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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

Housing Authority
Hillside Pavilion
3911 Kennedy Boulevard
Union City, New Jersey

Wednesday, August 5, 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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WENDY A. GRULLON, COMMISSIONER
MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, 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 Wednesday, August 5th, 2020, at
4 seven p.m., at the Housing Authority Hillside
5 Pavilion, 3911 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, New
6 Jersey.

7 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

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20 **ROLL CALL:**

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22 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

24 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

1 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

3 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

5 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Here.

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

10 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

11 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of
12 Concurring Claims

13 (2) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

14 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
15 July 18th, 2020 through July 31, 2020

16 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
17 for July 18th, 2020 through July 31, 2020

18 (5) Resolution Awarding a Contract to V&K
19 Construction, Inc. for the 38th Street Skate Park
20 Improvement Project

21 (6) Resolution to Approve a Grant Agreement
22 between the New Jersey Association of County and
23 City Health Officials and the Union City Health
24 Department for COVID-19 Activities and Expenses

25 (7) Resolution Awarding a Contract to Laurel

1 Mountain Leasing and Financial Services, Inc. for
2 the Purchase of Twelve Vehicles
3 (8) Resolution Rescinding 2020-R-126 which
4 Authorized the City of Union City to Pursue
5 Property Located at 4400 and 4408 Hudson Avenue
6 and 119-121 45th Street also known as Block 259,
7 Lots 1-5, 19-30 in Accordance with Eminent Domain
8 Laws and Procedures
9 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
10 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale
11 (10) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
12 Monies to Outside Lienholder
13 (11) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
14 Deemed Exempt
15 (12) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a
16 Payment
17 (13) Resolution Awarding Contract with Clean-Up,
18 Inc. for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project.)
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20 CITY CLERK: There are 13 items on the
21 Consent Agenda.

22 The first is a Resolution Approving the
23 Payment of Concurring Claims.

24 The second is a Resolution Approving the
25 Escrow Refunds.

1 The third is a Resolution Approving the
2 City Payroll for the Period of July 18th through
3 July 31st, 2020.

4 The fourth is a Resolution Approving the
5 Library Payroll for the Period of July 18th
6 through July 31st, 2020.

7 The fifth is a Resolution Awarding a
8 Contract to V and K Construction, Incorporated
9 for the 38th Street Skate Park Improvement
10 Project.

11 The sixth is a Resolution Approving a Grant
12 Agreement between the New Jersey Association of
13 County and City Health Officials and the Union
14 City Health Department for COVID-19 Activities
15 and Expenses.

16 The seventh is a Resolution Awarding a
17 Contract to Laurel Mountain Leasing and Financial
18 Services, Incorporated for the Purchase of 12
19 Vehicles -- Lease/Purchase of 12 Vehicles.

20 The eighth is a Resolution Rescinding
21 Resolution 2020-R-126, which Authorized the City
22 of Union City to Pursue a Property Located at
23 4400 and 4408 Hudson Avenue and 119 through 121
24 45th Street, also known as Blocks 259, Lots 1
25 through 5 and Lots 19 through 30 in Accordance

1 with Eminent Domain Laws and Procedures.

2 The ninth is a Resolution Approving --

3 I'm sorry.

4 -- Authorizing the Refund of Premium Monies
5 Collected at the Tax Sale.

6 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing
7 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
8 Lienholders.

9 The eleventh is a Resolution Cancelling
10 Taxes on Property Deemed Exempt.

11 The twelfth is a Resolution Authorizing the
12 Refund of a Payment.

13 The thirteenth is a Resolution Awarding a
14 Contract to Clean-Up, Incorporated for the 2020
15 Road Resurfacing Project.

16 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
17 public comment on Consent?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes, just before we do, I'd
19 just like to thank the Commissioners once again
20 for moving our meetings a hundred percent around
21 the City.

22 Thank you very much.

23 Also, just one of things I wanted to point
24 out, it took us a while to get here but the
25 contract is being awarded for V and K

1 Construction for the 38th Street Skate Park for
2 additional improvements to the Skate Park, which
3 is located right across the street here on 38th
4 Street/39th Street, which is a major improvement
5 to the neighborhood.

6 And we were actually looking to -- to
7 acquire a piece of property, -- a study to
8 acquire it -- at 4400-4408 Hudson Avenue, which
9 is the Old Method Dye. The City has decided not
10 to pursue that property.

11 And, hopefully, we'll be pursuing other
12 properties for recreational needs in the
13 community.

14 Having said that, anyone wishing to comment
15 at this time, please step forward, state your
16 name and address for the record.

17 Seeing none.

18 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
19 public comment?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

21 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
22 Fernandez.

23 Second?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

25 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

1 Valdivia.

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 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

13 May I have a motion to approve all items on
14 Consent?

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

17 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

18 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

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: And Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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

11 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment at
12 this time, please step forward, state your name
13 and address for the record on any matter
14 concerning municipal government in the City of
15 Union City.

16 Seeing none.

17 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
18 public comment?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

20 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
21 Martinetti.

22 Second?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

24 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
25 Fernandez.

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: And Mayor Stack?
10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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14 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time there are
15 no other items on the agenda.

16 May I have a motion to adjourn?

17 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

18 Motion.

19 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

20 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

2 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

4 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: Just before we do, just
8 Commissioners, whoever would like to attend, we
9 have our Police Community Meeting tonight on 46th
10 to 47th on Hudson.

11 We started knocking on the doors to have
12 the guys up there -- volunteers knocking on doors
13 at seven o'clock. Anyone who would like to go.
14 It's right on the corner, 46th to 47th on Hudson.

15 Thanks, everyone.

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17 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
18 at 7:11 p.m.)

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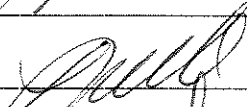
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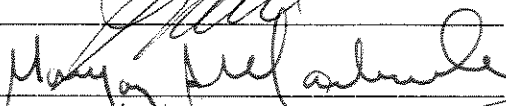
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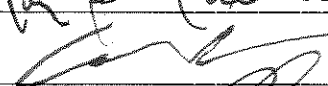
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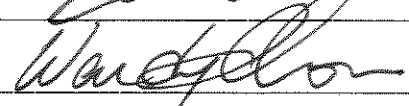
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Board of Commissioners

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City Clerk

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3 COUNTY OF ESSEX :

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5 I, KAREN A. MARINO, assigned transcriber,
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 Wednesday, August 5, 2020 and digitally
10 recorded.

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