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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Robert Waters School
2800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Monday, August 9, 2021
Commencing at 7:03 p.m.

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CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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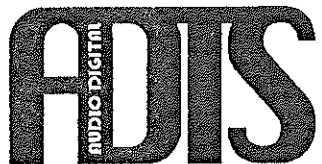
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1 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
2 said by all.)

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4 MR. deARMAS: This is a Special Public
5 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
6 held on Monday, August 9th, 2021 at seven p.m., at
7 Robert Waters, 2800 Summit Avenue, Union City,
8 New Jersey.

9 This meeting has been called in accordance
10 with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

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17 **ROLL CALL:**

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19 MR. deARMAS: Roll call.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 MAYOR STACK: He's on vacation.

22 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Grullon?

23 MAYOR STACK: She's on vacation also.

24 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

1 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

3 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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6 (Whereupon, the Board discussed the
7 following item:

8 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9 (22) Resolution Authorizing a Contract for
10 Library Board Counsel for the City of Union City
11 for 2021-2022.)

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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 City Payroll for
20 07/03/2021-07/16/2021

21 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
22 for 07/03/2021-07/16/2021

23 (5) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
24 Monies to Outside Lienholders

25 (6) Resolution Authorizing The Refund Of

1 Premium Monies Collected At The Tax Sale
2 (7) Resolution Approving Escrow Refunds
3 (8) Resolution Designating the Depositories for
4 the City of Union City
5 (9) Resolution to Rescind Item # 33 on the
6 July 30, 2021 Consent Agenda and Award Tax Appeal
7 Expert Services for 2021-2022
8 (10) Resolution to Rescind Item # 23 on the
9 July 30, 2021 Consent Agenda and Award Police
10 Physician Services
11 (11) Resolution to Award Contract for Special
12 Counsel Redevelopment Services to Florio & Kenny
13 (12) Resolution to Award Contracts for Special
14 Counsel Tax Appeal Services
15 (13) Resolution to Award Contracts for Special
16 Projects Planner Services for 2021-2022
17 (14) Resolution to Award Contract for
18 Information Technology Services to Integrated
19 Microsystems
20 (15) Resolution Authorizing Assessor and Special
21 Counsel to Correct Errors in Tax Assessments,
22 Sign Stipulations to Correct Said Errors, Settle
23 Certain Appeals, and File Municipal Tax Appeals
24 on Behalf of the City Of Union City for the
25 Period July 1, 2021 Through and including

1 June 30, 2022

2 (16) Resolution Rejecting all Bids for Extension
3 of Peter Street (Palisade Avenue to Park Avenue),
4 City of Union City, and Authorizing Re-Bid

5 (17) Resolution Authorizing the Award of
6 Contracts for Architectural Services for the City
7 of Union City for 2021-2022

8 (18) Resolution Authorizing the Award of
9 Contracts for Engineering Services for 2021-2022

10 (19) Resolution Authorizing the Award of
11 Contracts for Substitute Engineering Services for
12 2021-2022

13 (20) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
14 Contract for Arborist Services for the City of
15 Union City for 2021-2022

16 (21) Resolution Awarding a Contract for
17 Interpreter Services for 2021-2022

18 (23) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
19 Contract for Bond Counsel for the City of Union
20 City for 2021-2022

21 (24) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids for
22 Snow Removal and Post Storm Services

23 (25) Resolution Authorizing the Use of
24 Competitive Contracting for Feral Cat Spaying and
25 Neutering Services for the City of Union City

1 (26) Resolution Authorizing Shared Services
2 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the
3 County of Hudson for the Maintenance of City
4 Owned Traffic Signals July 1, 2021 to June 30,
5 2022.)
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7 MR. deARMAS: There are 26 items on the
8 Consent Agenda.

9 Number 1.

10 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the
11 proceedings.)

12 MR. deARMAS: Resolution Approving the
13 Payment of Claims.

14 Number 2.

15 Resolution Approving the Payment of
16 Concurring Claims.

17 Number 3.

18 Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
19 July 3rd, 2021 through July 16th, 2021.

20 Number 4.

21 Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
22 for July 3rd, 2021 through July 16th, 2021.

