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

REGULAR MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

Robert Waters Elementary School
2800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Commencing at 7:03 p.m.

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

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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:

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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 4, 2020, at seven
4 p.m., at the Robert Waters Elementary School,
5 2800 Summit Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

6 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

10

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

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

18

19 **ROLL CALL:**

20

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner 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 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

7

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

10 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER**
11 **17, 2019, JANUARY 7, 2020 AND JANUARY 21, 2020.)**

12

13 CITY CLERK: The first item is the approval
14 of the meeting minutes from December 17th, 2019,
15 January 7th, 2020, January 21st, 2020 from the
16 Board of Commissioners.

17 May I have a motion to approve?

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.

11

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

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

15 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 171 AND 155 OF
16 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE THE
17 FEE SCHEDULE FOR NON-LIFE HAZARD USES AND SET
18 FORTH A MECHANISM FOR ENFORCEMENT.)

19

20 CITY CLERK: There are three Ordinances on
21 for Introduction this evening, adoption on first
22 reading, authorizes the City Clerk to advertise
23 for a public hearing and possible adoption, which
24 will take place on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at
25 Jefferson School, 3400 Palisade Avenue, Union

1 City, New Jersey.

2 The first Ordinance is an Ordinance
3 Amending Chapters 171 and 155, the Code of the
4 City of Union City to Revise the Fee Schedule for
5 Non-Life Hazard Uses and Set Forth a Mechanism
6 for Enforcement.

7 May I have a motion to introduce?

8 MAYOR STACK: This would just be -- just
9 for an Ordinance, this would be on fees for fire
10 prevention and fire inspection.

11 Correct?

12 CITY CLERK: Yes.

13 MAYOR STACK: Just for the public's
14 knowledge.

15 We'll have -- this is just being introduced
16 at this time.

17 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion?

18 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

23 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
24 Martinetti.

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.

11

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

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

15 2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND
16 CONVEYANCE OF PORTIONS OF PUBLIC PROPERTY LOCATED
17 AT ROUTE 1&9 AND SECAUCUS ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS
18 BLOCK 101, LOT 7 IN JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.)

19

20 CITY CLERK: The next is an Ordinance
21 Authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of a Portion
22 of Public Property Located at Route 1 and 9 and
23 Secaucus Road, also Known as Block 101, Lot 7, in
24 Jersey -- in Secaucus, New Jersey.

25 MR. AUTERI: That's correct.

1 CITY CLERK: Okay.

2 MR. AUTERI: No, Jersey City, New Jersey.

3 CITY CLERK: Okay.

4 I stand corrected.

5 Thank you.

6 Jersey City, New Jersey.

7 May I have a motion to introduce?

8 MAYOR STACK: Just -- just before we do,
9 maybe if we could just get a brief explanation
10 for the public.

11 Even though this is an Ordinance for the
12 first reading, if we could just maybe get a brief
13 explanation so the public knows what we're voting
14 on.

15 MR. AUTERI: Absolutely, Mayor.

16 So, the --

17 MAYOR STACK: If you could keep your voice
18 up, Angelo?

19 MR. AUTERI: The City of Union City owns a
20 parcel of land. It's actually an easement on the
21 parcel of land. It's described in the Ordinance.

22 And the Department of Transportation is
23 attempting to purchase the property from the
24 City, through an eminent domain action and
25 through negotiations.

1 The City must convey the property via an
2 Ordinance. And that's what we're doing here
3 tonight. So, this Ordinance will still be
4 adopted per the usual procedures required. But
5 it is to give the Department of Transportation a
6 parcel of land owned by the City of Union City,
7 but actually contained in Jersey City, for a
8 project that the State's working on.

9 MAYOR STACK: And this is something that
10 was -- seems to have been purchased that it just
11 came to our knowledge. In fact, it was done how
12 many years ago?

13 CITY CLERK: In the 1800s.

14 MR. AUTERI: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STACK: In the 1800s.

16 MR. AUTERI: It was a very long time ago.

17 CITY CLERK: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: So we own the
19 property.

20 MAYOR STACK: It's a very remote piece of
21 property.

22 CITY CLERK: Okay. Is there a motion to
23 introduce?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner --

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

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

19 3. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, COUNTY
20 OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF
21 \$300,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
22 FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL
23 IMPROVEMENTS.)

