
18 Fernandez.

19 Second?

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

21 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
22 Grullon.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

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

1 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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

10 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

11 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
12 concerning any matter in the City of Union City,
13 please step forward. State your name and address
14 for the record.

15 MS. DILLON: Just right here, Mr. Price.

16 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

17 Larry Price, 1006 Palisade.

18 Just a comment about the construction on
19 Palisade Avenue.

20 You know, we're supposed to be up to 14th
21 Street this year. We're up to like 6th, in terms
22 of the concrete. And it's the 17th of September.

23 My understanding with concrete work is it's
24 best to do it before the temperature drops below
25 50 degrees, which could be -- you know, in a few

1 weeks, a month. Probably more like a month and a
2 half, but they -- at the rate they're working,
3 they won't finish before it's too -- it's too
4 cold to be optimum.

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure. It's just that, Larry,
6 what happened is that the stone is very hard to
7 set in. Where they're setting the stones,
8 they're very hard to set in, because of the
9 weight of them and -- and how -- you have to
10 place each stone to match up and then they're --
11 they're mortared in place after putting in two
12 inches of concrete.

13 Whatever they don't finish, they'll pickup
14 in the beginning of -- the coming spring season
15 they'll pickup.

16 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

17 MAYOR STACK: But they feel pretty
18 confident that they're going to get close to 14th
19 Street this year.

20 I know that they were working today in
21 front of the Yardley Building, they were working
22 in front of there. They feel that they should be
23 somewhat close to the 14th Street area. I was
24 with them on Friday down there.

25 MR. PRICE: All right.

1 I think it would be better to stop short of
2 14th Street.

3 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

4 MR. PRICE: Rather than to --

5 MAYOR STACK: If the weather gets colder.
6 I agree. I agree.

7 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

8 MAYOR STACK: And we will. And we will.

9 MR. PRICE: Okay. Very good.

10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
12 comment on any matter concerning government in
13 the City of Union City, please step forward?

14 Seeing none.

15 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
16 Public Comment?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

18 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
19 Fernandez.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Grullon.

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.

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11 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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13 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
14 the agenda, may I have a motion to adjourn?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Martinetti.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
20 Valdivia.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry.

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9 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

10 at 6:35 p.m.)

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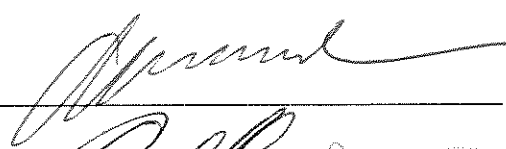
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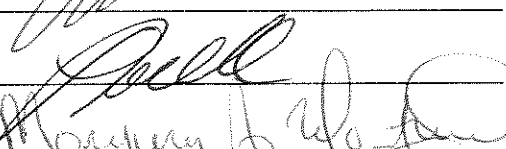
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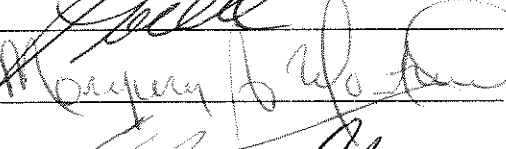
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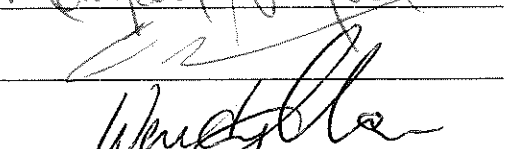
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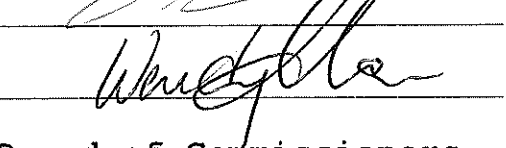
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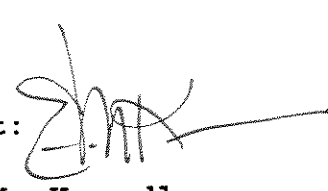

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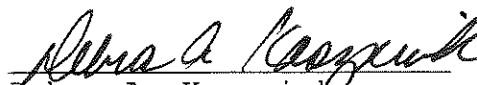
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