

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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HOUSING AUTHORITY PAVILION
3911 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Commencing at 7:08 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
CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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

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1 MR. AUTERI: This regular meeting of the
2 Union City Board of Commissioners, being held on
3 Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the
4 Housing Authority Hillside Pavilion, 3911 Kennedy
5 Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey. Please stand
6 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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8 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
9 recited.)

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11 MR. AUTERI: This meeting has been
12 called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings
13 Act. Adequate notice of this meeting has been
14 provided to The Jersey Journal, The Record, The
15 Hudson Reporter, and has been posted on the
16 bulletin board in City Hall and has been made
17 available to the public in the office of the
18 Municipal Clerk.

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20 **ROLL CALL:**

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22 MR. AUTERI: Roll call. Commissioner
23 Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

25 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

2 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

4 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

6 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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

11 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - REGULAR**
12 **MEETING - AUGUST 3, 2022.)**

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14 MR. AUTERI: The first item on the
15 agenda is the approval of the meeting minutes for
16 the August 3rd, 2022, Board of Commissioners
17 meeting. May I have a motion to approve the
18 minutes?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

21 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
22 Valdivia, second by Commissioner Martinetti.
23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Abstain.

25 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

2 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

4 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

6 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

12 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE XIII,**
13 **SECTION 65, TO UPDATE THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION**
14 **FOR THE UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.)**

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16 MR. AUTERI: Next on the agenda are
17 ordinances for introduction. Adoption on the
18 first reading authorizes the Municipal Clerk to
19 advertise the Ordinance(s) with a notice of the
20 introduction, together with a notice of the time
21 and place where the ordinance will be considered
22 for final passage. This ordinance will be further
23 considered at a meeting the Board of Commissioners
24 to be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at the
25 Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson Avenue, Union City,

1 New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m.

2 It is an ordinance amending Chapter 4,
3 Article 13, Section 65, to update the table of
4 organization for the Union City Police Department.

5 May I have a motion to introduce?

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

8 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
9 second by Commissioner Martinetti.

10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes. All this ordinance
20 will do and I know it's not the hearing yet, but
21 just for everybody's knowledge, all this is
22 ordinance will do is eliminate the rank of
23 inspector in the police department, which is a
24 rank between captain and chief. And instead of
25 having an inspector, now we'll have a fourth --

1 instead of having three captains, we'll eliminate
2 the inspector, we'll go to a fourth captain, which
3 will give us a captain in a patrol division seven
4 days a week, we'll have a captain working at the
5 most needed times in the City, additional
6 supervision.

7 MR. AUTERI: Thank you, Mayor.

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9 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
10 action on the following items in total:

11 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

12 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

13 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
14 Concurring Claims.

15 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll
16 07/16/2022 - 07/29/2022.

17 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
18 07/6/2022 - 07/29/2022.

19 (5) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
20 Monies to Outside Lienholders.

21 (6) Resolution Authorizing Crediting the Tax
22 Appeal Decisions By the Hudson County Board of
23 Taxation.

24 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
25 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

(8) Resolution Authorizing Crediting the Tax Appeal Decisions By the Tax Court of New Jersey.

(9) Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over 2022 Statewide Labor Day Crackdown.

(10) Resolution Awarding Contract For Television Advertising Services For the City of Union City For 2022-2023.)

MR. AUTERI: The next item is the consent agenda. There are ten items on the consent agenda. The mayor will be recusing from payments to the law firm Chasan Lamporello. Commissioner Martinetti will be recusing from payments to Adolfo Lopez.

Item number one, resolution approving the payment of claims.

Two, resolution approving the payment of concurring claims.

Three, resolution approving the City payroll, July 16, 2022 to July 29, 2022.

Four, resolution approving the library payroll, July 16, 2022 to July 29, 2022.

Five, resolution authorizing refund of redemption monies to outside lienholders.

Six, resolution authorizing crediting

1 the tax appeal decisions by the Hudson County
2 Board of Taxation.

3 Seven, resolution authorizing the refund
4 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

5 Eight, resolution authorizing the
6 crediting the tax appeal decisions by the Tax
7 Court of New Jersey.

8 Nine, resolution supporting the Drive
9 Sober or Get Pulled Over 2022 statewide labor day
10 crackdown.

11 Ten, resolution awarding contract for
12 television advertising services for the City of
13 Union City for 2022 to 2023.

14 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
15 take public comment on any items on the consent
16 agenda?

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Anyone wishing to
18 comment on the consent agenda, the items that were
19 just read into the record, please step forward,
20 state your name and address for the record.
21 Seeing none.

22 MR. AUTERI: Motion to close public
23 comment?

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

1 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Mayor Stack,
2 second by Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner
3 Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Gullon.

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 MR. AUTERI: Motion to approval all
14 items on the consent agenda?

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

16 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
17 Gullon.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

19 MR. AUTERI: Second by Commissioner
20 Fernandez. Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

22 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Gullon.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

24 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes, with the
3 exception of Adolfo Lopez, aye on the rest.

4 MR. AUTERI: Thank you. Mayor Stack.

5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

9 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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11 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS -
12 HUDSON COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.)

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14 MR. AUTERI: Next is the regular agenda,
15 there's one item. Resolution authorizing payment
16 of claims to the Hudson County Improvement
17 Authority. Commissioner Martinetti is going to
18 recuse on this. May I have a motion to approve
19 item one on the agenda?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 MAYOR STACK: Second.

22 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
23 Valdivia, second by Mayor Stack. Commissioner
24 Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Grullon.

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Martinetti is
6 recusing. Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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11 MR. AUTERI: There are no further items
12 on the agenda, may I have a motion to take public
13 comment on any matter concerning municipal
14 government in the City of Union City?

15 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Once again, I'd
16 like to thank the Commissioners for moving
17 100 percent of our meetings throughout the
18 community in the evening hours. At this point,
19 this is anyone wishing to comment on any matter
20 concerning municipal government in the City of
21 Union City, please step forward, state your name
22 and address for the record. Anyone wishing to
23 comment at this time, please step forward, state
24 your name and address for the record. Seeing
25 none.

1 MR. AUTERI: Can I have a motion to
2 close public comment?

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

5 MR. AUTERI: Motion by Commissioner
6 Grullon, second by Commissioner 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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18 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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20 MR. AUTERI: There are no further items
21 on the agenda, may I have a motion to adjourn?

22 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

24 MR. AUTERI: All in favor? Thank you.

25 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.)

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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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