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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

Jefferson School
3400 Palisade Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Commencing at 7:11 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
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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

CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER

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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 23rd, 2021 at
4 seven p.m., at Jefferson School, 3400 Palisade
5 Avenue.

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 Meetings Act.

13 Adequate notice has been provided to The
14 Jersey Journal, The Record, and The Hudson
15 Reporter, and posted on the bulletin board at
16 City 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's not

1 here.

2 Commissioner Martinetti?

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

4 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

5 MAYOR STACK: Here.

6

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

9 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES -**

10 **REGULAR MEETINGS - JANUARY 5, 2021; JANUARY 12,**
11 **2021; JANUARY 19, 2021; AND FEBRUARY 9, 2021.)**

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13 CITY CLERK: The first item is the Approval
14 of the Meeting Minutes of the Board Meetings for
15 January 5th, 2021, January 12th, 2021, January
16 19th, 2021, and February 9th, 2021.

17 May I have a motion to approve?

18 MAYOR STACK: Just be-- just before we do,
19 Clerk, Commissioner Valdivia is tied up at a
20 Planning Board Meeting tonight.

21 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

22 MAYOR STACK: That's why he's not here.

23 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Mayor.

24 May I have a motion to approve?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

1 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
2 Martinetti.

3 Second?

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

5 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
6 Grullon.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, with the
9 exception of the meeting of February 9th, 2021.

10 CITY CLERK: Noted.

11 Commissioner Grullon?

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17

18 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
19 action on the following items in total:

20 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

21 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

22 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
23 Concurring Claims

24 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

25

- 1 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
- 2 January 16th through January 29, 2021
- 3 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
- 4 for January 16th through January 29, 2021
- 5 (6) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes
- 6 on a New Condominium
- 7 (7) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes
- 8 on a Merged Property
- 9 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a
- 10 Duplicate Payment
- 11 (9) Resolution Adjusting Estimated Taxes for
- 12 the First Quarter
- 13 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 14 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale
- 15 (11) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 16 Redemption Monies Collected to Outside
- 17 Lienholders
- 18 (12) Resolution Authorizing Execution of Rights
- 19 of Way Agreement by and between the City of Union
- 20 City and Comcast Business Communications, LLC for
- 21 the Installation, Use and Maintenance of
- 22 Telecommunications Facilities within Public
- 23 Rights-of-Way for the Purpose of Providing
- 24 Telecommunications Services
- 25

1 (13) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
2 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
3 Jersey Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to
4 \$8,071,128 of Special Emergency Notes of the City
5 of Union City, Making Certain Covenants to
6 Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said
7 Notes from Federal Income Taxation; and
8 Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such
9 Determinations as may be Necessary or Appropriate
10 to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Notes
11 (14) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
12 Solicit Bids for the Landscape Program A & B
13 (15) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
14 Solicit Bids for the Opening, Maintenance and
15 Closing of Pools and Spray Parks
16 (16) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
17 Solicit Bids for Pool Chemicals
18 (17) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
19 Solicit Bids for the Sip Street Streetscape
20 Project
21 (18) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
22 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
23 Jersey Authorizing the Submission of an
24 Application to the New Jersey Local Finance Board
25

1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:3-1, et seq. and
2 N.J.S.A. 40a:2-11(C)

3 (19) Resolution Appointing Alejandro Velazquez
4 as a Class II Member of the Union City Planning
5 Board

6 (20) Resolution of the City of Union City, in
7 the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey,
8 Authorizing the Participation by the City of
9 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, in the
10 Pooled Note Financing Program of the Hudson
11 County Improvement Authority

12 (21) Resolution to Correct Added Improvement Tax

13 (22) Resolution Removing a Lien on 410-5th
14 Street, Block 24, Lot 28, Union City,
15 New Jersey.)

16

17 CITY CLERK: There are 22 items on the
18 Consent Agenda.

19 The first is a Resolution Approving the
20 Payment of Claims.

21 The second is a Resolution Approving the
22 Payment of Concurring Claims.

23 The third is a Resolution Approving the
24 Escrow Refunds.

25

1 Fourth is a Resolution Approving the City
2 Payroll for the period of January 16th through
3 January 29th, 2021.

4 Fifth is a Resolution Approving a Library
5 Payroll for the period of January 16th through
6 January 29th, 2021.

7 Sixth is a Resolution Cancelling First
8 Quarter Taxes on a New Condominium.

9 Seventh is a Resolution Cancelling First
10 Quarter Taxes on a Merged Property.

11 Eighth is a Resolution Authorizing a Refund
12 of a Duplicate -- Duplicate Payment.

13 Ninth is a Resolution Adjusting Estimated
14 Taxes for the First Quarter.

15 Tenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
16 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
17 Sale.

