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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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3400 Palisade Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Can we please stand for
2 the Pledge of Allegiance.

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4 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
5 recited.)

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7 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular public
8 meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
9 being held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
10 at the Jefferson Elementary School, 3400 Palisade
11 Avenue in Union City.

12 This meeting has been called in
13 accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
14 Adequate notice of this meeting has been forwarded
15 to The Jersey Journal and The Record, has been
16 posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and has
17 been made available to the public in the office of
18 the municipal clerk.

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20 **ROLL CALL:**

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22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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8 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

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10 MS. ROSARIO: The first item on the
11 agenda is approval of the meeting minutes. Can I
12 get a motion to approve the meeting minutes for
13 February 20, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting?

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
17 Stack, second by Commissioner Valdivia.

18 Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

6 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

7 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

8 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
9 Concurring Claims.

10 (3) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
11 2/3/2024, Through 2/16/2024.

12 (4) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
13 From 2/3/2024, Through 2/16/2024.

14 (5) Resolution Cancelling Abatement Taxes.

15 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
16 Redemption Monies to the Outside Lienholders.

17 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
18 Duplicate Payments.

19 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
20 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

21 (9) Resolution Authorizing Contract For 2024
22 Sidewalk Repair Program.

23 (10) Resolution Authorizing Contract For 2024
24 Landscape Maintenance Program (A) For the City of
25 Union City.

1 (11) Resolution Authorizing Contract For 2024
2 Landscape Maintenance Program (B) For the City of
3 Union City.

4 (12) Resolution Authorizing the Use of
5 Competitive Contracting For IT Consultant Services
6 For 2024.

7 (13) Resolution to Increase the Bid and Quote
8 Threshold For the City of Union City Pursuant to
9 N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.

10 (14) Resolution to Adopt the City of Union City's
11 2024 Community Energy Plan (CEP) As Part of the
12 New Jersey Board of Public Utilities CEP Grant
13 Program.

14 (15) Resolution Authorizing Contract For 2024
15 Pothole Repair Program For the City of Union City.

16 (16) Resolution Authorizing the Use of
17 Competitive Contracting For 911 Emergency Dispatch
18 Services For 2024.

19 (17) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
20 Lien on the Property Known As 2200 Bergenline
21 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey 07087, Block 124,
22 Lot 1 in the City of Union City For Emergency
23 Repair Costs.

24 (18) Resolution Endorsing the Submission of a
25 Grant to the Hudson County Open Space Recreation

1 and Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County
2 Trust Fund")

3 (19) Resolution Rescinding Lien Imposed on the
4 Property Known As 4717 Park Avenue Also Known As
5 101 48th Street, Block 279, Lot 10 For Emergency
6 Repair Costs.)

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8 MS. ROSARIO: There are 19 items on the
9 consent agenda.

10 One, resolution approving the payment of
11 claims.

12 Two, resolution approving the payment of
13 concurring claims.

14 Three, resolution approving the city
15 payroll from February 3, 2024, through
16 February 16, 2024.

17 Four, resolution approving the library
18 payroll from February 3, 2024, through
19 February 16, 2024.

20 Five, resolution cancelling abatement
21 taxes.

22 Six, resolution authorizing the refund
23 of redemption monies to the outside lienholders.

24 Seven, resolution authorizing the refund
25 of duplicate payments.

1 Eight, resolution authorizing the refund
2 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

3 Nine, resolution authorizing contract
4 for 2024 sidewalk repair program.

5 Ten, resolution authorizing contract for
6 2024 landscape maintenance program (A) for the
7 City of Union City.

8 Eleven, resolution authorizing contract
9 for 2024 landscape maintenance program (B) for the
10 City of Union City.

11 Twelve, resolution authorizing the use
12 of competitive contracting for IT consultant
13 services for 2024.

14 Thirteen, resolution to increase the bid
15 and quote threshold for the City of Union City
16 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3.