23 Number 5.

24 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
25 Monies to Outside Lienholders.

1 Number 6.

2 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
3 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale.

4 Number 7.

5 Resolution Approving Escrow Refunds.

6 Number 8.

7 Resolution Designating the Depositories for
8 the City of Union City.

9 Number 9.

10 Resolution to Rescind Item Number 33 on the
11 July 30, 2021 Consent Agenda and Award Tax Appeal
12 Expert Services for 2021-2022.

13 Number 10.

14 Resolution to Rescind Item Number 23 on the
15 July 30, 2021 Consent Agenda and Award Police
16 Physician Services.

17 Item 11.

18 Resolution to Award Contract for Special
19 Counsel Redevelopment Services to Florio and
20 Kenny.

21 Item 12.

22 Resolution to Award Contract for Special
23 Counsel Tax Appeal Services.

24 Item 13.

25 Resolution to Award Contract for Special

1 Projects Planner Services for 2021-2022.

2 Fourteen.

3 Resolution to Award Contract for
4 Information Technology Services to Integrated
5 Microsystems.

6 Fifteen.

7 Resolution Authorizing Assessor and Special
8 Counsel to Correct Errors in Tax Assessments,
9 Sign Stipulations to Correct Said Errors, Settle
10 Certain Appeals, and File Municipal Tax Appeals
11 on Behalf of the City of Union City for the
12 Period July 1st, 2021 through and including June
13 30th, 2022.

14 Resolution -- item 16.

15 Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Extension
16 of Peter Street, Palisade Avenue to Park Avenue,
17 City of Union City, and Authorizing Re-Bid.

18 Item 17.

19 Resolution Authorizing the Award of
20 Contracts for Architectural Services for the City
21 of Union City for 2021-2022.

22 Item 18.

23 Resolution Authorizing the Award of
24 Contracts for Engineering Services for 2021-2022.

25 Item number 19.

1 Resolution Authorizing the Award of
2 Contracts for Substitute Engineering Services for
3 2021-2022.

4 Item 20.

5 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
6 Contract for Arborist Services for the City of
7 Union City for 2021-2022.

8 Item 21.

9 Resolution Awarding a Contract for
10 Interpreter Services for 2021-2022.

11 Item 22.

12 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for
13 Library Board Counsel for the City of Union City
14 for 2021-2022.

15 Item number 23.

16 Resolution Authorizing the Award --

17 MAYOR STACK: Who -- who's that?

18 I'm sorry, Jorge.

19 Who is that being awarded to for Library
20 Board Counsel?

21 MR. deARMAS: Item 22?

22 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, just refresh my memory.

23 MR. deARMAS: It is being awarded to
24 Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs, LLC.

25 MAYOR STACK: No, that wasn't checked off

1 off on the list.

2 MR. deARMAS: Okay, we're going to remove
3 item 22?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yeah, that wasn't checked
5 off.

6 MR. deARMAS: All right.

7 Item 22 has been removed from the Consent
8 Agenda.

9 Item 23.

10 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a
11 Contract for Bond Counsel for the City of Union
12 City for 2021-2022.

13 MAYOR STACK: That's Parker McCay.
14 Correct?

15 MS. BLAKE: Um-hum.

16 Yes.

17 MR. deARMAS: Yes?

18 MS. BLAKE: Yes.

19 MR. deARMAS: Yes.

20 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

21 Just want to make sure.

22 MR. deARMAS: Item 24.

23 Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids for
24 Snow Removal and Post Storm Services.

25 MAYOR STACK: Good.

1 MR. deARMAS: Item 25.

2 Resolution Authorizing the Use of
3 Competitive Contracting for Feral Cat Spaying and
4 Neutering Services for the City of Union City.

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Good.

6 MR. deARMAS: Item 26.

7 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services
8 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the
9 County of Hudson for the Maintenance of City
10 Owned Traffic Signals July 1st, 2021 to June 30th,
11 2022.

12 MAYOR STACK: Good.

13 Anyone wishing to comment on the Consent
14 Agenda, please step forward, state your name and
15 address for the record.