18 The eleventh is a Resolution Authorizing
19 Refund of Redemption Monies Collected to Outside
20 Lienholders.

21 The twelfth is a Resolution Authorizing the
22 Execution of Right-of-Way Agreement by the -- by
23 and between the City of Union City and Comcast
24 Business Communications, LLC for the
25 Installation, Use, Maintenance of

1 Telecommunication Facilities within the Public
2 Rights-of-Way for the Purpose of Providing
3 Telecommunication Services.

4 Thirteenth is a Resolution of the Board of
5 Commissioners of the City of Union City, County
6 of Hudson, New Jersey, Authorizing the Issuance
7 of Sale of Up to 8,071,128 of Special Emergency
8 Notes of the City of Union City, Making Certain
9 Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of Interest
10 on Said Notes from Federal Income Taxation; and
11 Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such
12 Determinations as Necessary or Appropriate to
13 Effectuate the Issuance of Sale of the Notes.

14 The fourteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
15 -- Authorizing the City Clerk to Solicit Bids for
16 the Landscape Program A and B.

17 The fifteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
18 the City Clerk to Solicit Bids for the Opening,
19 Maintenance and Closing of Pools and Spray Parks.

20 The sixteenth is a Resolution Authorizing
21 the City Clerk to Solicit Bids for Pool
22 Chemicals.

23 Seventeenth is a Resolution Authorizing the
24 City Clerk to Solicit Bids for the Sip Street
25 Streetscape Project.

1 Eighteenth is a Resolution of the Board of
2 Commissioners of the City of Union City, County
3 of Hudson, New Jersey, Authorizing the Submission
4 of an Application to the New Jersey Local Finance
5 Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:3-1, et seq. and
6 N.J.S.A. 40a:2-11(C).

7 Nineteenth -- nineteenth is a Resolution
8 Appointing Alejandro Velazquez as Class II Member
9 of the Union City Planning Board.

10 Twentieth is a Resolution of the City of
11 Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey,
12 Authorizing the Participation of City of Union
13 City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, in the Pooled
14 Note Financing Program for the Hudson County
15 Improvement Authority.

16 The twenty-first is a Resolution to Correct
17 Added Improvement Tax.

18 And the twenty-second is a Resolution
19 Removing a Lien on 410 5th Street, Block 24, Lot
20 28, Union City, New Jersey.

21 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
22 public comment on Consent?

23 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

24 Anyone else wishing to comment on the
25 Consent Agenda, please step forward, state your

1 name and address for the record.

2 Seeing none.

3 CITY CLERK: May I have a motion to close
4 public comment?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

6 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Grullon.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm abstaining --

18 CITY CLERK: This is just -- just --

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Oh.

20 CITY CLERK: -- to close Public Comment.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Sorry.

22 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

25 May I have a motion -- motion to approve

1 all items on Consent?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

3 CITY CLERK: Motion --

4 MAYOR STACK: Second.

5 CITY CLERK: -- by Commissioner Fernandez.

6 Second by Mayor Stack.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm abstaining on
13 item number 1, payments to Adolfo Lopez.

14 Aye on the rest.

15 CITY CLERK: Thank --

16 And also -- you're also on number 20, as
17 well.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Oh, I'm sorry;
19 number 20.

20 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Aye on the rest.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you, Commissioner.

23 And Mayor Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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2 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
3 action on the following item:

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

5 1. BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL
6 IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS
7 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF UNION
8 CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING
9 THE SUM OF \$10,000,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE
10 ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND
11 ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY,
12 COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE
13 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$10,000,000; MAKING
14 CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND
15 AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION
16 WITH THE FOREGOING.)
17

18 CITY CLERK: There are two Ordinances on
19 for Introduction.

20 Adoption on first reading will authorize
21 the Municipal Clerk to publish the Ordinance and
22 the notice of public hearing and possible
23 adoption, which would be on Tuesday, March 9th,
24 2021, at the Bruce D. Walter Rec Center.

25 With the exception of item 1; that -- that

1 Bond Ordinance will go before the Local Finance
2 Board. So publication of public hearing and
3 final adoption consideration will be published in
4 the newspaper by law.

