

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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ROOSEVELT SCHOOL
4507 Hudson Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Commencing at 7:00 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

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Please rise for the Pledge
2 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 public meeting
8 of the Union City Board of Commissioners being
9 held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
10 at the Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson Avenue in
11 Union City. This meeting has been called in
12 accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
13 Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided
14 as follows: Was forwarded to The Jersey Journal,
15 The Record, has been posted on the bulletin board
16 in City Hall and has been made available to the
17 public in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

18
19 **ROLL CALL:**

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Here.

5 MS. ROSARIO: We have provided rules of
6 decorum for your review. Please familiarize
7 yourself with them and follow.

8

9 **PRESENTATION:**

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11 MS. ROSARIO: There is one recognition
12 for Ysabel Fabre de Morel. Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

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15 (Presentation by Commissioner Fernandez.)

16

17 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
18 action on the following item:

19 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES)**

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21 MS. ROSARIO: The first item on the
22 agenda is approving the meeting minutes for
23 August 12, 2024, and the August 29, 2024, Board of
24 Commissioners meeting. May I have a motion to
25 approve?

1 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
4 Stack. Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I abstain on
7 August 29th, but yes, on August 12th.

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

17 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
18 action on the following item:

19 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

20 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 334
21 "RENT STABILIZATION" PROHIBITING OVER MARKET
22 PARKING FEES FOR ON SITE PARKING.)

23

24 MS. ROSARIO: There are two ordinances
25 introduction. Adoption on first reading

1 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
2 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
3 together with a notice of the time and place when
4 the ordinance will be considered for the final
5 passage. The ordinance will be further considered
6 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
7 held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the
8 Washington School, 3905 New York Avenue, Union
9 City, at 7:00 p.m.

10 An ordinance amending Chapter 334 "rent
11 stabilization" prohibiting over market parking
12 fees for on-site parking.

13 May I have a motion to introduce?

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
16 Stack. Second?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

18 MS. ROSARIO: 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.

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

7 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

8 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 TO
9 REQUIRE ANNUAL RENEWALS FOR THE PROHIBITION OF
10 CONVERSIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS TO
11 CONDOMINIUM OR COOPERATIVE FORMS OF OWNERSHIP.)

12

13 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
14 ordinance amending Chapter 40 to require annual
15 renewals for the prohibition of conversions of
16 affordable housing units to condominium or
17 cooperative forms of ownership.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Martinetti.

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: Commissioner Martinetti.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

9 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 Concurring Claims.

18 (3) Resolution Approval the Escrow Refunds.

19 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll
20 7/19/2024 - 08/02/2024.

21 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
22 7/19/2024 - 08/02/2024.

23 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
24 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

25 (7) Resolution Cancelling Taxes and Creating

1 Taxes on a Subdivision.

2 (8) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
3 Monies to Outside Lienholders.

4 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
5 Duplicate Payment.

6 (10) Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund in a Tax
7 Appeal Decision By the Tax Court of New Jersey.

8 (11) Resolution Authorizing the City of Union
9 City to Apply For the New Jersey Department of
10 Human Services Age-Friendly Grant Program.

11 (12) Resolution Authorizing Agreement With New
12 Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund Commencing
13 January 1, 2025, Through December 31, 2027.

14 (13) Resolution Authorizing the City of Union
15 City to Enter Into the New Jersey Cooperative
16 Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

17 (14) Resolution Amending Contract For Labor
18 Counsel Services For the City of Union City For
19 2024.

20 (15) Resolution Authorizing the City of Union
21 City to Place a Lien on the Property Located At
22 604 11th Street.

23 (16) Resolution Reappointing Lauren Sosa Herrera
24 to the Union City Library's Board of Trustees.

25 (17) Resolution Authorizing Progress Payment 5 to

1 A&J Contractors Group, Inc., For 2023 CDA Roads
2 17th Street and 8th Street Improvements Project.

3 (18) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
4 Lien on the Property Known As 1312 Bergenline
5 Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, 07087, Block 64
6 Lot 18, in the City of Union City For Emergency
7 Repair Costs.