16 Again, this is a Special Meeting of the
17 Board of Commissioners in the City of Union City.

18 Seeing none on the Consent Agenda, I'll
19 make a motion to close the hearing on the Consent
20 Agenda -- Public Comment.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

22 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes on all items on the
3 Consent Agenda.

4 Any matter pertaining to Chasan Leyner
5 Lamparello and the Union City Day Care, I'll be
6 recusing.

7 MR. deARMAS: And Commissioner Martinetti
8 has abstained from payments to Adolfo Lopez.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm abstaining --
10 payments on Adolfo Lopez.

11 Aye on the rest.

12 MAYOR STACK: Aye on the rest also.

13 Motion to approve all items on the Consent
14 Agenda.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

16 MR. deARMAS: Take a vote.

17 Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Just on the
21 recusals noted before; aye on the rest.

22 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner (sic) -- Mayor
23 Stack?

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes, same as Commissioner
25 Martinetti on the recusals that I mentioned prior

1 on Lamparello firm and on the Union City Day
2 Care.

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

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6 MR. deARMAS: Mayor, would you like to take
7 comment --

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MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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Thank you, Jorge.

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MR. deARMAS: -- on Consent?

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MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment on
12 any matter concerning municipal government in the
13 City of Union City?

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Thank you to those residents that are here
15 this evening.

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The Commissioners and I move a hundred
17 percent of our meetings throughout the community.
18 So tonight, obviously, we're in Robert Waters
19 School. Every two weeks or so we're in a
20 different location.

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We thank those residents that have come out
22 this evening.

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Anyone wishing to comment on any matter
24 concerning government in the City of Union City,
25 please step forward, state your name and address

1 for the record.

2 Seeing none.

3 I'll make a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

5 MR. deARMAS: May I have a motion to close
6 public comment?

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

8 MR. deARMAS: A second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 1. Azucar Club, Inc.

4 t/a Azucar Night Club

5 421 43rd Street

6 0910-33-003-007

7 2. Fuerte Liquors, Inc.

8 t/a Fuerte Liquors

9 518 32nd Street

10 0910-44-169-008

11 3. LAR Corp.

12 t/a La Roca Bar

13 2115 West Street

14 0910-33-182-005

15 4. Ganesh Swami, Inc.

16 t/a Union Discount Liquors

17 710 Summit Avenue

18 0910-22-132-009

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20 MR. deARMAS: Next is Liquor License

21 Hearings.

22 Mr. Farmer?

23 MR. FARMER: Yes. Good evening, Mayor and

24 Board of Commissioners.

25 With respect to the ABC calendar before

1 | you, there are four cases.

2 | And I'd like to go through them in the --
3 | in the order in which they appear on your agenda.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 Azucar Club, Inc.

4 t/a Azucar Night Club

5 421 43rd Street

6 0910-33-003-007

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8 MR. FARMER: The first one is Azucar.

9 Now Azucar is a situation where we cannot
10 sustain our burden of proof. And this is the
11 reason why.

12 This is a violation of a special condition
13 on the license to have cameras inside the
14 establishment.

15 Azucar, at the time of the inspection, had
16 a -- a network of 12 cameras. Three were down;
17 ten were working. Since that time all 12 are
18 working.

19 However, the issue becomes in searching the
20 City's records, the Police cannot find and report
21 of somebody going to Azucar, as required under
22 the special condition, and saying I want a camera
23 over there, I want a camera over here, I want a
24 camera over there.

25 So, in light of the fact that he really

1 | could say I wasn't on notice of what my
2 | requirement was, I don't see how we can prove the
3 | case.

4 | But, nevertheless, it seems that as far as
5 | his compliance the City's -- the Police are going
6 | to keep an eye on him. So he will be back.

7 | So I would ask that this just be dismissed.

8 | MAYOR STACK: Okay.

9 | Just make sure, Mr. Farmer, going forward
10 | that -- speak to the Lieutenant Dunlay that ev--
11 | that we have a report now for every liquor
12 | establishment going forward, --

13 | MR. FARMER: Right.

14 | MAYOR STACK: -- so we don't have this
15 | issue again.

16 | MR. FARMER: Right.