5 So the first is a Bond Ordinance
6 Authorizing Various Capital Improvements and
7 Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment and for
8 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
9 Jersey; Appropriating the Issue -- Appropriating
10 the Sum of 10,000,000 Therefor; Authorizing the
11 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond
12 Anticipation Notes of the City of Union City,
13 County of Hudson, New Jersey in the Aggregate
14 Principal Amount of Up to 10,000,000; Making
15 Certain Determinations and Covenants; and
16 Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection
17 with the Foregoing.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

20 Before we make the motion, this would be --
21 Just for the public's edification.

22 -- this would be reconstruction and
23 resurfacing of various streets, including parts
24 of Palisade Avenue for additional lighting.

25 It would be various improvements for right

1 over here on Peter Street, a dog park and a plaza
2 seating area for residents, along with a new
3 street.

4 Additional street lighting throughout the
5 City.

6 Additional work that we've done on 35th
7 Street, between Bergenline and Kennedy Boulevard.

8 Resurfacing of various municipal parking
9 lots in the City.

10 Major infrastructure work in the community.

11 Also, work at the 32nd Street Plaza.

12 I've been working closely with Commissioner
13 Fernandez and myself, along with the other
14 Commissioners, on improvements outside the post
15 office plaza. Something with a little more
16 greenery as we're doing Palisade Avenue over.

17 Everyone knows we received grant money to
18 do Palisade Avenue. This would tie into that.
19 Additional lighting in that area to brighten it
20 up. It's really the center -- one of the centers
21 of our City.

22 Additional security cameras throughout the
23 community. I worked closely with the Chief and
24 Lieutenant Dunlay to work on additional cameras.
25 That would be \$384,600.00.

1 This is something we're ongoing; because
2 cameras are always being improved. And this
3 would be technology for the community to make
4 sure we have good cameras out there. Should
5 something happen, the Police Department have an
6 extra tool.

7 We would be widening Peter Street, between
8 -- we're putting a new street in between Palisade
9 Avenue and Hudson Avenue.

10 And then from Hudson Avenue down to
11 Pleasant Avenue, we would widen the street,
12 resurface the street, new sidewalks, and some
13 tree planting and additional lighting.

14 Also, Sip Street would be redone from
15 Central Avenue to Summit Avenue; Summit Avenue to
16 Kennedy Boulevard.

17 Sidewalk repairs throughout the community,
18 where there's broken sidewalks or curbs. Keep it
19 safe for the residents that are out there
20 walking, especially our children, our seniors.

21 There would also be additional resurfacing
22 done throughout the community. There would be
23 about 27 side streets done this summer throughout
24 the community. That would be an additional
25 \$3 million in expense.

1 I know one of the streets we looked at that
2 comes to mind that takes a big chunk of this is
3 28th Street.

4 We would do from Bergenline Avenue to
5 Central; Central to Summit; and Summit over to
6 Kennedy.

7 I know most of the streets off the top of
8 my head.

9 I'm not going to read them all into the
10 record now; we will at the Public Hearing.

11 But this would be a lot of infrastructure.

12 This is the kind of stuff you should be
13 bonding for because this is the stuff that future
14 generations and the residents of the City can
15 enjoy, not only today, but going forward.

16 And these are the things that make the
17 quality of life a little bit better.

18 I'll --

19 If there was a motion, I'll --

20 CITY CLERK: Motion --

21 MAYOR STACK: -- second; or a motion.

22 CITY CLERK: Motion to introduce by Mayor
23 Stack.

24 Second?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

1 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
2 Fernandez.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

12

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

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

16 2. ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH CLOSING
17 REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD OR BEVERAGE
18 ESTABLISHMENTS.)

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20 CITY CLERK: The next Ordinance is an
21 Ordinance Setting Forth the Closing Requirements
22 for Food or Beverage Establishments.

23 May I have a motion to introduce?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

25 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner

1 Grullon.

2 Second?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 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 Martinetti?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 CITY CLERK: And 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 1. Resolution Approving the 2020-2021 SFY
20 Budget (sic).)

21

22 CITY CLERK: There are two items on the
23 Regular Agenda.

24 I just want to make a mention that the
25 first one has a typo.

1 It's a Resolution Approving the 2020-2021
2 State Fiscal Year Budget Amendments.

3 Amendments should be added there.

4 May I have a motion on item 1?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

6 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
11 Grullon.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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22 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
23 action on the following item:

24 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

25 2. Resolution Approving a Payment of Claim for

1 the Hudson County Improvement Authority.)

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3 CITY CLERK: The next is a Resolution
4 Approving a Payment of Claim for the Hudson
5 County Improvement Authority.

6 May I have a motion on item 2?

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

8 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
9 Grullon.

10 Second?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

12 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti is
19 recusing.

20 And Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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

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

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

6 Anyone wishing to comment at this time
7 concerning any matter concerning government or
8 anything in the City of Union City, please step
9 forward, state your name and address for the
10 record.