17 Fourteen, resolution to adopt the City
18 of Union City's 2024 community energy plan (CEP)
19 as part of the New Jersey board of public
20 utilities CEP grant program.

21 Fifteen, resolution authorizing contract
22 for 2024 pothole repair program for the City of
23 Union City.

24 Sixteen, resolution authorizing the use
25 of competitive contracting for 911 emergency

1 dispatch services for 2024.

2 Seventeen, resolution authorizing the
3 placement of a lien on the property known as 2200
4 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey 07087,
5 Block 124, Lot 1 in the City of Union City for
6 emergency repair costs.

7 Eighteen, resolution endorsing the
8 submission of a grant to the Hudson County open
9 space recreation and historic preservation trust
10 fund ("county trust fund")

11 Nineteen, resolution rescinding lien
12 imposed on the property known as 4717 Park Avenue
13 also known as 101 48th Street, Block 279, Lot 10
14 for emergency repair costs.

15 Mayor is abstaining from payments to
16 Chasan, Lamparello and Mallon.

17 Mayor, would you like to take public
18 comment on the consent agenda?

19 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Just before we do,
20 this is on the consent agenda, that's the items
21 that were just read into the record. Anyone
22 wishing to comment on just the items that were
23 read into the record, please step forward, state
24 your name and address for the record. Seeing
25 none, motion to close.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
2 Stack.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
5 Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Motion.

19 MAYOR STACK: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
21 Fernandez, second by Mayor Stack.

22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Recusing on
5 North Hudson Regional, aye on the rest.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

11 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

12 1. Resolution approving payment to the Hudson
13 County Improvement Authority.)

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15 MS. ROSARIO: There is one item on the
16 regular agenda. Resolution approving payment to
17 Hudson County Improvement Authority.

18 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
20 Stack. Commissioner Martinetti will recuse on
21 this item. Second?

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Valdivia.
24 Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Anyone wishing to
14 comment on any matter concerning municipal
15 government in the City of Union City, please step
16 forward, state your name and address for the
17 record.

18 MR. PRATT: Thank you.

19 MAYOR STACK: Sir, if you could just
20 please state your name and address for the record.

21 MR. PRATT: My name is Charles Pratt, I
22 don't have no address at this time, but my email
23 is CharlesPratt1959@iCloud.com.

24 MAYOR STACK: You could do it right from
25 there, Charles. You can lean on the podium.

1 MR. PRATT: I'd rather be close so I can
2 face the audience. Thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Perfect.

4 MR. PRATT: How you doing? My name is
5 Charles Pratt. You know what I'm saying, I
6 learned a lot from this man right here.

7 MAYOR STACK: If you could stand back
8 here just for decorum and --

9 MR. PRATT: So for the audience, my name
10 is Charles Pratt. I'm here to represent on
11 behalf, you know what I'm saying, you know, nobody
12 perfect in this world, things happen and I just
13 don't understand why it continue to happen of the
14 unlawful acts. I'm the victim of twelve attempted
15 murders on my life. I'm a survivor, I can say it.
16 Attempted twelve murders, I brushed death twelve
17 times of them trying to kill me. You know what
18 I'm saying.

19 The last one was October 25th of last
20 year. October 25th, I almost lost my life. I
21 called Brian Stack, I was addressing this issue
22 right here. Let me show you, you know what I'm
23 saying. You know, he always said you got a
24 problem, give me a call, that's what I know him
25 as, and he try to help.

1 So I called him, at the time a worker
2 came to the phone, I left a message for his worker
3 for him to give me a call back based on -- give me
4 one second, based on the information that I wanted
5 to share with him about the past police report
6 that is fabricated on me saying that we have
7 firsthand on Mr. Charles Pratt have a mental
8 disability. Now, I do have a disability, but it's
9 a physical -- for the record, a physical
10 disability, I have from 1988, right. But I felt
11 it so wrong for somebody to do what they did to
12 me, all the way back to 2003. You know what, as a
13 man, I let it go. But how can I let it go when
14 they keep on trying to kill. I let it go what he
15 trying to do to me, but I can't let go when they
16 keep coming at me and trying to kill me. This is
17 reckless.

