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

REGULAR MEETING

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PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Commencing at 7:07 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:

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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, June 9, 2020, at seven
4 p.m., at the Union City High School, 2500 Kennedy
5 Boulevard, 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 in City Hall, made available to
17 the public 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 of the following item:

10 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - REGULAR**
11 **MEETING MAY 12, 2020 AND MAY 26, 2020.)**

12

13 CITY CLERK: The first item is the approval
14 of the meeting minutes from the meetings of May
15 12th, 2020 and May 26, 2020.

16 May I have a motion to approve?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

18 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
19 Valdivia.

20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

22 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
23 Grullon?

24 Okay.

25 Thank you.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

12

13 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
14 action on the following items in total:

15 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

16 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

17 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
18 Concurring Claims

19 (3) Resolution Approving the Payment of Escrow
20 Refunds

21 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll

22 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

23 (6) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to

24 Advertise for Bids for the 38th Street Skate Park

25 Improvement Project

1 (7) Resolution Authorizing an Award of a
2 Contract to Main Pool and Chemicals for Pool
3 Chemicals

4 (8) Resolution Authorizing an Award of a
5 Contract to ABC Pools for the Pools and Splash
6 Parks Opening and Maintenance

7 (9) Resolution Approving an Addendum for
8 Special Counsel Services for Chasan, Lamparello,
9 Mallon and Cappuzzo, PC

10 (10) Resolution Authorizing an Agreement to Pay
11 Real Estate Tax Bills for 117-19th Street, Block
12 178, Lot 12

13 (11) Resolution Cancelling Abatement Taxes for
14 500 Central Avenue, Block, 22, Lot 1.01 C0410

15 (12) Resolution Approving an Addendum for
16 Uniform Construction Code Counsel Services for
17 Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon and Cappuzzo, PC

18 (13) Resolution of Declaration of Racism as a
19 Public Health Crisis in the City of Union City

20 (14) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
21 Monies to Outside Lienholders

22 (15) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
23 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

24 (16) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property Due
25 to New Lot Number

1 (17) Resolution Amending Prior Consent to Access
2 Public Right-of-Way for Placement of Small Cell
3 Wireless Facilities

4 (18) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
5 Space Application for the 44th Street Park
6 Acquisition

7 (19) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
8 Space Application for the Washington Park East,
9 Phase II Improvements.)
10

11 CITY CLERK: There are 19 items on the
12 Consent Agenda.

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

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

17 The third is a Resolution Approving the
18 Payment of Escrow Refunds.

19 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
20 City Payroll for the period of May 23rd through
21 June 5th, 2020.

22 The fifth is a Resolution approving the
23 Library Payroll for the period of May 23rd through
24 June 5th, 2020.

25 The sixth is a Resolution Authorizing the

1 City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for 38th Street
2 Skate Park Improvement Project.

3 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing
4 Award of a Contract to Main Pool and Chemicals
5 for Pool Chemicals.

6 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing
7 Award of a Contract to ABC Pools for Pools and
8 Splash Parks Opening and Maintenance.

9 The ninth is a Resolution Approving an
10 Addendum for Special Counsel Services for Chasan,
11 Lamparello, Mallon and Cappuzzo, PC.

12 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing an
13 Agreement to Pay Real Estate Tax Bills for 117
14 19th Street, Block 178, Lot 12.

15 The eleventh is a Resolution Cancelling
16 Abatement Taxes for 500 Central Avenue, Block 22,
17 Lot 1.01 C0410.

18 The twelfth is a Resolution Approving an
19 Addendum for Uniform Construction Code -- Code
20 Counsel Services for Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon
21 and Cappuzzo, PC.

22 The thirteenth is a Resolution of a
23 Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis
24 in the City of Union City.

25 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing

1 Refund of Redemption Money to Outside
2 Lienholders.

3 Fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing a
4 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
5 Sale.

6 Sixteenth is a Resolution Cancelling
7 Property Taxes on -- Due to a New Lot Number.

8 The seventeenth is a Resolution Amending
9 Prior Consent to Access of Public Right-of-Way
10 for Placement of Small Cell Wireless Facilities.

11 The eighteenth is a Resolution Endorse --
12 Endorsing the Hudson County Open Space
13 Application for the 44th Street Park Acquisition.

14 The nineteenth is a Resolution Endorse --
15 Endorsing the Hudson County Open Space
16 Application for Washington Park East, Phase II
17 Improvements.

18 Mayor, at this time, would you like to take
19 public consent (sic) on -- would you like to take
20 public comment on the Consent Agenda?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I have a question
22 for counsel.

23 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
24 the Consent Agenda?

25 Please step forward; state your name and

1 address for the record.

2 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
3 proceedings.)