24

25 CITY CLERK: The third Ordinance is an

1 Ordinance of the City of Union City, County of
2 Hudson, New Jersey Appropriating the Sum of
3 300,000 Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund
4 for the Completion of Various Capital
5 Improvements.

6 This -- this Ordinance, Mayor, is basically
7 for a few different milling and paving of various
8 roads, but also for demolition and disposal of a
9 two story building in the area -- or in the area
10 of Peter Street.

11 MAYOR STACK: So, this -- this money will
12 be used for demolition of a piece of property
13 that will become a new street in Union City.
14 It's between 32nd and 34th, on Palisade Avenue.
15 It runs through to Hudson Avenue.

16 This will be extending Peter Street from
17 Palisade to Hudson Avenue. Right now, it goes
18 from Hudson Avenue to Pleasant Avenue. So, this
19 will be an extension of a street.

20 It's really a good thing, because it's
21 increasing circulation in the uptown section of
22 Union City, where it gets really, really heavy
23 traffic in the area, for lack of a better term,
24 where most residents that are coming down, if
25 they're looking to go back north uptown, they'd

1 have to go over to Marginal Highway, make a left
2 at 30th Street, to come back up Hudson Avenue.

3 This will make it a little bit easier.
4 Will also increase where we have 22 new parking
5 spaces, and also a dog run.

6 And this will be between 32nd and 34th from
7 Palisade to Hudson Avenue. There's a -- an older
8 white building that runs from side to side. That
9 will be taken down. And the street will be put
10 in, the dog run and the parking spaces.

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

12 May I have a motion to introduce?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

15 CITY CLERK: Motion by --

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner Fernandez.

18 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

5

6 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
7 action on the following items in total:

8 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

10 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
11 Concurring Claims

12 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

13 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
14 January 18, 2020 through January 31, 2020

15 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
16 January 18, 2020 through January 31, 2020

17 (6) Resolution Approving a Contract for Zero
18 Waste for Dog Waste Bags and Dispensers

19 (7) Resolution Approving a Contract for Foggia
20 Trinity Electric for Street Sign Replacement
21 Program

22 (8) Resolution Re-Appointing M. Mario Bordon to
23 the Position of Municipal Emergency Management
24 Homeland Security and Preparedness
25 Coordinator/Director, Susan M. Colditz as the

1 Deputy Director/Coordinator and Leonard Calvo to
2 the position of OEM #4

3 (9) Resolution Appointing Lt. Walter Laurencio
4 as the Fund Commissioner and City Clerk, Erin
5 Knoedler as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to
6 the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
7 ("NJIIIF")

8 (10) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes
9 for Properties Subdivided into Condominiums

10 (11) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
11 Premium Monies Collected At The Tax Sale

12 (12) Resolution Cancelling Abatement Taxes for
13 134-19th Street

14 (13) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
15 Monies to Outside Lienholders

16 (14) Resolution Ratifying Execution of a
17 Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New
18 Jersey, Director of the Division of Local
19 Government Services for Transitional Aid

20 (15) Resolution Authorizing an Application to
21 the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund for
22 Property Acquisition

23 (16) Resolution Authorizing an Application to
24 the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund for
25 Washington Park - Phase 2

1 (17) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
2 Contract with John Curley, Esq. as Special
3 Counsel for Condemnation Services

4 (18) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
5 Contract with Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs
6 LLC C/O Brian Chewcaskie, Esq. as Special Counsel
7 for Tax Revaluation Services

8 (19) Resolution Awarding a Contract to Stan's
9 Sporting Goods for Wrestling Uniforms, Equipment,
10 Supplies and Trophies

11 (20) Resolution Authorizing an Award of a
12 Contract to Civil Solutions for Tax Map
13 Preparation

14 (21) Resolution Authorizing an Award of a
15 Contract to Reliable Tree Services, Inc. for the
16 Tree Trimming Program

17 (22) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
18 Advertise for Bids for Traffic Signal Replacement
19 for 34th Street and Bergenline Avenue

20 (23) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
21 Advertise for Bids for Traffic Signal Replacement
22 for 25th Street and Summit Avenue.)