11 Seeing none.

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

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

16 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
17 Fernandez.

18 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 HEARING

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3 1. Sai Prasad, Inc.

4 T/A Bergenline Liquors

5 3819 Bergenline Avenue

6 Liquor License No. 0910-32-066-004

7 (Anthony Sarsano, Esq.)

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9 CITY CLERK: At this time we have Liquor
10 License Public Hearings.

11 MR. FARMER: Good evening, Mr. Mayor and
12 the Board.

13 MR. DILLON: Mr. Farmer, can you just
14 step by this mic?

15 Thank you.

16 MR. FARMER: Good evening.

17 We have one matter on this evening.

18 It's Bergenline Liquor. The licensee is
19 here. He's represented by Anthony Sarsano.

20 Also, Lieutenant Loaces (sic) is here.

21 We've had a number of discussions about
22 this.

23 Basically, the situation is that Bergenline
24 Liquor is one of the few places that permits a
25 bar to be in existence in -- in a liquor store.

1 | There's only a couple of them left in the City.

2 | It seems to have been a situation of a
3 | fight, somebody who was working -- a stock boy or
4 | security or whatever, escorted what was
5 | represented to be an unruly passen-- person out.
6 | They got into a shoveling (sic) -- shoving match
7 | and the guy got hit.

8 | He was highly intoxicated. When the Police
9 | got there, they saw that he was intoxicated.
10 | They had the fight. They found out that this guy
11 | was not on the E-141, so that's a violation.

12 | And there was another issue of -- a special
13 | condition on this license is to have cameras.
14 | And the cameras weren't working. And the reason
15 | the cameras weren't working is because the
16 | licensee, who's the son, who's here today, his
17 | father only had the code to get in there.

18 | And when they -- his father was in the
19 | hospital, a few days later, unfortunately, he
20 | passed away from COVID. So they couldn't
21 | apparently get the information. That is -- is
22 | lost.

23 | And the reason why that's significant is
24 | this.

25 | First of all, there's an ordinance in town

1 | you got to have cameras inside; it's a special
2 | condition on the license. Always says that, you
3 | know, you got to have it on. Because it shows
4 | why this happened.

5 | There's an issue of whether the guy came in
6 | drunk; whether or not the guy got drunk there --
7 | because everybody says he was drunk when the
8 | situation happened. If we had a camera going, we
9 | could solve that problem.

10 | Okay?

11 | We could see if he just walked in and then
12 | became a pain in the neck right off the bat. But
13 | we couldn't.

14 | So, to make a long story short, -- and he's
15 | had some past issues -- Lieutenant Loaces (sic),
16 | myself, and Mr. Sarsano have entered into a
17 | recommendation to the Board of a 30 day
18 | suspension. Twenty days served, starting March
19 | 1st and ten days held in abeyance on the condition
20 | that there not be any future violation for one
21 | year.

22 | MAYOR STACK: Let -- let me just ask you,
23 | Mr. Farmer.

24 | This -- this place --

25 | I'm -- I'm very sorry about your father.

1 I'm very sorry.

2 A VOICE: Thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Let -- let me just ask you,
4 this place has had a pretty colorful checkered
5 past.

6 Right?

7 I mean --

8 MR. FARMER: It's had one.

9 MAYOR STACK: -- I remember a few times
10 coming before us that there's been other issues.

11 MR. FARMER: Yes.

12 MAYOR STACK: A little girl got hit in the
13 head with a bottle or something --

14 MR. FARMER: That's correct.

15 MAYOR STACK: -- one time.

16 MR. FARMER: Yes.

17 What happened was a bottle was thrown at
18 the doorway --

19 MAYOR STACK: Right.

20 MR. FARMER: -- and hit a -- a mother and
21 child -- and hit the child walking across the
22 street.

23 Yes, that happened.

24 MAYOR STACK: So, -- so, just -- so, Mr.
25 Farmer and -- and Dave, just -- like not only on

1 | this case but going forward, we need to come up
2 | with a solution that when people's cameras are
3 | broken.

4 | Because let's say you go around once a
5 | year, twice a year to check these establishments,
6 | there should be some type of certification sent
7 | into the -- to the Police Department.

8 | Maybe we should come up with some type of
9 | mechanism. I only bring it up now --

10 | MR. FARMER: Hmm.

11 | MAYOR STACK: -- because this is another
12 | case where we're having this happen again --
13 | separate from this gentleman.

14 | MR. FARMER: Hmm.

15 | MAYOR STACK: Maybe we should make them
16 | come up with a certification from a -- a camera
17 | company, alarm company, that these are working.

