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

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REGULAR MEETING :
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TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED
PROCEEDINGS

Jose Marti Freshman Academy
1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Commencing at 7:07 p.m.

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

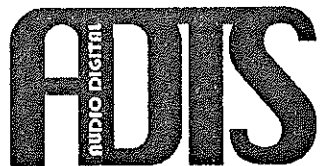
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1 CITY CLERK: This is a Regular Public
2 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
3 being held on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021, at
4 seven p.m. at the Jose Marti STEM Academy,
5 1800 Summit Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

6 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

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19 **ROLL CALL:**

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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: And Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

6 Here.

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

10 **ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION**

11 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV,
12 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT ARTICLE XIII SECTION
13 4-75 POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG TESTING POLICY.)

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15 CITY CLERK: The first -- we have one
16 Ordinance for Introduction.

17 Adoption on first reading will authorize
18 the Municipal Clerk to advertise the Ordinance
19 with the notice of public hearing, which will be
20 on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2020 (sic) at Robert
21 Waters School, 2800 Summit Avenue, Union City,
22 New Jersey.

23 This Ordinance is an Ordinance Amending
24 Chapter IV, Administration of the Government
25 Article XIII Section 4-75, Police Department Drug

1 Testing Policy.

2 May I have a motion to introduce?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

5 CITY CLERK: Motion by --

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 CITY CLERK: -- Commissioner Martinetti.

8 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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21 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
22 action on the following items in total:

23 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

24 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

25 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of

1 Concurring Claims

2 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

3 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
4 January 2 through January 19, 2021

5 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
6 for January 2 through January 19, 2021

7 (6) Resolution to Correct Improvement Value Tax

8 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
9 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

10 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to
11 Prepare, Complete and Mail as Soon as Practicable
12 Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with the
13 Procedures Set Forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and
14 Authorizing an Estimated Annual Tax Levy Pursuant
15 to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2

16 (9) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
17 Advertise a Bid for Solid Waste Removal

18 (10) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
19 Advertise a Bid for Contractors in Emergency
20 Situations

21 (11) Resolution Authorizing Participation in the
22 Street Smart Statewide Pedestrian Safety Campaign

23 (12) Resolution Approving the 2020-2021 Renewal
24 of St. Joseph's Catholic Club (T/A St. Joseph's
25 Catholic Club) located at 713-14th Street, Liquor

1 License No. 0910-31-217-001.)

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3 CITY CLERK: We have 12 items on the
4 Consent Agenda.

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

7 Second is a Resolution Approving the
8 Payment of Concurring Claims.

9 Third is a Resolution Approving the Escrow
10 Refunds.

11 Fourth is a Resolution Approving the City
12 Payroll for the period of January 2nd through
13 January 19, 2021.

14 Fifth is a Resolution Approving the Library
15 Payroll for the period of January 2nd through
16 January 19, 2021.

17 Sixth is a Resolution to Correct
18 Improvement Value Tax.

19 The seventh is a Resolution Authorizing a
20 Refund of Redemption (sic) Monies Collected at
21 the Tax Sale.

22 The eighth is a Resolution Authorizing the
23 Tax Collector to Prepare, Complete and Mail as
24 Soon as Practicable Estimated Tax Bills in
25 Accordance with the Procedures Set Forth in

1 N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and Authorizing an Estimated
2 Annual Tax Levy Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2.

3 Ninth is a Resolution Authorizing the City
4 Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Solid Waste
5 Removal.

6 The tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
7 City Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Contractors
8 in Emergency Situations.

9 The eleventh is a Resolution Authorizing
10 Participation in the Street Smart Statewide
11 Pedestrian Safety -- Safety Campaign.

12 And the twelfth is a Resolution Approving
13 the 2020-2021 Renewal of Saint Joseph's Catholic
14 Club, Trading As Saint Joseph's Catholic Club,
15 located at 713-14th Street, Liquor License Number
16 0910-31-217-001.

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

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
21 Agenda, please step forward.

22 State your name and address for the record.

23 Seeing none.

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

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

3 Second?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

5 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

6 Valdivia.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

18 May I have a motion to approve all items on

19 Consent?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

22 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

23 Valdivia.

24 Second by Commissioner 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: And Mayor Stack?

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

14 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

15 (1) Resolution Approving a Payment of Claim for
16 the Grace Theater Workshop.)

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18 CITY CLERK: There are three items on the
19 Regular Agenda.

20 The first is a Resolution Approving a
21 Payment of Claim for the Grace Theater Workshop.

22 May I have a motion on item 1?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Second.

2 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
3 Martinetti.

4 Commissioner Fernandez is recusing.

5 Commissioner Grullon?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

17 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

18 (2) Resolution Certifying the Annual Audit.)

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20 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution
21 Certifying the Annual Audit.

22 May I have a motion on item 2?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

24 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
25 Valdivia.

1 Second?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

4 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

5 Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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18 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
19 action on the following item:

20 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

21 (3) Resolution Adopting the Corrective Action
22 Plan.)

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24 CITY CLERK: The third is a Resolution
25 Adopting a Corrective Action Plan.

1 May I have a motion on item 3?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

4 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
5 Martinetti.

6 Second by Commissioner Grullon.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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21 CITY CLERK: Mayor, at this time, would you
22 like to take public comment -- comment on any
23 item concerning -- concerning government in the
24 City of Union City?

25 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment at

1 this time, please step forward.

2 State your name and address for the record.

3 Seeing none.

4 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
5 Public Comment?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Grullon.

9 Second?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

11 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
12 Valdivia.

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.

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25 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner Martinetti.

Second?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Valdivia?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

CITY CLERK: Thank you.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you for everybody's time tonight.

Thank you, Lucio.

1 Thank you Wendy.

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3 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
4 at 7:12 p.m.)

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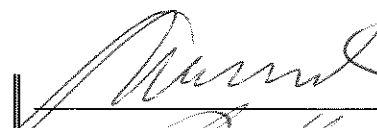
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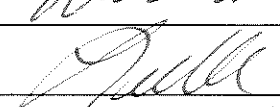
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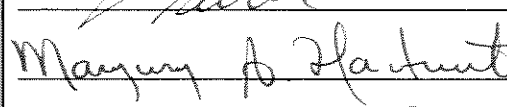
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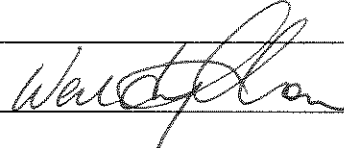
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Board of Commissioners

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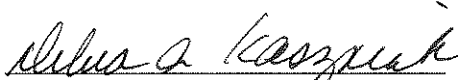
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