23

24 CITY CLERK: There are 23 items on the
25 Consent Agenda.

1 The first is a Resolution Approving the
2 Payment of Claims.

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

5 Third is a Resolution Approving Escrow
6 Refunds.

7 Fourth is a Resolution Approving the City
8 Payroll for the Period of January 18th, 2020
9 through January 31st, 2020.

10 Fifth is a Resolution Approving the Library
11 Payroll for the Period of January 18th, 2020
12 through January 31st, 2020.

13 Sixth is a Resolution Approving a Contract
14 for Zero Waste for Dog Waste Bags and Dispensers.

15 The seventh is a Resolution Approving a
16 Contract for Foggia Trinity Electric for Street
17 Sign Replacement Program.

18 The eighth is a Resolution Re-Appointing
19 Mario Bordon to the Position of Municipal
20 Emergency Management Homeland Security
21 Preparedness Coordinator/Director, Susan N.
22 Colditz as the Deputy Director/Coordinator and
23 Leonard Calvo as the Position of OEM 4.

24 The ninth is a Resolution Appointing
25 Lieutenant Walter Laurencio as the Fund

1 Commissioner and City Clerk Erin Knoedler as the
2 Alternate Fund Commissioner for the New Jersey
3 Intergovernmental Insurance Fund.

4 The tenth is a Resolution Cancelling First
5 Quarter Taxes for Properties Subdivided into
6 Condominiums.

7 The eleventh is a Resolution Authorizing a
8 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
9 Sale.

10 Twelfth is a Resolution Cancel --
11 Cancelling an Abatement for Taxes of -- for the
12 Property at 134-19th Street.

13 The thirteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
14 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
15 Lienholders.

16 The fourteenth is a Resolution Ratifying
17 Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with
18 the State of New Jersey, Director of the Division
19 of Local Government Services for Transitional
20 Aid.

21 The fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
22 an Application for Hudson County Open Space Trust
23 Fund for Property Acquisition.

24 The sixteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
25 an Application for Hudson County Open Space Trust

1 Fund for Washington Park Phase 2.

2 The seventeenth is a Resolution Authorizing
3 the Award of a Contract to John Curley, Esquire,
4 as Special Counsel for Condemnation Services.

5 The eighteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
6 the Award of a Contract with Cleary, Giacobbe,
7 Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, Care Of Brian Chewcaskie,
8 Esquire as Special Counsel for Tax Reevaluation
9 (sic) Services.

10 The nineteenth is a Resolution Awarding a
11 Contract to Stan's Sporting Goods for Wrestling
12 Uniforms, Equipment, Supplies and Trophies.

13 The twentieth is a Resolution Authorizing
14 Award of a Contract to Civil Solutions for Tax
15 Map Preparation.

16 The twenty-first is a Resolution
17 Authorizing Award of a Contract to Reliable Tree
18 Services, Incorporated, for Tree Trimming
19 Program.

20 The twenty-second is a Resolution
21 Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids
22 for Traffic Signal Replacement for 31st Street --
23 34th Street and Bergenline Avenue.

24 The twenty-third is a Resolution
25 Authorizing the City Clerk to Advertise for Bids

1 for Traffic Signal Replacement for 25th Street and
2 Summit Avenue.

3 Mayor, at this time, would you like to take
4 public comment on consent?

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 Just before we do, on number 7, the
7 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Street Sign
8 Replacement.

9 This is something that we're really excited
10 about. It will be the first time in Union City's
11 history, that I know of, that we'll be replacing
12 every single street sign in the community, so
13 that they all match and there's some uniformity.

14 They'll be put on a decorative pole.
15 They'll be very large signs, very nice signs for
16 the community. This is an ongoing project.
17 Something that we've been working on for a few
18 years now. It will be happening this summer.

19 In addition to that, on the MOU, for the
20 State aid, we also were just recently awarded
21 19.5 million in municipal aid, which we're very
22 proud to receive that.

