

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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MUSTO CULTURAL CENTER
420 - 15th Street
Union City, New Jersey

Thursday, October 19, 2023
Commencing at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

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

MARYURY A. MARTINETTI, COMMISSIONER

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

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1 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is
2 recited.)

3 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular meeting
4 of the Union City Board of Commissioners being
5 held on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at
6 the William V. Musto Center at 420 - 15th Street
7 in Union City.

8 This meeting has been called in
9 accordance with Chapter 231 public law. Adequate
10 notice of this meeting has been provided to The
11 Jersey Journal and The Record, has been posted on
12 the bulletin board in City Hall and has been made
13 available to the public in the office of the
14 Municipal Clerk.

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16 **ROLL CALL:**

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18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti is
2 absent.

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

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

7 1. An ordinance of the City of Union
8 City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, appropriating
9 the sum of \$7,000,000.00 in funding from the state
10 transitional aid program for the acquisition of
11 certain capital equipment and the completion of
12 various capital improvements.)

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14 MS. ROSARIO: The first item is the
15 ordinance for introduction. Adoption on first
16 reading authorizes the municipal clerk to
17 advertise the ordinance with a notice of the
18 introduction, together with a notice of the time
19 and place where the ordinance will be considered
20 for the final passage. The ordinance will be
21 further considered at meeting of the Board of
22 Commissioners to be held on Wednesday, November 8,
23 2023, at St. Anthony School, 700 Central Avenue,
24 Union City, New Jersey, at 7:00 p.m.

25 MAYOR STACK: Just this ordinance is

1 real important. I just thank the Commissioners
2 for working together with me on this. I want to
3 thank Governor Murphy for the commitment that he's
4 made to helping the urban areas.

5 These are improvements and repairs,
6 \$3 million towards Hudson avenue that the Governor
7 helped us with, \$3 million toward the purchase of
8 the teamster building for affordable housing,
9 \$250,000 for bicycle lanes, \$150,000 for various
10 sewer line improvements, acquisition of and
11 installation of additional street signs in the
12 city, to secure them to be held properly, sidewalk
13 repairs throughout the community and pothole
14 repairs for a total of \$7 million.

15 MS. ROSARIO: An ordinance of the City
16 of Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey,
17 appropriating the sum of \$7,000,000.00 in funding
18 from the state transitional aid program for the
19 acquisition of certain capital equipment and the
20 completion of various capital improvements.

21 May I have a motion to introduce?

22 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
24 Stack.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
2 Valdivia.

3 Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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12 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
13 action on the following items in total:

14 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

15 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

16 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
17 Concurrent Claims.

18 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

19 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
20 September 9, 2023, Through September 22, 2023.

21 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
22 From September 9, 2023, Through September 22,
23 2023.

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

1 (7) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
2 Deemed Exempt For 100 Percent Disabled Veteran.

3 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
4 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

5 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
6 Payment.

7 (10) Resolution Authorizing Area in Need of
8 Redevelopment Study For 707 Summit Avenue Also
9 Known As Block 32.01, Lot 4 and 810 Kennedy
10 Boulevard, Also Known As Block 43, Lot 6 and 812
11 Kennedy Boulevard, Also Known As Block 43, Lot 7
12 For the City of Union City.

13 (11) Resolution Authorizing the City of Union
14 City to Apply For and Obtain a Grant From the New
15 Jersey Department of Community Affairs For
16 Improvements to Bergenline Avenue From 30th Street
17 to 37th Street in the City of Union City.

18 (12) Resolution Authorizing the City of Union
19 City to Apply For and Obtain a Grant From the New
20 Jersey Department of Community Affairs to Support
21 the City's Homeless Prevention Program in the City
22 of Union City.

23 (13) Resolution Approving Chapter 159 For
24 Supplemental Transitional Aid Capital Project.

25 (14) Resolution Authorizing Payment to A&J

1 Construction Group, Incorporated, For Emergency
2 Repair Services At Various Locations in the City
3 of Union City.

4 (15) Resolution Authorizing Payment to A&J
5 Contractors Group, Inc., For Emergency Repair
6 Services to Mitigate Potential Public Safety
7 Hazards At Various Locations in the City of Union
8 City.

9 (16) Resolution Authorizing Payment to Adamo
10 Brothers Construction For Emergency Sink Hole
11 Repairs and Excavation For Sewer Lateral
12 Inspection Services At 644 36th Street.

13 (17) Resolution Authorizing Payment to Adamo
14 Brothers Construction For Emergency Sewer Lateral
15 Repair Services At 418-421 7th Street.

16 (18) Resolution Authorizing Payment to Adamo
17 Brothers Construction For Emergency Sewer Lateral
18 Repair At 316 10th Street.

19 (19) Resolution Amending Resolution Number
20 08/16-10 to Award Contract For Television
21 Advertising Services For the City of Union City
22 For 2022 Through 2023.

23 (20) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
24 2023 Bicycle Lane Striping Project.

25 (21) Resolution Authorizing/Ratifying Contract

1 For Kerrigan Avenue Roadway Improvements Project
2 (Phase 1) to A&J Contractor Group, Inc.

3 (22) Resolution Authorizing/Ratifying Contract
4 For Kerrigan Avenue Roadway Improvement Project
5 (Phase 2) to A&J Contractors Group, Inc.

6 (23) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
7 2023 Street Sign Replacement Program.

8 (24) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
9 Snow Removal and Post-Storm Services For the
10 2023-2024 Winter Season.

11 (25) Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10/3-17
12 Awarding Contract For Personnel Consultant
13 Services For the City of Union City For 2023.

