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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING :
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: PROCEEDINGS
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and Enrichment
2210 Kerrigan Avenue
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Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Commencing at 7:24 p.m.

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

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1 MR. AUTERI: This is a Regular Public
2 Meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
3 being held on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021 at 7:24
4 p.m., at the Academy for Advancement and
5 Enrichment, 2210 Kerrigan Avenue, 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 MR. AUTERI: This meeting has been called
13 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

14 Adequate notice of this meeting has been
15 provided as follows -- to The Jersey Journal, The
16 Record, The Hudson Reporter, and has been posted
17 on the bulletin board in City Hall and has been
18 made available to the public in the Office of the
19 Municipal Clerk.
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21 **ROLL CALL:**
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23 MR. AUTERI: Roll call.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

3 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

5 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

7 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

8 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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

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

13 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE.)

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15 MR. AUTERI: First item on the agenda is an
16 Ordinance for Introduction.

17 Adoption on first reading authorizes the
18 Municipal Clerk to advertise the Ordinance with a
19 notice of introduction, together with a notice of
20 the time and place when the Ordinances will be
21 considered for final passage.

22 The Ordinance will be considered at a
23 meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held
24 on Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at the Colin Powell
25 Elementary School, 1500 New York Avenue, Union

1 City, New Jersey.

2 The Ordinance being introduced is an
3 Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance.

4 May I have a motion to introduce?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

6 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

9 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
10 Martinetti.

11 Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

20 MAYOR STACK: Abstain.

21 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack is abstaining.

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23 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
24 action on the following items in total:

25 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims
- 2 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
- 3 Concurring Claims
- 4 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds
- 5 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
- 6 the period 10/09/2021-10/22/2021
- 7 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
- 8 for the period 10/09/2021-10/22/2021
- 9 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 10 Overpayments
- 11 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 12 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders
- 13 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 14 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale
- 15 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of an
- 16 Incorrect Payment
- 17 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
- 18 Duplicate Payments
- 19 (11) Resolution to Correct Improvement Value Tax
- 20 (12) Resolution to Approve Collective
- 21 Negotiations Agreement With the Local 108 RWDSU,
- 22 UFCW - Crossing Guards
- 23 (13) Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract
- 24 for City-Wide Reassessment Services
- 25 (14) Resolution To Appoint Victor Sebastiani To

1 The Union City Redevelopment Agency
2 (15) Resolution Extending License Agreement With
3 the Schools Development Authority for One Year
4 From February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023
5 (16) Resolution Appointing Members to the Rent
6 Stabilization Board.)

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8 MR. AUTERI: Next item on the agenda is the
9 Consent Agenda.

10 We have 16 items on the Consent.

11 First is Resolution Approving the Payment
12 of Claims.

13 Two.

14 Resolution Approving the Payment of
15 Concurring Claims.

16 Three.

17 Resolution Approving the Es-- Approving
18 Escrow Refunds.

19 Four.

20 Resolution Approving the City Payroll for
21 the Period October 9, 2021 through October 22nd,
22 2021.

23 Five.

24 Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
25 for the Period October 9, 2021 through October

1 22nd, 2021.

2 Number 6.

3 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
4 Overpayments.

5 Number 7.

6 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
7 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders.

8 Number 8.

9 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
10 Premium Monies Collected at the Tax Sale.

11 Number 9.

12 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of an
13 Incorrect Payment.

14 Number 10.

15 Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
16 Duplicate Payments.

17 Number 11.

18 Resolution to Correct Improvement Value
19 Tax.

20 Number 12.

21 Resolution to Approve Collective
22 Negotiations Agreement With Local 108 RWS (sic)--
23 RWDSU, UFCW, Crossing Guards.

24 Number 13.

25 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract

1 for City-Wide Reassessment Services.

2 Number 14.

3 Resolution to Appoint Victor Sebastiani to
4 the Union City Redevelopment Agency.

5 Fifteen.

6 Resolution Extending License Agreement with
7 the Schools Development Authority for One Year
8 for -- from February 1, 2022 through January 31st,
9 2023.

10 Number 16.

11 Resolution Appointing Members to the Rent
12 Stabilization Board.

13 Mayor, at this time would you like to take
14 public comment on the items on Consent?

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

16 I -- I would just first to congratulate the
17 crossing guards on their new contract.

18 The crossing guards work extremely hard in
19 our community and we're proud to be part of
20 offering a new contract to them.