23 I thank the Commissioners and all the
24 municipal employees for their dedication to our
25 community and everyone who cooperates in

1 | municipal government, every employee, from the
2 | crossing guard all the way up to the Chief of
3 | Police.

4 | We thank everyone for coming together.

5 | The Open Space application, we're hoping to
6 | acquire additional property in Union City for
7 | more open space and public space and park space
8 | in the community.

9 | The other Open Space application would be
10 | for Washington Park, from Paterson-Plank Road to
11 | Second Street on the east side of Palisade
12 | Avenue. It would be the passive side of the
13 | park, where we'd be doing additional -- keeping
14 | it exactly passive the way it is, but putting in
15 | walkways, decorative lighting, new plantings, new
16 | trees.

17 | In addition to that, the award of a
18 | contract to Reliable Tree Service. It's
19 | maintaining the trees that we have in the
20 | community; cutting them where they need to be
21 | cut.

22 | And the traffic signals is self-
23 | explanatory. We'll be putting a traffic signal
24 | in at 34th and Bergenline Avenue, another traffic
25 | signal at 25 -- 25th and Summit.

1 I know we're also putting another one in at
2 24th and Kerrigan, and another traffic signal at
3 19th and Palisade. I'm getting old, so I had to
4 think there.

5 I know you're testing me, Larry.

6 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
7 Agenda?

8 Please step forward. State your name and
9 address for the record.

10 Seeing none.

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

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

15 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
16 Grullon.

17 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

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.

4 May I have a motion to approve all items on
5 consent?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 Second?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

11 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
12 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: Commissioner Martinetti?

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

24

25 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

1 action on the following item:

2 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

3 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT OF CLAIM TO
4 THE GRACE THEATER WORKSHOP, INC.)

5

6 CITY CLERK: There is one item on the
7 Regular Agenda this evening.

8 It's a Resolution Approving a Payment of
9 Claim to the Grace Theater Workshop.

10 May I have a motion to approve item 1?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

13 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
14 Martinetti.

15 Second by Commissioner Grullon.

16 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

17 Commissioner Grullon?

18 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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

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MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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Just before we do, I'd like to thank those
9 residents that came out to the meeting tonight.
10 We appreciate that.

11

We move a hundred percent of our meetings
12 throughout the community, always in the evening
13 hours, in addition to moving the Mayor's Office,
14 the Mobile Mayor's Office, Police Community
15 meetings, also the Commissioner meetings are
16 moved throughout the community.

17

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

20

If you could please step forward on my
21 left, it would be on your right.

22

Anyone wishing to comment at this time?

23

Seeing none.

24

I would just like to thank the
25 Commissioners for sharing in the vision of moving

1 a hundred percent of the Commission meetings
2 throughout the City.

3 We feel that the public involvement is
4 truly what's made the community better.

5 And we see the improvements that we're
6 seeing, thanks to your involvement.

7 Thank you very much everyone for attending
8 the meeting.

9 CITY CLERK: A motion to close public
10 comment?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

12 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
16 Martinetti.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

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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1 LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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3 1. Nafpaktos Diner, Inc.

4 T/A Four Star Diner

5 Location: 543 32nd Street

6 Liquor License No.: 0910-33-067-004

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8 2. BSB Patel, Inc.

9 T/A Universal Liquors

10 Location: 2117 Bergenline Avenue

11 Liquor License No.: 0910-32-195-003

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13 3. R.G. Enterprise Entertainment

14 T/A Therapy Lounge

15 Location: 28043 (sic) Bergenline Avenue

16 Liquor License No.: 0910-33-134-006

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18 CITY CLERK: At this time, we have Liquor
19 License Disciplinary Hearings.

20 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer?

21 MR. FARMER: Yes.

22 Three on your agenda.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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3 1. Nafpaktos Diner, Inc.

4 T/A Four Star Diner

5 Location: 543 32nd Street

6 Liquor License No.: 0910-33-067-004

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8 MR. FARMER: Okay.

9 First one on your agenda is --

10 MAYOR STACK: Hi, Bill.

11 How are you?

12 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Good. Good.