18 It's not only reckless, not to have a
19 prosecutor or anybody that's higher, you are the
20 highest, actually you got the highest office. And
21 I don't know how come you don't have no kind of
22 authority over the lower ones to control, control
23 their unlawful acts. This is -- it can't be like
24 this. I want to say one thing because I don't
25 want to waste my time here, I don't want to waste

1 nobody's time, but I want to demonstrate something
2 here.

3 Thank you so much, Brian Stack, I needed
4 to get this off my chest --

5 MAYOR STACK: You could stand there,
6 Charles, it's perfect.

7 MR. PRATT: So I'll stand here. Thank
8 you so much.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Just address
10 the board.

11 MR. PRATT: Thank you, Mr. Brian, thank
12 you so much, you know what I'm saying. That paper
13 is gone. What else is on that paper is missing.
14 The paper I want to demonstrate -- I seemed to
15 misplace it. Anyway the paper that I wanted to
16 show, it says on it, we have a firsthand on Mr.
17 Charles Pratt have a mental disability.

18 I called Brian Stack on the 23rd, around
19 10:00 in the morning and tried to address my
20 concern. Because he always said, Charles, you got
21 a problem, give me a call. He do ask you to call,
22 he do return it, I can vouch for that.

23 But only thing, when I told him at the
24 time my need, he wasn't available, maybe he had
25 other things to do, you know what I'm saying. And

1 I address it to one of his employees of the
2 secretary, can you give him a message, tell him I
3 like to know how could somebody from the public
4 department fabricate my name saying I have a
5 mental health problem.

6 I wanted to tell you, Brian Stack, sir,
7 don't you know out of them making that report,
8 that happened 2012, don't you know I got in track.
9 I'm going to make the conversation short, they try
10 to entrap me with a 1201, you know what a 1201 is,
11 right? 1201 is attempted kidnap, entrapped me and
12 force me to be somewhere against my will.

13 And in Bayonne, that's a different town,
14 but I talk to Jimmy, Mayor Jimmy, right. I talked
15 to him on the last day I was there trying to get
16 an OPRA report, he told me I just got off the
17 phone with Brian Stack -- nothing wrong with
18 having a conversation with anybody in the world,
19 that's not against the law, you know what I'm
20 saying. But what I'm saying, I call the mayor in
21 Bayonne to tell him all my concerns of what
22 they're doing to me in Bayonne, he wouldn't give
23 me the time of day. So I'm asking you as a mayor
24 and you got connected with him some kind of way,
25 please do me a favor and connect with him, let him

1 know all that stuff that's going on with Charles
2 Pratt, please, address it. Because there's no way
3 in the world what happen to me here or there,
4 nobody is not going to get away with that. I'm
5 not talking about committing no crime or nothing,
6 all my life, 24 years of abuse. This has got to
7 stop.

8 I swear to God, it's got to stop. If it
9 don't stop, I'm going to turn myself into police,
10 and I'm going to enforce the law, and I'm going to
11 make a citizen's arrest, and I know how to do
12 that.

13 MR. AUTERI: Thank you, sir.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Mr. Pratt.
15 Anyone else wishing to comment at this time?

16 MS. FLORES: Mr. Brian Stack.

17 MAYOR STACK: You can stand behind the
18 podium.

19 MS. FLORES: Deli Flores.

20 MR. AUTERI: Sir, can you step down?
21 She's going to make her comments.

22 MS. FLORES: Thank you for giving me the
23 opportunity, Mr. Brian Stack, mayor from the Union
24 City town and the -- I'm Deli Flores. Thank God I
25 stand here in front of you and the whole

1 commissioner in my city. Thank you for everybody.
2 Thank you for this night. This is my very
3 important opportunity to speak my truth.