17 | There -- there --

18 | MAYOR STACK: Especially if a serious crime
19 | is committed in a liquor establishment --

20 | MR. FARMER: No --

21 | MAYOR STACK: -- that we have a documented
22 | report that someone has been there.

23 | MR. FARMER: Yes.

24 | And -- as well as, -- and we're doing this
25 | as well, of getting the identity of --

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 MR. FARMER: -- the people --

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 MR. FARMER: -- who own this.

5 MAYOR STACK: Good.

6 MR. FARMER: So that we don't run into this
7 corporation and this -- that --

8 MAYOR STACK: Exactly.

9 MR. FARMER: -- corporation.

10 MAYOR STACK: And a contact number if we
11 needed them --

12 MR. FARMER: Yes.

13 MAYOR STACK: -- in the middle of the
14 nighttime --

15 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

16 MAYOR STACK: -- or whatever.

17 MR. FARMER: Right.

18 MAYOR STACK: Good.

19 MR. FARMER: So, we -- we got that.

20 And --

21 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

22 MR. FARMER: -- and I want to --

23 MAYOR STACK: I'll -- I'll make a motion --

24 MR. FARMER: -- I just want to make one
25 last mention.

1 We had a conference with Lieutenant Dunlay.
2 He's -- he's now on vacation today, that's why
3 he's not here.

4 But everything I'm representing to -- to
5 the Board are things that Lieutenant Dunlay and I
6 discussed and are in agreement with.

7 And just bullet point, on all of the
8 special conditions on the licenses with cameras,
9 the Police are now going out and identifying
10 where and precisely they want those cameras
11 located.

12 MAYOR STACK: Good.

13 MR. FARMER: Okay?

14 MAYOR STACK: Good.

15 I'll make a motion -- based on Mr. Farmer's
16 testimony on dismissing this, I'll make a motion
17 to dismiss on Azucar, at 421 43rd Street, in
18 reference to the camera issue.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. deARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.

21 Second?

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

23 MR. deARMAS: Second by Commissioner
24 Martinetti.

25 MR. FARMER: If we could just jump over

1 Fuerte Liquor because of the fact that --

2 MR. deARMAS: We got to go to the motion.

3 MR. DILLON: You got to take a vote.

4 MR. FARMER: Oh, I'm sorry.

5 MAYOR STACK: Yeah.

6 MR. deARMAS: A vote -- a vote on the
7 motion.

8 Commissioner Valdivia?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

2 CALENDAR DISCUSSION:

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4 MR. FARMER: Okay.

5 What I was going to say was if we could
6 just skip over Fuerte Liquor because this is the
7 one where, although the manager of the
8 establishment is here, Jose Rodriguez, their
9 attorney, can be reached by phone and I have his
10 phone and we can patch him in because he's -- I
11 think he's in Florida now because that's where,
12 basically, his office is.

13 So, if we could take care of the last two,
14 that would be okay; and then circle back to -- to
15 Fuerte Liquor.

16 So, if we could take care of the last two
17 that would be okay. And then circle back to --
18 to Fuerte Liquor.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 LAR Corp.

4 t/a La Roca Bar

5 2115 West Street

6 0910-33-182-005

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8 MR. FARMER: La Roca Bar.

9 I just got a letter from an attorney
10 representing them, asking for it to be postponed.

11 I don't see any reason why we can't carry
12 it to the next meeting day.

13 MAYOR STACK: This would be on which one?

14 MR. FARMER: La Roca Bar.

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 MR. FARMER: And --

17 MAYOR STACK: That will be adjourned until
18 the next meeting.

19 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

20 And we're going to have a conference with
21 them this coming Thursday.

22 MAYOR STACK: What's the date of the next
23 meeting?

24 MS. BLAKE: August 17th.

25 MR. deARMAS: The 17th.

1 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry?

2 MR. deARMAS: Seventeenth.

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 That would be for the 17th, Mr. Farmer.

5 MR. FARMER: Okay.

6 MAYOR STACK: Great.

7 MR. FARMER: Let me just put that down.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 Ganesh Swami, Inc.

4 t/a Union Discount Liquors

5 710 Summit Avenue

6 0910-22-132-009

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8 MR. FARMER: Okay.