13 MR. FARMER: -- Four Star Diner.

14 Lieutenant Loaces is here, the licensee is
15 here, and basically, we've had an opportunity to
16 talk about this. And it seems that the licensee
17 has produced a good number of records, and it's
18 dealing with E141.

19 MAYOR STACK: If you could just keep your
20 voice up?

21 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STACK: Just for the public.

23 MR. FARMER: An E141 violation. Okay.

24 It seems that the licensee has an E141
25 violation that reflects the name of the person

1 that the officer didn't see when he went to
2 inspect the property, or the records. And made a
3 police report of that that generated us being
4 here today.

5 The place has never really had any
6 problems. I've spoken to Lieutenant Loaces and
7 he agrees that it could have been an oversight,
8 because they have a fair number of documents
9 here.

10 And given his past record, which is
11 miniscule, Lieutenant Loaces and I think that the
12 case should be dismissed.

13 MAYOR STACK: I -- I agree.

14 From what you represent, I know the Four
15 Star has never been a problem in the community.
16 It's only been a benefit to the community, Bill.

17 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Thank you.

18 MAYOR STACK: No problem.

19 Just -- Bill, just enter your name, just as
20 an --

21 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Sure.

22 MAYOR STACK: -- appearance on the record.

23 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Bill Anagnostos.

24 MS. DILLON: Spell your last name.

25 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: A-N-A-G-N-O-S-T-O-S.

1 MAYOR STACK: And you're the owner, right,
2 Bill?

3 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: Of the Four Star Diner.

5 Okay.

6 On the representation made by Mr. Farmer
7 and Lieutenant Loaces, you agree?

8 LIEUTENANT LOACES: Yes, sir.

9 MAYOR STACK: On the representation made by
10 Mr. Farmer and Lieutenant Loaces, and Bill, thank
11 you for being here, I'll make a motion to
12 dismiss.

13 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Thank you.

14 CITY CLERK: A motion by --

15 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Thank you.

16 CITY CLERK: -- 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: Commissioner Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

6 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, Bill.

8 Have a good night, Bill.

9 MR. ANAGNOSTOS: You, too.

10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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3 2. BSB Patel, Inc.

4 T/A Universal Liquors

5 Location: 2117 Bergenline Avenue

6 Liquor License No. 0910-32-195-003

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8 MR. FARMER: The next one on your agenda --

9 Where are you?

10 MR. PATEL: (Indiscernible.)

11 MR. FARMER: Yeah. Okay.

12 Would you put your name on the record?

13 MR. PATEL: Ghanshyam Patel.

14 MS. DILLON: Spell it for me.

15 MR. PATEL: G-H-A-N-S-H --

16 MS. DILLON: I'm sorry. G-H --

17 MR. PATEL: A-N-S-H-Y-A-M.

18 MS. DILLON: Y-A?

19 MR. PATEL: M.

20 MS. DILLON: M as in Mary?

21 MR. PATEL: Last name is Patel, P-A-T-E-L.

22 MS. DILLON: Thank you, sir.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. FARMER: This is Universal Liquor.

25 This is, again, a 141E violation.

1 The licensee has owned the premises for
2 about 20 years. And the last offense was ten
3 years ago in 2009. And it was a ten day
4 suspension, sale to a minor. And I suspect if we
5 were to go back, we would find that one of the
6 police officers, was under the age of 21, who
7 went in the liquor stores or bars and got served.

8 Lieutenant and I have talked about it, and
9 with the licensee, and we're agreeable to a three
10 day suspension, but we'll suspend that pending no
11 violations to the end of the term, which will be
12 July 1st.

13 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

14 Jimmy, just do me a favor. Just and I know
15 you run a good business there. Just make sure
16 that nobody's hanging out outside, there's never
17 any drinking outside or anything like that.

18 MR. PATEL: If ever I see that, I just call
19 --

20 MS. DILLON: Just right over here. Sir?
21 Sir?

22 MAYOR STACK: Just stay close here so we
23 can pick it up on the record.

24 MS. DILLON: Repeat that for the
25 microphone.

1 MR. PATEL: Sure.

2 When I see like that kind, I just call the
3 police department and tell them that some guys
4 are hanging around over here. They come right
5 away.