4 My husband worked here in the Board of
5 Education for 18 years. After that, first Mr.
6 Brian Stack, after 18 years, you fire me from the
7 Board of Education and my job after 18 years from
8 the Union City Board of Education and the schools.
9 Why? Because I received my position with Mr. --
10 in front of me in -- are you paying attention to
11 me, Mr. Stack? Excuse me. Mayor, are you paying
12 attention to me or you don't understand my
13 language, my speech?

14 MAYOR STACK: Ma'am, be respectful. You
15 can make any statement you like. There's no issue
16 whatsoever --

17 MS. FLORES: But --

18 MAYOR STACK: Ma'am, don't interrupt.
19 Make your statement from where you are.

20 MS. FLORES: I have one question. I
21 made my question. Thank you for give me the
22 opportunity. Please pay attention to me. I was
23 in a meeting for the school for eight times -- are
24 you pay attention to me. Are you paying attention
25 to me? Please, Mr. Babino, Lucio Fernandez, Mr.

1 Wendy Grullon, are you pay attention to me or no?
2 Please.

3 (Audience interruption.)

4 MS. FLORES: You don't pay attention to
5 myself here, okay. I repeat you fire me after
6 18 years, and my work in the Board of Education,
7 in my school Collin Powell. After attack me,
8 Justin Mercado intimidate me in the school in
9 2018. After that, Alicia Morejon attack me, too,
10 intimidate me inside the school, Colin Powell.

11 In 2019, also, do the woman -- I don't
12 know how to -- I don't know what I say the lady,
13 Mrs. Mercedes Joaquin -- you're paying attention
14 to me, right? Your fiancée, I think it's your
15 fiancée, I don't know. She attack me and she
16 scratched my arm inside the school.

17 So are you making weddings because you
18 can -- you will not be making weddings? You're
19 not making weddings because you're side to me
20 sexually --

21 (Audience interruption.)

22 (Several people speaking Spanish.)

23 MR. AUTERI: We have one public comment
24 at a time.

25 MAYOR STACK: Please, keep order in the

1 meeting, please, everyone is entitled to speak.
2 Allow her to continue speaking.

3 MS. FLORES: Thank you. I must finish
4 my points. You attack me sexually 2005, in 2005,
5 2016 and 2015 and 2016, you attack me sexually.
6 You have a lot of complaint with me, you have
7 issues with me, you have problem with me. Why
8 don't you consider me as a citizen in this city in
9 Union City for long time, all my life. Why you --
10 on me when I looking to speak with you. And you
11 hidden my case -- you hidden my case, nothing
12 happen with my case. So, please, I need to know
13 in front of everybody.

14 Also, finally, this Thursday, 27, in the
15 school, Colin Powell, I hoping to write my note,
16 some supporter attack me, as opposed to when I
17 have my arm back, it's no good. So she's just
18 working in the Board of Education, so please tell
19 me something about that, Mr. Mayor Brian Stack?
20 Or somebody maybe say something, somebody?

21 I have my truth, I have evidence. I
22 have video recording, I have audio recording, I
23 have everything. The judge is determined to give
24 this to Mrs. Mercedes and Mercedes Joaquin with my
25 case. So you tell me something, please. Thank

1 God I can't say --

2 MR. AUTERI: Ma'am, you've exceeded your
3 time limit.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
5 comments, ma'am. Next, who would like to speak?
6 Anyone else would like to speak?

7 MR. TRUTH: I would like to speak. And
8 I am Leroy Truth --

9 MAYOR STACK: If you could stand --

10 MR. TRUTH: I feel comfortable being
11 here, you have this glorious barricade for
12 yourselves. You're safe, no one is coming at you.