9 The next one on your calendar is Union
10 Discount Liquor.

11 Mr. Patel?

12 That's the last one.

13 Okay, would you put your --

14 Step forward.

15 MR. PATEL: Sure.

16 MR. FARMER: Put your name and your
17 address, spell your last name, and tell us what
18 your connection is with Union Discount Liquor.

19 MR. PATEL: Vinod Patel.

20 And I'm managing for Union Discount Liquor
21 at 710 Summit Avenue.

22 MR. DILLON: Sir, what was your first name?

23 MR. PATEL: Hmm?

24 MR. DILLON: First name?

25 MR. PATEL: Vinod. V-I-N-O-D.

1 MR. DILLON: V-I-N --

2 MR. PATEL: O-D.

3 MR. DILLON: Patel is your last name?

4 MR. PATEL: Patel.

5 MR. DILLON: Yup.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. FARMER: Let me tell you about this.

8 This is, basically, two separate days, one
9 right after the other, basically the same
10 offenses. Most glaring of which, when they went
11 in there, --

12 And they're all paper violations.

13 When they went in there and asked for the
14 cards -- the identification cards that employees
15 have to have, they didn't have it. What they had
16 was out of date, expired.

17 However, within days after the incident
18 they got them renewed and they're in fine working
19 order.

20 Then there was an issue with respect to the
21 fetal syndrome notification.

22 That's up and so there's no problem with
23 that.

24 And there was an issue of whether or not
25 the license wasn't on the premises.

1 But by and large all of that has been
2 rectified. We had a conference with Lieutenant
3 Dunlay with the licensee; explained to him what
4 he had to do. We've had a subsequent inspection;
5 everything's in order.

6 And what we would recommend -- and when I
7 say we I'm talking about collaboratively with
8 Lieutenant Dunlay -- is that there be a ten day
9 suspension, with ten of those days being
10 suspended on the provision that there's no
11 further violation during this upcoming year.

12 MAYOR STACK: And what was it again?

13 I'm sorry; ten day --

14 MR. FARMER: Ten days.

15 MAYOR STACK: -- suspension.

16 MR. FARMER: Ten day suspension.

17 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

18 MR. FARMER: And, like I said, they've come
19 in compliance with all the things that they were
20 missing when the Police went there. And it was
21 paper.

22 Two people weren't listed on the E-141.

23 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

24 MR. FARMER: Fetal alcohol.

25 And the license was apparently with the

1 accountant.

2 All of that's been corrected and they're in
3 compliance. The Police have inspected it.
4 They're comfortable with it.

5 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

6 MR. FARMER: And that's that.

7 MAYOR STACK: So it would be a ten day
8 suspension, suspending the days if nothing
9 happens?

10 MR. FARMER: Yeah, for the next 12 months.

11 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Okay.

12 Sir, are you -- are you in agreement with
13 this?

14 MR. PATEL: Yeah. Yeah.

15 MAYOR STACK: Would you like an attorney
16 present?

17 MR. PATEL: No, thank you.

18 MAYOR STACK: And you're comfortable with
19 what Mr. Farmer has just said and you don't want
20 to consult an attorney?

21 We could adjourn the meeting if you wanted
22 to consult an attorney.

23 MR. PATEL: Not at this point.

24 MAYOR STACK: You're okay with that?

25 MR. PATEL: Yeah.

1 MAYOR STACK: You understand the terms that
2 Mr. Farmer just mentioned?

3 MR. PATEL: Um-hum. Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

5 I'll make a motion on Mr. Farmer's
6 recommendation.

7 MR. deARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.
8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 MR. deARMAS: Second by Commissioner
11 Valdivia.

12 Have a vote on the motion.

13 Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 Thank you very much, sir.

20 MR. PATEL: Thank you.

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Mr. Farmer.

22 MR. PATEL: Thank you.

23 MR. FARMER: Okay.

24 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Farmer, we still have
25 number 2?

1 MR. PATEL: Can I leave?

2 MR. FARMER: Yeah, we still have number 2.

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 MR. PATEL: I can leave?