6 MAYOR STACK: I know you do a good job
7 there and you fix the building up nice and
8 everything.

9 Good.

10 MR. PATEL: Thank you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Okay. All right.

12 On Mr. Farmer's recommendation, I'll make a
13 motion to accept the three day suspension,
14 suspended if there's no violation and --

15 MR. FARMER: Right, to the end of the term,
16 which would be July 1st.

17 MAYOR STACK: Till July 1st. Okay.

18 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

19 Motion by Mayor Stack.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Fernandez.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner 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 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.
11 Have a nice night.
12 MR. PATEL: You, too.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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3 3. R.G. Enterprise Entertainment

4 T/A Therapy Lounge

5 Location: 28043 (sic) Bergenline Avenue

6 Liquor License No. 0910-33-134-006

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8 MR. FARMER: Mr. Guzman?

9 Mayor, this -- the last one is --

10 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

11 MR. FARMER: -- R.G. Enterprises, known as
12 Therapy Lounge, and the licensee -- license is
13 here, Mr. Roberto Guzman.

14 And he indicated that he wants to seek
15 legal advice on it. Lieutenant Loaces and myself
16 and Mr. Guzman talked about it. Apparently, we
17 couldn't resolve it. So, he wants to come back
18 with a lawyer. And I said we would not object to
19 that.

20 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

21 MR. GUZMAN: Thank you, Mayor.

22 MAYOR STACK: Is that the case, Mr. Guzman?
23 You want to seek an attorney?

24 MR. GUZMAN: Yes, sir.

25 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

1 Very good. No problem.

2 MR. GUZMAN: Thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: All right. So, we'll put
4 that off until -- until you get back to us, Greg,
5 on that.

6 Right?

7 MR. FARMER: Okay.

8 MAYOR STACK: All right.

9 MR. FARMER: When's the next meeting?

10 CITY CLERK: It's the 8th -- the 18th at
11 Jefferson School.

12 LIEUTENANT LOACES: I'll be away.

13 MR. FARMER: Okay. We'll probably make it
14 the next one.

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 MR. FARMER: The Lieutenant's going to be
17 away.

18 CITY CLERK: Since Mr. Guzman's here, if we
19 could just make a motion to table.

20 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

21 We'll make a motion to table and we'll put
22 it on for the March meeting?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

24 MR. FARMER: Yeah, and that'd be fine.

25 MAYOR STACK: All right.

1 CITY CLERK: All right.
2 Motion by Mayor Stack.
3 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.
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: Yes.
12 CITY CLERK: Mayor --
13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
14 CITY CLERK: -- Stack?
15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
16 CITY CLERK: Thank you.
17 MR. GUZMAN: Thank you, Mayor.
18 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, Mr.
19 Guzman.
20 MR. FARMER: Okay.
21 That's it.
22 MAYOR STACK: John? Again?
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24 **ADJOURNMENT:**
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1 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
2 the agenda, may I have a motion to adjourn?

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.

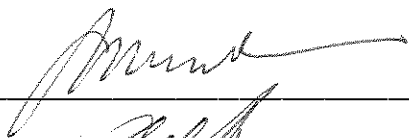
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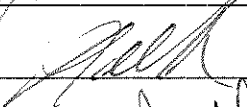
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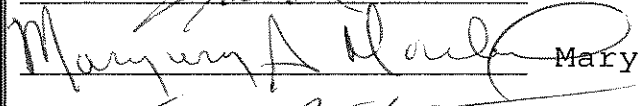
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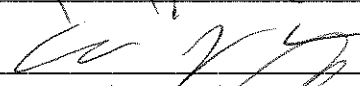
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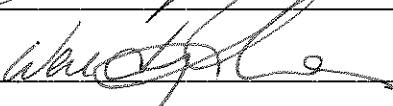
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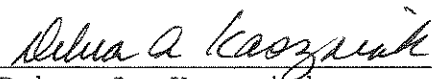
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