13 First, I got to say it was completely
14 disgusting and despicable how you, Mayor Stack,
15 and each of you were ignoring Deli Flores and
16 doing everything you can to ignore her. And,
17 Mayor Stack, you're doing the same thing. I know
18 you're getting your marching orders from the
19 Weehawken mayor by the way.

20 And, Mayor Stack, this question is for
21 you, you need to pay attention to this. This is
22 critical to your office right here.

23 Mayor Stack, I'm over here, buddy.
24 Mayor Stack, I'm right here. Mayor Stack, did you
25 know that there are three women -- I'm going to

1 wait until you stop talking and pay attention to
2 we the people right here. Are you ready to hear
3 what I have to say, Mayor Stack? I'm right here.

4 MAYOR STACK: Sir, you can speak, don't
5 harass me. You can speak.

6 MR. TRUTH: You are being incredibly
7 rude and condescending.

8 MAYOR STACK: Sir, you're an idiot.
9 Just do me a favor, step back. Step back, stop
10 harassing me.

11 MR. TRUTH: Did you know there were
12 three women --

13 MAYOR STACK: Step back.

14 MR. TRUTH: -- who were allegedly --

15 MAYOR STACK: Step back.

16 MR. TRUTH: -- sexually assaulted in the
17 city --

18 MAYOR STACK: Step back. Don't raise
19 your voice. Speak, don't raise your voice.

20 MR. TRUTH: Do you know that there were
21 three women --

22 MAYOR STACK: Don't raise your voice.

23 MR. TRUTH: -- who were allegedly
24 assaulted in this city, works for the parks
25 department, do you know that? Are you aware of

1 that, Mayor Stack? That's a question for you.

2 (Audience interruption.)

3 MR. TRUTH: Do any of you care? Any of
4 you women that there were three women who came
5 forward, did police reports, who work for the
6 parks department, who allegedly were sexually
7 assaulted by Raoul Genao, the brother of Ydaly
8 Genao, the Board of Education president, are you
9 aware of that? Do you care? Do you all hate
10 women? Are you not willing to protect these three
11 women who came forward -- you're the only one
12 brave enough to pay attention, I appreciate that.

13 There were three women who came forward,
14 claiming they were sexually assaulted by Raoul
15 Genao, who also works in the parks department.
16 Since then, they've been allegedly retaliated
17 against by Alicia Morejon who also, as you know,
18 works in the Board of Education. She has
19 attempted to allegedly pressure them to drop the
20 charges, treating them incredibly rudely, making
21 them feel very uncomfortable and defending the
22 alleged assaulter.

23 So I want a statement from each of you,
24 what are you going to do to protect these women?
25 We'll start with you, since you're a woman. What

1 is your statement about these three allegations?
2 And make sure he doesn't stop you from answering,
3 you're free, you're all equal here. He's no
4 higher than any of you.

5 So what's your statement on these three
6 women who allegedly were sexually assaulted by
7 Raoul Genao. What's your statement?

8 MR. AUTERI: Sir, the board is not going
9 to respond.

10 MR. TRUTH: You need to respond to the
11 people, the people. Does anyone care that three
12 women were allegedly assaulted and they are
13 literally fearful for their jobs, for their
14 health, for their lives, and you're ignoring what
15 I'm bringing to you right here?

16 I'm going to read you something else.
17 This would be very helpful if Sergeant DeRojas
18 came out. You have a history, Mayor Stack, of
19 allegedly covering up sex crimes. Someone
20 anonymously sent me this complaint. This comes
21 from a radio dispatcher and I'll let her words
22 speak for herself. She sent this to the chief and
23 you received this, Mayor Stack.