5 MR. FARMER: Yeah, you can leave.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

7 MR. PATEL: Thank you.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 Fuerte Liquors, Inc.

4 t/a Fuerte Liquors

5 518 32nd Street

6 0910-44-169-008

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8 MR. FARMER: Fuerte Liquor is represented
9 by Mr. Jose Rodriguez.

10 Mr. Rodriguez and I reviewed everything and
11 I think you might recall he even sent us a letter
12 talking about the involvement of this particular
13 license in the community.

14 It was a paper violation. And normally we
15 have -- we give people a three day suspension.
16 Because of the things that he put in -- in that
17 letter that were positive to the community, we've
18 agreed to this -- with your approval, obviously.

19 That there'd be a five day suspension. All
20 five days suspended but another charge within
21 this licensing period --

22 Because they got on their knees and begged
23 and pleaded and said this was a total anomaly.
24 It will never, ever happen again.

25 Okay.

1 So let's see what happens.

2 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

3 Sir, are you in agreement what Mr. Farmer
4 just said?

5 MR. GORIS: Absolutely. Absolutely.

6 MAYOR STACK: Would you like to consult an
7 attorney and --

8 MR. GORIS: No.

9 MAYOR STACK: -- postpone it for the next
10 meeting?

11 MR. DILLON: Can I have your --

12 MR. GORIS: No.

13 MR. DILLON: Can I have your name for the
14 record?

15 MR. GORIS: Franklin Goris.

16 MR. DILLON: Franklin --

17 MR. GORIS: 58--

18 Goris. G-O-R-I-S.

19 518 32nd Street, --

20 MAYOR STACK: And you're the owner.

21 Right, Frank?

22 MR. GORIS: Summit Ave--

23 No. Leo's (phonetic) the owner. I'm the
24 store manager.

25 MAYOR STACK: You're the store manager.

1 MR. GORIS: Yes.

2 MAYOR STACK: I got it.

3 And you're in agreement with Mr. Farmer?

4 You understand everything he just said?

5 MR. GORIS: Yes, I do. I'm in agreement.

6 MAYOR STACK: And you're comfortable not
7 proceeding without (sic) an -- with an attorney?

8 MR. GORIS: I'm comfortable.

9 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

10 MR. GORIS: Yes.

11 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
12 approve.

13 MR. GORIS: Thank you.

14 MR. deARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.
15 Second?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

17 MR. deARMAS: Second by Commissioner
18 Martinetti.

19 Vote on the motion.

20 Mayor --

21 Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 MR. deARMAS: There are no --

3 MR. FARMER: That's it.

4 MR. GORIS: That's it?

5 MR. deARMAS: That's it.

6 Right?

7 MR. GORIS: Thank you very much.

8 MR. deARMAS: There are no --

9 MR. GORIS: Have a wonderful night.

10 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. You,
11 too.

12 Thank you, sir.

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 MR. deARMAS: There are no further items in
4 the agenda.

5 May I have a motion to adjourn?

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 MR. deARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.

8 Second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 MR. deARMAS: Second by Valdiv--
11 Commissioner Valdivia.

12 Vote on the adjournment.

13 Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MR. deARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MR. deARMAS: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

19 Good job, Jorge.

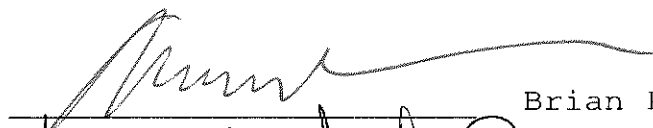
20 MR. deARMAS: Thank you.

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

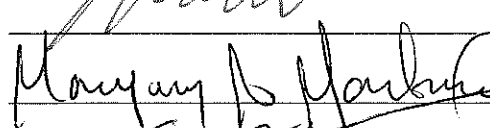
22 Thank you.

23 Thank you very much, Samantha.

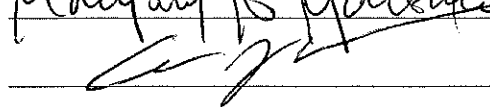
24 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
25 at 7:21 p.m.)



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