18 | Similar to what the Fire Department does or
19 | the Police Department does with alarms in the
20 | City. We should do something maybe similar along
21 | this.

22 | LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Mayor, I like the -- I
23 | love the idea but in -- in this case it's not the
24 | issue.

25 | The issue was the passcodes.

1 So, they're required to have it readily
2 available to the Police at any time. The issue
3 was that it wasn't readily available because only
4 one person had the passcode --

5 MAYOR STACK: I see. I see.

6 Okay.

7 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: -- to access the
8 camera.

9 MAYOR STACK: Okay, I missed that.

10 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: And that's --

11 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

12 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: -- where we had --
13 So that violates --

14 MAYOR STACK: I -- I didn't hear that.

15 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: -- the City
16 Ordinance, --

17 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

18 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: -- which was -- which
19 was put in place.

20 MAYOR STACK: I got it. I got it.

21 Okay.

22 MR. FARMER: But I think that's a good idea
23 by the way.

24 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Absolutely.

25 MAYOR STACK: Will you work on something

1 with Greg on that?

2 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Yes, sir.

3 MAYOR STACK: Maybe with Angelo? The three
4 of you, please?

5 MR. FARMER: Yeah, because there's only --
6 there are only --

7 MAYOR STACK: For a certification.

8 MR. FARMER: -- ten bars in town that it
9 applies to.

10 MAYOR STACK: Right.

11 MR. FARMER: Because we have one Ordinance
12 that says every liquor license has to have an
13 outdoor camera --

14 MAYOR STACK: Right.

15 MR. FARMER: -- to the enter and -- exit
16 and entrance.

17 MAYOR STACK: Right.

18 MR. FARMER: But we have about ten that
19 require the -- the licensee to have cameras
20 inside.

21 MAYOR STACK: I got it.

22 Okay.

23 Mr. Sarsano, can you enter your appearance
24 and --

25 MR. SARSANO: Yes. My name is Anthony

1 | Sarsano. I represent the tavern owner in this
2 | case.

3 | I've had an opportunity to discuss this
4 | matter at length with Lieutenant and with Mr.
5 | Farmer.

6 | The proposed settlement that has been
7 | offered, we feel was a fair one, given the
8 | circumstances. I realize this is not my client's
9 | first offense; however, the reason he didn't have
10 | the password was, I think, you know a tragic
11 | situation.

12 | MAYOR STACK: Sure.

13 | MR. SARSANO: His -- his mind wasn't really
14 | there. He was thinking about his father who died
15 | a few days later.

16 | I'd ask the Board to consider agreeing to
17 | this settlement.

18 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

19 | Mr. Farmer?

20 | MR. FARMER: I have nothing to say.

21 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

22 | Lieutenant, you good?

23 | LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: No, I --

24 | COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Lieutenant, you
25 | want to enter your appearance --

1 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: -- on record?

3 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Lieutenant David

4 Dunlay, Union City Police.

5 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

6 I'll make a motion to approve.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Mayor Stack.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

10 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner

11 Grullon.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Abstain.

14 CITY CLERK: Abstention by Commissioner

15 Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Grullon?

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 CITY CLERK: And Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 Again, we're sorry for your loss.

23 I'm very sorry.

24 A VOICE: Thank you very much.

25 MAYOR STACK: Good luck with the business.

1 CITY CLERK: Thank you.

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 CITY CLERK: There are no other items on
4 the agenda.

5 May I have a motion to adjourn?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

7 CITY CLERK: Motion by Commissioner
8 Fernandez.

9 Second?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

11 CITY CLERK: Second by Commissioner
12 Grullon.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Grullon?

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 CITY CLERK: Commissioner Martinetti?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 CITY CLERK: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

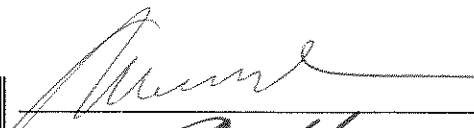
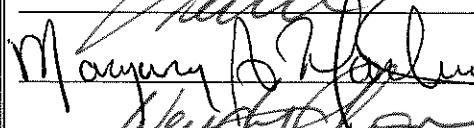
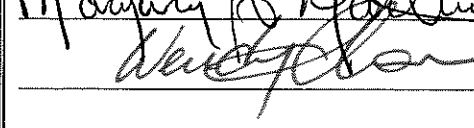
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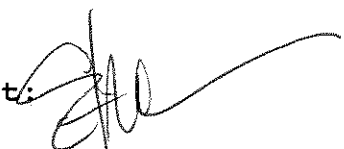
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24 at 7:27 p.m.)

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