21 I thank the Commissioners for recognizing
22 the great job that the crossing guards do on a
23 daily basis in our community. Not only -- the
24 most important function is crossing our children
25 and crossing residents and pedestrians as they

1 cross throughout the City but also another set of
2 eyes out there in the community looking out for
3 our children.

4 So I'd just like to congratulate them.

5 I'd also like to congratulate and thank
6 those members that are now serving on -- on
7 various boards in the community and volunteering
8 their time.

9 Thank you.

10 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to close
11 public comment?

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

14 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

15 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to approve
2 all items on the Consent Agenda?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

4 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
5 Valdivia.

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

7 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
8 Grullon.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to
11 abstain on number 14 and number 15; otherwise,
12 yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Grullon?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

25 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

1 1. Resolution For The Payment Of Claims To The
2 Union City Board of Education.)

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4 MR. AUTERI: Next on the agenda is the
5 Regular Agenda.

6 There are two items on Regular Agenda
7 tonight.

8 The first is a Resolution for the Payment
9 of Claims to the Union City Board of Education.

10 Ordinarily, Commissioner Gullon and
11 Valdivia would not vote on Board of Ed matters.
12 However, tonight the Board is invoking the
13 doctrine of necessity.

14 May I have a motion to approve item 1 on
15 the agenda?

16 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

18 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

19 Second by Commissioner Gullon.

20 Commissioner Fernandez is abstaining.

21 Commissioner Gullon?

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti is

1 abstaining.

2 Mayor Stack?

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 MR. AUTERI: Thank you.

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

8 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

9 2. Emergency Temporary Appropriation
10 Resolution.)

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12 MR. AUTERI: Next item on the Regular
13 Agenda is an Emergency Temporary Appropriation
14 Resolution.

15 May I have a motion to approve this item on
16 the agenda?

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

18 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
19 Martinetti.

20 MAYOR STACK: Second.

21 MR. AUTERI: Second by Mayor Stack.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

10 **ORDINANCES FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

11 **CONSIDERATION:**

12 1. ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EARLY VOTING FOR
13 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, UNDER THE EARLY
14 VOTING ACT, N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1, ET SEQ.)

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16 MR. AUTERI: Next on the agenda are
17 Ordinances for Hearing and Adoption
18 Consideration.

19 There is one Ordinance being adopted --
20 considered for adoption tonight.

21 That is the Ordinance to Authorize Early
22 Voting for Regular Municipal Elections, Under the
23 Early Voting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1, et seq.

24 May I have a motion to take public comment
25 on this Ordinance?

1 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

2 Just before we do, I would just like to say
3 that I was proud to vote for this legislation in
4 the Senate and we just had early voting in the
5 May (sic) elections --

6 I'm sorry.

7 -- in the November elections in Union City,
8 which was nine days of early voting. And it
9 really has worked wonders. It's built up
10 participation in the residents coming out to
11 vote.

12 We saw residents come out to vote that had
13 not come out to vote in a long time. Even though
14 we have vote by mail and we have the extended
15 election day hours from six in the morning until
16 eight o'clock at night, these additional nine
17 days allowed -- I know in Union City I think the
18 latest number, in addition to vote by mail, 3,156
19 people voted early in Union City, which is
20 tremendous.

21 And wherever that machine was in the 5th
22 and 6th Ward -- where it was placed, it was placed
23 in the middle of the City on 27th and New York
24 Avenue, you saw the most amount of people coming
25 from that neighborhood.

1 So, hopefully, this is something we can
2 expand; have more residents come out to vote.

3 Speaking as somebody who seeks election,
4 maybe everyone that comes out to vote doesn't
5 come out to vote for -- for you or for myself or
6 for the Commissioners or whomever, but
7 participation is so important in the political
8 process.

9 And we're appreciative of the fact that
10 early voting is now afforded out there and we'd
11 like to afford it in the municipal election.

12 The way the legislation was written it said
13 that each community would be afforded it under
14 the November election but for municipal elections
15 held in May, you would have to adopt a
16 Resolution. That's what we're doing this
17 evening.

18 Unfortunately, it's only three days
19 according to the State law. So it would be
20 Friday, Saturday, Sunday prior to the Tuesday
21 municipal election.