8 (19) Resolution to Authorize the Assignment of
9 Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection
10 Contract to Affordable Cartage, LLC.

11 (20) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For Fuel
12 Services For Oversized Vehicles For the City of
13 Union City.

14 (21) Resolution Authorizing Payment to A&J
15 Contractors Group, Inc., For Emergency Sidewalk
16 Repairs At Varies Locations Throughout the City of
17 Union City (Invoice 2024-14).

18 (22) Resolution Designating Hudson Avenue Between
19 42nd Street and 43rd Street "Eddie Padron Way".

20 (23) Resolution Designating West Street Between
21 16th and 18th Street "Weis Way".

22 (24) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
23 the City of Union City Approving the 2024-2025
24 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-210-006
25 Issued to Arturo Tepetitla Popoca (Pocket

1 License) .

2 (25) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
3 the City of Union City Approving the 2024-2025
4 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-111-008
5 Issued to El Idolo, LLC (T/a Coromoto)

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7 MS. ROSARIO: There are 25 items on the
8 consent agenda.

9 One, resolution approving the payment of
10 claims.

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

13 Three, resolution approval the escrow
14 refunds.

15 Four, resolution approving the city
16 payroll 7/19/2024 - 08/02/2024.

17 Five, resolution approving the library
18 payroll 7/19/2024 - 08/02/2024.

19 Six, resolution authorizing the refund
20 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

21 Seven, resolution cancelling taxes and
22 creating taxes on a subdivision.

23 Eight, resolution authorizing refund of
24 redemption monies to outside lienholders.

25 Nine, resolution authorizing the refund

1 of duplicate payment.

2 Ten, resolution authorizing tax refund
3 in a tax appeal decision by the tax court of New
4 Jersey.

5 Eleven, resolution authorizing the City
6 of Union City to apply for the New Jersey
7 department of human services age-friendly grant
8 program.

9 Twelve, resolution authorizing agreement
10 with New Jersey intergovernmental insurance fund
11 commencing January 1, 2025, through December 31,
12 2027.

13 Thirteen, resolution authorizing the
14 City of Union City to enter into the New Jersey
15 cooperative purchasing alliance cooperative
16 pricing agreement.

17 Fourteen, resolution amending contract
18 for labor counsel services for the City of Union
19 City for 2024.

20 Fifteen, resolution authorizing the City
21 of Union City to place a lien on the property
22 located at 604 11th Street.

23 Sixteen, resolution reappointing Lauren
24 Sosa Herrera to the Union City library's board of
25 trustees.

1 Seventeen, resolution authorizing
2 progress payment 5 to A&J Contractors Group, Inc.,
3 for 2023 CDA Roads 17th Street and 8th Street
4 improvements project.

5 Eighteen, resolution authorizing the
6 placement of a lien on the property known as 1312
7 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, 07087,
8 Block 64 Lot 18, in the City of Union City for
9 emergency repair costs.

10 Nineteen, resolution to authorize the
11 assignment of municipal solid waste and recyclable
12 collection contract to Affordable Cartage, LLC.

13 Twenty, resolution to authorize bidding
14 for fuel services for oversized vehicles for the
15 City of Union City.

16 Twenty-one, resolution authorizing
17 payment to A&J Contractors Group, Inc., for
18 emergency sidewalk repairs at various locations
19 throughout the City of Union City (invoice
20 2024-14).

21 Twenty-two, resolution designating
22 Hudson Avenue between 42nd Street and 43rd Street
23 "Eddie Padron Way".

24 Twenty-three, resolution designating
25 West street between 16th and 18th Street "Weis

1 Way".

2 Twenty-four, resolution of the Board of
3 Commissioners of the City of Union City approving
4 the 2024-2025 renewal of Liquor License No.
5 0910-33-210-006 issued to Arturo Tepetitla Popoca
6 (pocket license).