14 (26) Resolution Designating 45th Street Between
15 Park Avenue and Brown Street As "Patria Y Vida
16 Way".)

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18 MS. ROSARIO: There are 26 items on the
19 consent agenda.

20 One, resolution approving the payment of
21 claims.

22 Two, resolution approving the payment of
23 concurrent claims.

24 Three, resolution approving the escrow
25 refunds.

1 Four, resolution approving the City
2 payroll from September 9, 2023, through September
3 22, 2023.

4 Five, resolution approving the library
5 payroll from September 9, 2023, through September
6 22, 2023.

7 Six, resolution authorizing refund of
8 redemption monies to outside lienholders.

9 Seven, resolution cancelling taxes on
10 property deemed exempt for 100 percent disabled
11 veteran.

12 Eight, resolution authorizing the refund
13 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

14 Nine, resolution authorizing the refund
15 of payment.

16 Ten, resolution authorizing area in need
17 of redevelopment study for 707 Summit Avenue also
18 known as Block 32.01, Lot 4 and 810 Kennedy
19 Boulevard, also known as Block 43, Lot 6 and 812
20 Kennedy Boulevard, also known as Block 43, Lot 7
21 for the City of Union City.

22 Eleven, resolution authorizing the City
23 of Union City to apply for and obtain a grant from
24 the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for
25 improvements to Bergenline Avenue from 30th Street

1 to 37th Street in the City of Union City.

2 MAYOR STACK: That's in reference to the
3 UEZ. So the UEZ funded so far, since the creation
4 of the UEZ has funded from 37th to 49th, the
5 sidewalk improvements, the lights, and ultimately
6 we'll pave the street once we get down to 30th
7 Street, which we're hoping will be at the end of
8 next summer. We'll be down to 30th Street, the
9 lights will be installed. Then we'll pave from
10 30th to 49th to do it one time. I don't want to
11 do it piecemeal.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Twelve, resolution
13 authorizing the City of Union City to apply for
14 and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department
15 of Community Affairs to support the City's
16 homeless prevention program in the City of Union
17 City.

18 Thirteen, resolution approving Chapter
19 159 for supplemental transitional aid capital
20 project.

21 Fourteen, resolution authorizing payment
22 to A&J Construction Group, Incorporated, for
23 emergency repair services at various locations in
24 the City of Union City.

25 Fifteen, resolution authorizing payment

1 to A&J Contractors Group, Inc., for emergency
2 repair services to mitigate potential public
3 safety hazards at various locations in the City of
4 Union City.

5 Sixteen, resolution authorizing payment
6 to Adamo Brothers Construction for emergency sink
7 hole repairs and excavation for sewer lateral
8 inspection services at 644 36th Street.

9 Seventeen, resolution authorizing
10 payment to Adamo Brothers Construction for
11 emergency sewer lateral repair services at 418-421
12 7th Street.

13 Eighteen, resolution authorizing payment
14 to Adamo Brothers Construction for emergency sewer
15 lateral repair at 316 10th Street.

16 Nineteen, resolution amending resolution
17 number 08/16-10 to award contract for television
18 advertising services for the City of Union City
19 for 2022 through 2023.

20 Twenty, resolution authorizing receipt
21 of bids for 2023 Bicycle Lane striping project.

22 Twenty-one, resolution
23 authorizing/ratifying contract for Kerrigan Avenue
24 roadway improvements project (Phase 1) to A&J
25 Contractor Group, Inc.

1 Twenty-two, resolution
2 authorizing/ratifying contract for Kerrigan Avenue
3 roadway improvement project (phase 2) to A&J
4 Contractors Group, Inc.

5 Twenty-three, resolution authorizing
6 receipt of bids for 2023 street sign replacement
7 program.

8 Twenty-four, resolution authorizing
9 receipt of bids for snow removal and post-storm
10 services for the 2023-2024 winter season.

11 Twenty-five, resolution amending
12 resolution No. 10/3-17 awarding contract for
13 personnel consultant services for the City of
14 Union City for 2023.

15 Twenty-six, resolution designating 45th
16 Street Between Park Avenue and Brown Street as
17 "Patria Y Vida Way".

18 Mayor, at this time would you like to
19 take public comment?

20 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Just before we do,
21 on number 20, on the receipt of bids for the
22 bicycle lane striping project, that will be done
23 in the spring of next year. And the street signs,
24 any street signs that been have taken or stolen,
25 we just resecuring them and getting new sign,

1 that's all.

2 Anyone wishing to comment on any matter
3 on the consent agenda, please step forward, state
4 your name and address for the record? Seeing
5 none, I'll make a motion to approve.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
8 Stack, second by Commissioner Fernandez.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
18 approve all items on the consent agenda?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
21 Commissioner Valdivia.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Fernandez.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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11 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor, would you like to
12 take public comment on any portion of this
13 meeting?

14 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
15 comment on any matter concerning municipal
16 government in the City of Union City, please step
17 forward, state your name and address for the
18 record? Anyone wishing to comment at this time?
19 No? Seeing none, motion.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
21 Stack.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Fernandez.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes. No liquor hearings
8 tonight?

9 MS. ROSARIO: No, no liquor hearings
10 tonight.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT :**

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14 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
15 adjourn?

16 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

18 MS. ROSARIO: All in favor?

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20 (Whereupon, all Board Members indicate
21 in the affirmative.)

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23 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
24 7:15 p.m.)

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Brian P. Stack

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Lucio P. Fernandez

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Celin J. Valdivia

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Wendy A. Grullon

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Board of Commissioners

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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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