22 So, we're very proud that -- to move this
23 Resolution through and we look forward to more
24 people participating and maybe additional sites
25 in the community where people will be able to go

1 and early vote over that three day period.

2 Thank you to the Corporation Counsel,
3 Angelo Auteri, who worked hard in putting this
4 together for us.

5 Anyone wishing to comment at this time,
6 please step forward, state your name and address
7 for the record, on the early voting ordinance for
8 the May municipal election.

9 Seeing none.

10 MR. AUTERI: Motion to close public
11 comment?

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

14 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
15 Martinetti.

16 Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

21 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to adopt
3 the Ordinance?

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

6 MAYOR STACK: Second.

7 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

8 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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22 MR. AUTERI: Mayor, at this time would you
23 like to take public comment on any matter
24 concerning the City of Union City?

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 Anyone wishing to comment on any matter
2 concerning municipal government in the City of
3 Union City, please step forward, state your name
4 and address for the record.

5 I just would like to thank the
6 Commissioners for their work in the individual
7 departments and moving a hundred percent of our
8 Commission meetings throughout the community.

9 I'd also like to take this opportunity to
10 wish all the residents who are here this night --
11 tonight and -- and everyone, a very healthy and
12 happy Thanksgiving.

13 MR. AUTERI: May I have a motion to close
14 public comment?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

16 MR. AUTERI: Motion by --

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

18 MR. AUTERI: -- Commissioner Grullon.

19 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

24 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

5 MR. AUTERI: At this time there are no
6 further items on the agenda.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 1. Pupusa No. 2, Inc.

4 t/a La Pupusa Loca II

5 4709-11 Bergenline Avenue

6 0910-33-174-008

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8 2. El Chapin Corp.

9 t/a El Cuscatleco Bar &

10 Restaurant

11 2118 Bergenline Avenue

12 0910-33-075-010

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14 3. Hamlet Ent 2, LLC

15 t/a Mamasushi

16 3417 Park Avenue

17 0910-33-119-007

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19 MR. AUTERI: We have Liquor License

20 Hearings.

21 Mr. Farmer?

22 MR. DILLON: Come to this mic, Mr. Farmer.

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

24 members of the Board.

25 We have three matters on this evening's

1 calendar.

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 Pupusa No. 2, Inc.

4 t/a La Pupusa Loca II

5 4709-11 Bergenline Avenue

6 0910-33-174-008

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8 MR. FARMER: The first one I think is
9 Pupusa, which is --

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

12 MR. FARMER: Yeah, Pupusa.

13 This is a licensed premises at 4709 --

14 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Pupusa Loca?

15 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

16 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Are you doing it?

17 MR. FARMER: Yes.

18 MAYOR STACK: How you doing?

19 A VOICE: Hi, everyone.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Como estas?

21 MAYOR STACK: Good.

22 MR. FARMER: Obviously, all these people
23 have some involvement with the license. What --
24 what it is I don't think makes any difference
25 now.

1 But they're represented by Mr. Williams.
2 And I've had communications with Mr. Williams and
3 Lieutenant Dunlay has also had communications
4 with Mr. Williams.

5 This is a situation being open after the
6 ten -- basically, a situation of being open after
7 the ten o'clock curfew.

8 We've talked about it, --

9 MAYOR STACK: Being open inside?

10 Being open when?

11 I -- I didn't hear what you said, --

12 MR. FARMER: Serving --

13 MAYOR STACK: -- Mr. Farmer.

14 MR. FARMER: -- serving after ten o'clock.

15 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

16 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: In the outdoor space.

17 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

18 MR. FARMER: And what -- what we've
19 negotiated as far as a plea is 15 days that will
20 run from --

21 Let's see.

22 -- January 4th through January 18th.

23 Is that correct?

24 MR. CABRERA: Correct. Yes.

25 MR. FARMER: Yeah.

1 I -- I've spoken to Mr. Williams. He's
2 unavailable because he was on vacation with his
3 children and grandchildren. But I have a letter
4 confirming our agreement and I --

5 MAYOR STACK: Do you want your attorney to
6 be here?

7 Do you want your attorney to be here and
8 hold it off until the next meeting?

9 MR. CABRERA: No, we're fine. We already
10 spoke to Mr. Williams. We're in complete
11 agreement. He spoke with Mr. Farmer at the
12 beginning of the meeting under the plea agreement
13 that we're taking the 15 days -- (indiscernible).