4 MR. AUTIERI: She's going to recuse on the
5 Construction Code.

6 CITY CLERK: Okay.

7 Which one?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Twelve.

9 CITY CLERK: Okay.

10 Got it.

11 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry, Erin.

12 CITY CLERK: That's okay.

13 Seeing none.

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

16 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

18 Second?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

20 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
21 Fernandez.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: 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.

8 May I have a motion to approve all items on
9 Consent?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

11 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
12 Valdivia.

13 Second?

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
16 Grullon.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, with the
19 exception of number 18; otherwise yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Okay.

21 Commissioner Grullon?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing for
2 number 12; aye on the rest.

3 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Just to reiterate that, so we
6 have it on the record.

7 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing on
8 number 18.

9 And Commissioner Martinetti is recusing on
10 item 12, and all, aye on the rest.

11 Okay.

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?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Mayor?

24 The 44th Street Park here, that's the one
25 on Hudson Avenue.

1 Right?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes. It is.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Okay.

4 MAYOR STACK: They're working on it. We've
5 been -- Lucio and I have been talking to --

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Nice --
7 (indiscernible).

8 MAYOR STACK: They're doing an
9 environmental study on it. Yeah.

10

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

13 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

14 1. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR
15 THE HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.)

16

17 CITY CLERK: There are two items on the
18 Regular Agenda.

19 The first is a Resolution Approving a
20 Payment of Claim for the Hudson County
21 Improvement Authority.

22 May I have a motion on item 1?

23 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

24 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

25 Second?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

2 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
3 Valdivia.

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 is
11 recusing.

12 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 APPROVING A PAYMENT OF CLAIM FOR
20 THE UNION CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.)

21

22 CITY CLERK: The second is a Resolution
23 Approving a Payment of Claim for the Union City
24 Board of Education.

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

1 MR. AUTERI: Usually -- usually --

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Angelo, go ahead.

4 MR. AUTERI: Ordinarily, Commissioners
5 Valdivia and Grullon would not vote on Board of
6 Ed matters. However, tonight, we'll invoke the
7 doctrine of necessity.

8 Excuse me, --

9 CITY CLERK: Okay.

10 MR. AUTERI: -- Mayor.

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

12 We have a motion by Mayor Stack.

13 Second?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

15 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
16 Valdivia.

17 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

18 Commissioner Grullon?

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
23 recusing.

24 And Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

2

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

4

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

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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

12 Seeing none.

13 I'd just like to thank the Commissioners
14 again for having a Regular Meeting of the Board
15 of Commissioners.

16 I sent the Clerk a note today, Erin
17 probably didn't get it yet, that we're going to
18 move the next five -- we'll start moving them now
19 around the City again.

20 We'll start at Bruce Walter, and then we'll
21 go to each one over the next five.

22 All right?

23 Same as we're doing tonight here. We'll
24 just move them around, though, in case it makes
25 it easier for anybody wants to come to them.

1 CITY CLERK: Seeing none.

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

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible).

6 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
7 Valdivia.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible).

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Fernandez.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

23

24 **ADJOURNMENT:**

25

1 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
2 the --

3 MAYOR STACK: Thanks, everybody.

4 Have a good night, everyone.

5 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to
6 adjourn?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: (Indiscernible).

9 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
10 Fernandez.

11 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

12 All in favor?

13

14 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

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16 CITY CLERK: Any opposition?

17 Thank you.

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19 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
20 at 7:13 p.m.)

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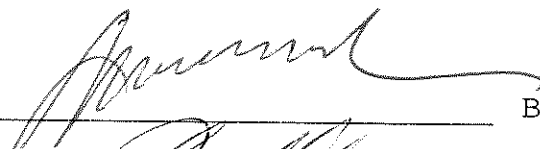
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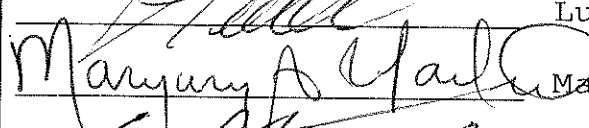
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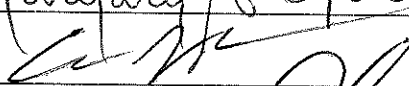
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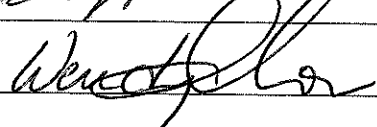
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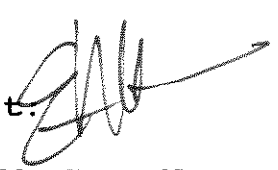
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Attest.



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City Clerk

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6 do hereby affirm that the foregoing is a true and
7 accurate transcript in the matter of the REGULAR
8 MEETING of the UNION CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
9 heard on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and digitally
10 recorded.

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