24 Dear sir, I hereby make this formal
25 complaint of sexual harassment and retaliation and

1 ask that an immediate investigation and
2 appropriate response action occurs. From March
3 2009 through the end of June 2009, I was sexually
4 harassed Sergeant Sergio DeRojas, as you, sir,
5 know. During this time period, he constantly
6 called me, was in my work area constantly, asked
7 me to come with him to get keys, called me
8 sweetie, honey, and other names. Came to my
9 house, propositioned me at work, asked me to go to
10 dinner, offered me rides home. Told me he would
11 make work better for me if I had sex with him,
12 asked me to give him oral sex, asked me to go out
13 with him, offered me money, grabbed his crotch in
14 front of me and said look what you're missing.
15 Accused me of giving other guys oral sex and said
16 why not me. He grabbed me derriere, he pulled my
17 arms, he grabbed my face. That's not Sergeant
18 DeRojas, that's Lieutenant DeRojas standing in the
19 other room right here. Apparently, you covered up
20 the crime and gave him a promotion, that's how
21 Brian Stack hates women.

22 This is just some of the things that the
23 sergeant did to me during this four month period.
24 Of course, he was extremely flirtatious and I also
25 reported that. This is right after he became a

1 sergeant. During all the times that Sergeant
2 DeRojas did these things to me, I told him to stop
3 and told him to cut it out. I told him it was
4 inappropriate. I told him he was a sergeant and
5 he would be fired for these things. I asked what
6 kind of woman do you think I am. I told him to
7 leave me alone. I told him no over and over and
8 over and over again. I begged him to please stop.
9 But no one, including Brian Stack, helped her. I
10 told him he was a Sergeant, I told him over and
11 over --

12 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you've exceeded your
13 time allowance.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, sir.
15 Thank you for your comments. Anyone else wishing
16 to speak?

17 MR. TRUTH: What are you going to say?

18 MAYOR STACK: Susie, if you would like
19 to speak. Sir, you had your five minutes, please
20 sit down.

21 MR. TRUTH: Do you --

22 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you're disrupting the
23 meeting.

24 MAYOR STACK: Go to Connecticut. You're
25 out of order.

1 MR. TRUTH: You've been out of order the
2 whole time. Your rudeness --

3 MR. AUTERI: You're disrupting the
4 meeting.

5 MAYOR STACK: Please sit down. Susie,
6 you're next.

7 MS. SUSIE: Good evening, Mayor.

8 MAYOR STACK: I apologize to the
9 residents --

10 MR. TRUTH: I apologize to --

11 MR. AUTERI: Sir.

12 MAYOR STACK: -- because he's paid to do
13 so by the political machine in Hudson County.
14 He's a paid hack, he's a complete idiot. Go right
15 ahead, make sure you get that on camera.

16 MR. TRUTH: I sure did.

17 MAYOR STACK: Make sure you do that.

18 MS. SUSIE: Good evening, Mayor. Good
19 evening, Commissioners, good evening, Union City.
20 Please, I want to know, listen, who paid you?

21 MAYOR STACK: Susie, you have to address
22 the board, not members of the audience.

23 MR. TRUTH: Maybe you --

24 MR. AUTERI: One public commenter at a
25 time.

1 MAYOR STACK: Sir, allow her to comment.

2 MR. TRUTH: She was --

3 MAYOR STACK: Mr. First Amendment, allow
4 her to comment.

5 MR. TRUTH: She was --

6 MAYOR STACK: Please, Susie, don't speak
7 to him, speak to us.

8 How Deli Flores know me, I know her.
9 You know long time I know her. I know she in love
10 with you. She like to say you're -- I know you
11 love him, I know. Like you know me, I know you.
12 I know you.

13 MAYOR STACK: This is not -- thank you
14 very much. Anyone else wishing to comment at this
15 time?

16 MS. SUSIE: Mayor, I want to thank you
17 for everything, you put the city very beautiful.
18 Thank you for help --

19 (Audience interruption.)

20 MAYOR STACK: I can promise you nobody
21 will disrupt the progress that we've made in this
22 community. Obviously, it's elected officials that
23 are very close to Union City that are jealous of
24 the progress that we made. I promise you -- I
25 promise you we will not allow any political hacks

1 that are paid to be here to do that. Thank you
2 very much, everyone.