14 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

15 MR. CABRERA: Just take -- take our few
16 weeks off.

17 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

18 MR. DILLON: Excuse me.

19 Can you give me your name for the record?

20 MR. FARMER: Yes.

21 MR. CABRERA: Excuse me? Yes.

22 Javier Cabrera. I'm the office manager for
23 La Pupusa Loca.

24 MR. DILLON: I didn't get your last name.

25 MR. CABRERA: Cabrera.

1 MR. DILLON: Got it.

2 MR. CABRERA: C-A-B-R-E-R-A.

3 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

4 MR. CABRERA: Of course.

5 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Can you enter their

6 names as well, too. Just --

7 MAYOR STACK: Just if everybody could enter

8 their names and what role you play with the

9 establishment. Just for the record.

10 MR. CABRERA: Okay.

11 MR. MARTINEZ: Wilfredo Martinez.

12 MR. DILLON: Wilfredo Martinez?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes. Wilfredo Martinez, --

14 (indiscernible).

15 MR. DILLON: Go ahead.

16 Next?

17 MR. BARRERA: Elio Barrera.

18 MR. DILLON: Sorry?

19 MR. BARRERA: Elio Barrera. E-L-I-O.

20 Barrerra.

21 MR. DILLON: Last name?

22 MR. CABRERA: Barrera.

23 MR. BARRERA: Barrera. B as in boy, A-R-R-

24 E-R-A. Barrera.

25 MR. ARIAS: Victor Arias.

1 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Victor Arias.

2 MR. DILLON: Thank you.

3 MR. FARMER: Okay.

4 I can assume all of you guys represent the
5 license.

6 A VOICE: Uh-huh.

7 MR. FARMER: And I would assume that you're
8 all in agreement that you'll be sus-- pleading
9 guilty and being sentenced to 15 days. And those
10 15 days, I think we said, is from the 3rd to
11 the --

12 A VOICE: Fourth to the 18th.

13 MR. FARMER: -- 4th to the 18th.

14 Anybody have any questions about it?

15 MAYOR STACK: Did you have anything you
16 wanted to add, Lieutenant?

17 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: I'm sorry.

18 I think this is actually fair. It's a ten
19 day suspension and there's a five day that was
20 held in abeyance from a prior incident.

21 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

22 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: That's what we're
23 serving now; that's why it's 15 days.

24 MAYOR STACK: I see.

25 Okay.

1 And you're in agreement, everyone?

2 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of yes.)

3 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

4 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of yes.)

5 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

6 Mr. Farmer, anything further?

7 MR. FARMER: No, nothing.

8 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

9 I'll move it.

10 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

12 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner

13 Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24 MR. CABRERA: Excellent.

25 MR. FARMER: Okay.

1 MR. CABRERA: Thank you so much. And
2 we'll --

3 MR. FARMER: Happy Holidays.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

5 Happy Thanksgiving, guys.

6 MR. CABRERA: Happy Thanksgiving to all of
7 you.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

9 Thank you.

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

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1 LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

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3 El Chapin Corp.

4 t/a El Cuscatleco Bar & Restaurant

5 2118 Bergenline Avenue

6 0910-33-075-010

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8 MR. FARMER: The next one on your calendar
9 is El Chapin.

10 And that's 2118 Bergenline Avenue.

11 The license --

12 MAYOR STACK: This is the place on the
13 corner?

14 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: On 22 and Bergenline.

15 MR. FARMER: The license here is --

16 The licensee is here with his attorney.

17 Would you put appearance on the --

18 MR. DIAZ: Yes.

19 Good evening, Mayor Stack and the Board.

20 Christian Diaz on behalf of El Cuscatleco
21 Restaurant or Chapin Corp. is probably easier to
22 say.

23 MR. FARMER: We have had conferences with
24 this matter. It's --

25 MAYOR STACK: How are you, sir?

1 MR. FARMER: -- basically a paper
2 violation.

3 We've come to an agreement for a ten day
4 suspension. Lieutenant Dunlay was involved with
5 the discussions and indicated to me the Police
6 Department and El Chapin have no objection to
7 that resolution.

8 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Correct.

9 This was a violation of the camera
10 ordinance that we enacted. So -- we've been very
11 clear that we have a zero tolerance on it. So
12 any deviation from it, we're now looking to go
13 with the ten day suspension, as -- as the
14 ordinance dictates.

