

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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BRUCE D. WALTER RECREATION
CENTER
507 West Street
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
Commencing at 7:06 p.m.

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

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

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

A L S O P R E S E N T :

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1 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was
2 recited.)

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4 MR. DeARMAS: This is the regular public
5 meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners,
6 being held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00
7 p.m. at the Bruce D. Walter Recreation Center, 507
8 West Street, Union City, New Jersey.

9 Notice of this regular meeting has been
10 noted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Open
11 Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been
12 provided to The Jersey Journal, The Record, The
13 Hudson Reporter, placed on the bulletin board in
14 City Hall, and has been made available to the
15 public in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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17 **ROLL CALL:**

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19 MR. DeARMAS: Roll call. Commissioner
20 Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

22 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

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 and took
7 action on the following items in total:

8 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

10 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
11 Concurring Claims

12 (3) Resolution Approving the Payment of
13 Concurring Escrow Refunds

14 (4) Resolution Approving the City payroll for
15 the Period 1/15/2022-1/28/2022

16 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll for
17 the period 1/15/2022-1/28/2022

18 (6) Resolution Cancelling First Quarter Taxes

19 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
20 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

21 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
22 Monies Collected at the Tax Sale

23 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Adjustment of
24 Estimated Taxes for the First Quarter

25 (10) Resolution to Appoint Hilda I. Rosario as

1 Acting Municipal Clerk

2 (11) Resolution Approving Change Order No. 9 for
3 Contract with AMCO Enterprises, Inc. for Municipal
4 Building HVAC Replacement Project

5 (12) Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of
6 the City of Union City Approving the 2018-2019,
7 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 Renewal of Liquor
8 License No. 0910-33-021-008 Issued to California
9 Cafe Corp. (Pocket License)

10 (13) Resolution Designating 33rd Street between
11 Palisade Avenue and Hudson Avenue as "Jose Miguel
12 Lugo Way"

13 (14) Resolution Approving Change Order Nos. 2 and
14 3 for Contract with HBC Company, Inc., for Summit
15 Avenue Lighting Improvements Project

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17 MR. DeARMAS: The consent agenda.

18 Item 1, Resolution Approving the Payment
19 of Claims.

20 Item 2, Resolution Approving the Payment
21 of Concurring Claims.

22 Item 3, Resolution Approving the Payment
23 of Concurrent Escrow Refunds.

24 Item 4, Resolution Approving the City
25 Payroll For the Period January 15th Through

1 January 28, 2022.

2 Item 5, Resolution Approving the Library
3 Payroll For the Period January 15th Through
4 January 28, 2022.

5 Item 6, Resolution Cancelling First
6 Quarter Taxes.

7 Item 7, Resolution Authorizing the
8 Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside
9 Lienholders.

10 Item 8, Resolution Authorizing the
11 Refund of Premium Monies Collected at the Tax
12 Sale.

13 Item 9, Resolution Authorizing the
14 Adjustment of Estimated Taxes for the First
15 Quarter.

16 Item 10, Resolution to Appoint Hilda I.
17 Rosario as Acting Municipal Clerk.

18 Item 11, Resolution Approving Change
19 Order No. 9 for Contract with AMCO Enterprises,
20 Inc. for Municipal Building HVAC Replacement
21 Project.

22 Item 12, Resolution of the Board of
23 Commissioner of the City of Union City Approving
24 the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
25 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-021-008

1 Issued to California Cafe Corp. (Pocket License)
2 (13) Resolution Designating 33rd Street between
3 Palisade Avenue and Hudson Avenue as "Jose Miguel
4 Lugo Way".

5 Item 14, Resolution Approving Change
6 Order Nos. 2 and 3 for Contract with HBC Company,
7 Inc., for Summit Avenue Lighting Improvements
8 Project.

9 Would the public like to be heard on the
10 Consent Agenda?

11 MAYOR STACK: Is there anybody wishing
12 to comment on the Consent Agenda, please step
13 forward, state your name and address for the
14 record. Seeing none, I'll make a motion.