3 (Audience interruption.)

4 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
5 comment at this time? Seeing no other, thank you
6 very much, everyone. I'll make a motion to close
7 the public comment. The next portion, we're going
8 to --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

10 MAYOR STACK: -- is liquor license
11 hearings.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack,
13 second by Commissioner Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes. He had his five
24 minutes. Enough is enough.

25 MR. AUTERI: Please sit down, you're

1 disrupting the meeting.

2 MAYOR STACK: You're out of line, you
3 had your five minutes.

4 MS. FLORES: Mayor, answer my --

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. Ganesh Swami, Inc.
T/a Union Discount Liquors
710 Summit Avenue
0910-44-132-009
2. Crave 43, LLC
T/a Crave 43
120 43rd Street
0910-33-029-010
3. Graciela's Cactus, LLC
T/a Graciela's Cactus Restaurant
426 32nd Street
0910-33-227-006
4. Union City Liquors, LLC
T/a Union City Buy Rite
3196 Kennedy Boulevard
0910-32-171-013
(Anthony Sarsano, Esq.)
5. R.G. Enterprise Entertainment, Inc.
T/a Therapy Lounge
2803 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-134-006
6. Quick Deli & Grocery Limited Liability Company
T/a Quick Deli & Grocery
201 40th Street
0910-43-053-010

1 **1. Ganesh Swami, Inc.**
2 **T/a Union Discount Liquors**
3 **710 Summit Avenue**
4 **0910-44-132-009**

5 MAYOR STACK: Ray, please, begin this
6 portion of the meeting.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Mayor, Commissioners, for
8 the record, Ramon Gonzalez, ABC prosecutor.

9 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, I'm sorry
10 about this unprofessionalism. Mr. Gonzalez.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you. For the
12 record, Ramon Gonzalez, Union City ABC prosecutor.
13 We have several matters on today, the first matter
14 is Union City Discount Liquors.

15 MR. PATEL: Ril Patel.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Patel is here, he's
17 the owner of Union City Discount Liquors. We have
18 a violation of the camera ordinance, which we
19 believe is very important. We have had a plea
20 meeting prior to today. We have reached a
21 resolution where there will be a suspension for
22 ten days, seven days will be held in abeyance for
23 one year and there will be three days that will be
24 served.

25 Mr. Patel has explained to me that he
 would like to do March 25, 26 and 27; is that

1 correct?

2 MR. PATEL: Yes.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: I would suggest under the
4 circumstances, based on the review from Lieutenant
5 Dunlay and Sergeant Zeron, and based on the
6 history, I think it's fair and reasonable under
7 the circumstances. And that's what I would
8 recommend.

9 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. Do you have
10 anything, sir, that you would like to say or would
11 you like to be represented by counsel?

12 MR. PATEL: No, I accept.

13 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. I'll make a
14 motion to approve the recommendation by Mr.
15 Gonzalez.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
18 Stack, second by Commissioner Valdivia.

19 Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 **2. Crave 43, LLC**
2 **T/a Crave 43**
3 **120 43rd Street**
4 **0910-33-029-010**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is Crave
6 43, LLC, located at 120 43rd Street in Union City.
7 They were here earlier today. In speaking with
8 them, they wanted an opportunity to seek an
9 attorney to see about representation. I told them
10 I would request that the matter be adjourned for
11 at least one cycle so they can obtain a lawyer, if
12 they decide to want to proceed in that fashion.

13 MAYOR STACK: That's fine.

14 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion?

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion to adjourn.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
17 Stack.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
20 Martinetti.

21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 **3. Graciela's Cactus, LLC**
2 **T/a Graciela's Cactus Restaurant**
3 **426 32nd Street**
4 **0910-33-227-006**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
6 is Graciela's Cactus, LLC, trading as Graciela's
7 Cactus Restaurant, located at 424 32nd Street. We
8 have an interpreter, if we could have his sworn
9 please?