15 MAYOR STACK: And all the cameras are
16 operational now?

17 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Yes, sir.

18 MAYOR STACK: That's good.

19 Good. Very good. Good.

20 MR. FARMER: Anything you want to say?

21 MR. DIAZ: Just -- you know, it's a -- it's
22 -- it's a great ordinance actually. We spoke
23 about this. Sixty days continuance is great.
24 Everything is up and running. Everything is
25 operational. And they know how strict it is and

1 they will continue to abide by it.

2 MAYOR STACK: Great.

3 Thank you very much.

4 I'll make a motion.

5 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Lieutenant, did you have

7 anything you wanted to add?

8 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: No, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

10 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

11 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner

12 Fernandez.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

21 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23 MR. DIAZ: (Indiscernible) -- right, Greg?

24 MR. FARMER: Yes.

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

1 Have a happy Thanksgiving.

2 A VOICE: Thank you.

3 A VOICE: Happy Thanksgiving.

4 MAYOR STACK: Happy Thanksgiving.

5 MR. DIAZ: Happy Thanksgiving.

6 MAYOR STACK: You, also.

7 Thank you very much.

8 Thank you very much.

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

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3 Hamlet Ent 2, LLC

4 t/a Mamasushi

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8 MR. FARMER: The last one on your calendar
9 is Mamasushi.

10 And they are located on --

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

13 MR. FARMER: -- 3417 Park Avenue.

14 This is a situation where Police went in
15 for a random audit and found that people working
16 at the establishment didn't have bar cards,
17 didn't have a license. So, we wrote them up for
18 it.

19 And Mr. Lynch and I and Lieutenant Loaces
20 (sic) discussed it and apparently they've made
21 application for bar cards. There seems to be a
22 hiccup apparently with respect to fingerprinting
23 but nevertheless we've come to a resolution of a
24 ten day suspension.

25 And that's it.

1 MAYOR STACK: Okay.

2 Mr. Lynch, do you want --

3 MR. LYNCH: Yeah, I -- I agree with that.

4 And I'd just like to say, Mayor I don't
5 know if you remember, my clients have tried very
6 -- striven very hard to be good owners --

7 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

8 MR. LYNCH: -- of this premises and I think
9 they've complied with everything.

10 This is a paper violation. I'm not trying
11 to minimize that --

12 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

13 MR. LYNCH: -- but they understand now the
14 need to -- to maintain the right records on the
15 premises and they're prepared to do that.

16 So, --

17 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

18 MR. LYNCH: -- all in all I would ask you
19 to go along with the recommendation.

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

21 Thank you, Mr. Lynch.

22 Lieutenant, did you have anything you
23 wanted to add?

24 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: No, sir.

25 MAYOR STACK: No.

1 Okay.

2 I'll move it.

3 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

5 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
6 Fernandez.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon?

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti?

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack?

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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3 MR. AUTERI: There are no further items on
4 the agenda.

5 May I have a motion to adjourn?

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

7 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
8 Martinetti.

9 Second by Mayor Stack.

10 All in favor?

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

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14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

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16 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded
17 at 7:42 p.m.)

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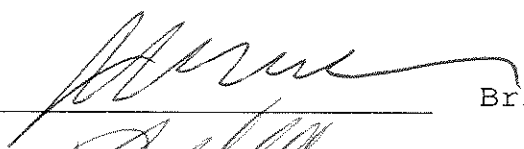
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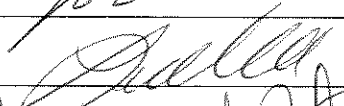
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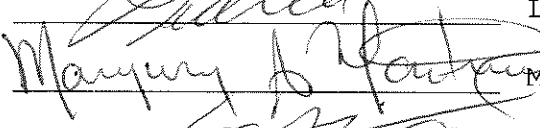
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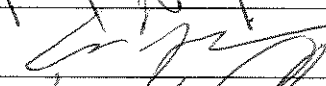
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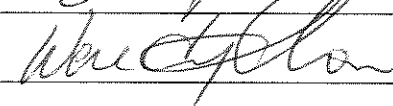
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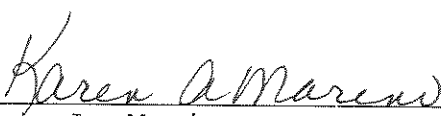
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