15 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MR. DeARMAS: Second by Commissioner
18 Valdivia. Roll call. Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

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.

3 MR. DeARMAS: Can I have a motion on the
4 vote to adopt the Consent Agenda?

5 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

6 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack,
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

9 MR. DeARMAS: Second by Commissioner
10 Fernandez. Roll call. Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: I'm recusing
18 on any payments to Adolfo Lopez. Aye on the rest.

19 MR. DeARMAS: And you're recusing on
20 North Hudson Regional?

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: And North
22 Hudson Regional.

23 MR. DeARMAS: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes. With the exception
25 of any bills to Chasan, Lamporello, I recuse.

(Whereupon the Board discussed and took
action on the following:

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Resolution Ratifying Execution of a Memorandum
of Understanding with the State of New Jersey,
Director of the Division of Local Government
Services for Transitional Aid.)

MR. DeARMAS: Regular agenda.

Item Number 1, resolution ratifying
execution of a memorandum of understanding with
the State of New Jersey, director of the division
of local government services for transitional aid.

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

MR. DeARMAS: Second by Commissioner
Grullon. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 MR. DeARMAS: Mayor Stack.

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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4 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
5 action on the following:

6 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

7 2. Resolution Authorizing Payment of Claims for
8 HCIA.)

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10 MR. DeARMAS: Item number 2 on the
11 regular agenda. Resolution authorizing payment of
12 claims for the HCIA.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

14 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Commissioner
15 Valdivia. May I have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

17 MR. DeARMAS: Second by Commissioner
18 Grullon. Roll call. Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

22 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Commissioner
25 Martinetti is abstaining.

1 Mayor Stack.

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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4 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
5 action on the following:

6 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

7 3. Resolution authorizing payment of claims for
8 Grace Theater Workshop.)

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10 MR. DeARMAS: Item Number 3, resolution
11 authorizing payment of claims for the Grace
12 Theatre Workshop.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Martinetti,
16 second by Mayor Stack. Commissioner Fernandez,
17 refusal. Commissioner Grullon.

18 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

19 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti.

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 MR. DeARMAS: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

3 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

4 4. Resolution of the City of Union City, in the
5 County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, authorizing
6 the participation by the City of Union City,
7 County of Hudson, New Jersey, in the pooled note
8 financing program of the Hudson County Improvement
9 Authority.)

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11 MR. DeARMAS: Item Number 4, resolution
12 of the City of Union City, in the County of
13 Hudson, State of New Jersey, authorizing the
14 participation by the City of Union City, County of
15 Hudson, New Jersey, in the pooled note financing
16 program of the Hudson County Improvement
17 Authority.

18 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Mayor Stack.
20 Second?

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

22 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
23 Grullon. Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

2 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

4 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti is
5 abstaining. Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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10 MR. DeARMAS: Opportunity for the
11 citizens to address the Board.

12 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone at this
13 point that would like to address the Board of
14 Commissioners, please do so?

15 I'd like to thank the Commissioners once
16 again for moving 100 percent of our meetings
17 throughout the community. This meeting tonight --
18 and everyone was notified of this from 13th Street
19 south, down to the city line, Palisade to Kennedy
20 Boulevard was notified about this meeting through
21 the mail.

22 At this time, anyone wishing to comment
23 at this time, please step forward, state your name
24 and address for the record. Seeing none.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

1 MR. DeARMAS: Motion by Commissioner
2 Martinetti. Second?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

4 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Fernandez.
5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Grullon.

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Valdivia.

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 MR. DeARMAS: Commissioner Martinetti.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 MR. DeARMAS: Mayor Stack.

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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16 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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18 MR. DeARMAS: There's a final item on
19 the agenda for this evening, motion to adjourn.

20 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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24 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
25 7:13 p.m.)

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Brian P. Stack

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony and proceedings as taken stenographically by me at the time, place, and on the date hereinbefore set forth.

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