10 J O S E G O N Z A L E Z, an interpreter of the
11 SPANISH language, after having been duly sworn,
12 did interpret the following testimony:

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14 MR. GONZALEZ: Please state your name
15 for the record?

16 MS. MARQUES: Maria Marques.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Marques, you're the
18 owner of Graciela's Cactus Restaurant?

19 MS. MARQUES: Yes.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: You're here today because
21 we've had an opportunity to speak at the prior
22 occasion. Because we didn't have an interpreter
23 and I didn't feel comfortable proceeding unless
24 there was an interpreter; is that correct?

25 MS. MARQUES: Yes.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. We have proposed a
2 ten day suspension, seven days would be held, it
3 would be three days served and that's as a result
4 of camera violations. She has actually gone and
5 taken the steps necessary to remedy the problem.
6 She's brought the hard drive, we believe what
7 she's said to us. We had it reinspected and
8 they're now in compliance.

9 I think under the circumstances that
10 would be fair, reasonable, and consistent with the
11 other matters.

12 MAYOR STACK: Sergeant, Lieutenant,
13 you're both okay with that?

14 SERGEANT ZERON: Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: Great. I'll make a motion
16 to approve on Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
18 Stack. Second?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Valdivia.
21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
6 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.
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1 **4. Union City Liquors, LLC**
2 **T/a Union City Buy Rite**
3 **3196 Kennedy Boulevard**
4 **0910-32-171-013**
5 **(Anthony Sarsano, Esq.)**

6 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is Union
7 City Buy Rite, they're located at 3196 Kennedy
8 Boulevard. They are represented by Mr. Sarsano,
9 who's present. Just put your name on the record.

10 MR. SARSANO: Good evening, members of
11 the board, my name is Anthony Sarsano, I represent
12 the licensee in this matter.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: This matter goes
14 consistent with the other cases that we've had,
15 which are camera violations, it was not recording
16 for the 60 days as required. And they have since
17 corrected it. Based on the investigation that we
18 did as a follow-up to ensure that it's working, we
19 believe now that, under the circumstances, we
20 would like to do the same to be consistent with
21 everyone else, it would be ten day suspension,
22 seven would be held for one year as of today, and
23 three days would be served.

24 MAYOR STACK: This was on 3196?

25 MR. GONZALEZ: 3196.

 MAYOR STACK: Again, Lieutenant,

1 Sergeant, you guys are okay?

2 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Yes.

3 SERGEANT ZERON: Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
5 approve Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
7 Stack.

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
10 Valdivia.

11 Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Abstain.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez
22 abstains for this.

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1 **5. R.G. Enterprise Entertainment, Inc.**
2 **T/a Therapy Lounge**
3 **2803 Bergenline Avenue**
4 **0910-33-134-006**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is Number
6 5, Therapy Lounge. I did see the owner, but what
7 we've opted to do is he wants to seek counsel. I
8 think we should carry that one, possibly two
9 cycles. So I request that that matter be
10 adjourned.

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

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack,
15 second by Commissioner Martinetti.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 **6. Quick Deli & Grocery Limited Liability Company**
2 **T/a Quick Deli & Grocery**
3 **201 40th Street**
4 **0910-43-053-010**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Our last matter is Quick
6 Deli and Grocery located at 201 40th Street. That
7 matter was adjourned, the owner wanted to seek
8 counsel on it. And there may be some new pending
9 charges, so we'd like to address all them at the
10 same time. So I'm requesting that this matter be
11 adjourn also.

12 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. I'll make a
13 motion to adjourn.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack,
15 second by Commissioner Valdivia.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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ADJOURNMENT :

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

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor Stack and second by Commissioner Grullon. All in favor?

(All Board Members indicate in the affirmative.)

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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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