7 Twenty-five, resolution of the Board of
8 Commissioners of the City of Union City approving
9 the 2024-2025 renewal of Liquor License No.
10 0910-33-111-008 issued to El Idolo, LLC (t/a
11 Coromoto).

12 Mayor, at this time would you like to
13 take public comment on the consent agenda?

14 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
15 on the consent agenda that was just read into the
16 record, please step forward, state your name and
17 address for record. Anyone have any comments?
18 Seeing none on the consent agenda, I make a motion
19 to close public portion.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

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

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
9 approve all items?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
12 Commissioner Valdivia. Second?

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

18 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor abstains on payments

1 Chasan Mallon.

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

5 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

6 1. Resolution approving payments to
7 HCIA.

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9 MS. ROSARIO: We have two items on the
10 regular agenda.

11 One, resolution approving payments to
12 Hudson County Improvement Authority. Commissioner
13 Martinetti recuses from item one on the regular
14 agenda. May I have a motion to approve?

15 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
18 Stack. Second, Commissioner Grullon.

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: Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

5 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

6 2. Resolution authorizing the Acting
7 City Clerk to complete the certification for the
8 TWA application for the Union City Grade 7-9
9 School.)

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11 MS. ROSARIO: The second item is
12 resolution authorizing the acting city clerk to
13 complete the certification of the Treatment Works
14 Application for the schools of Union City, grades
15 7 through 9. May I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
18 Commissioner Martinetti. Second?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

21 Commissioner Fernandez recuses from item
22 two on the regular agenda.

23 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.

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

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

12 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing on
13 the consent general, please step -- I'm sorry.
14 Anyone wishing to comment on any matter before the
15 board, please step forward, state your name and
16 address. Anyone wishing to comment at this time?

17 MR. REYES: Definitely.

18 MAYOR STACK: Please state your name for
19 the record.

20 MR. REYES: Rocco Reyes. (Inaudible)
21 Commissioners, Mayor Brian Stack.

22 I want to say one thing first. I think
23 it's completely disrespectful and a violation of
24 the law to have the city clerk here, the clerk
25 facing away from the public. I'm sitting right in

1 the front, I couldn't hear a word she said.
2 That's not transparency, that's not letting the
3 public know what's going on in the meetings. I'm
4 sure no one could hear her if I'm sitting in front
5 of everybody and I could barely hear her.

6 That being said, Mayor, I heard a lot
7 about you. A lot of horrible things about you and
8 I've seen you engage in horrible behavior. You
9 recently had a man, an activist arrested for free
10 speech. You had him arrested at a meeting just
11 like this one for exercising his First Amendment
12 right, which is completely abhorrent and in
13 violation of the First Amendment of the United
14 States Constitution.

15 You're a public servant. You're
16 supposed to serve people, not arrest people who
17 criticize you, not threaten them. You were
18 supposed to uphold your oath you took to the
19 United States Constitution. Now I have here --
20 you know I've investigated lot of mayors across
21 the country. You hold dual positions here mayor
22 (inaudible) state senator, (inaudible), mayor
23 Tiffany Hendricks, (inaudible) she's also the
24 supervisor as well.

25 But you're not even the most corrupt

1 mayor (inaudible) you might be competing for that
2 award, arresting and imprisoning. (Inaudible)
3 would have a journalist arrested for exercising
4 his rights at a board meeting, freedom of speech,
5 and then intimidating another (inaudible) from
6 speaking on this, your complaint that you filed
7 for cyber bullying. How (inaudible) would you
8 have to be to press charges on an activist for
9 cyber bullying -- these are your words. Within
10 the jurisdiction of this court, with purpose to
11 harass another, the defendant did engage -- the
12 activist, the defendant -- in the course of
13 alarming conduct with purpose to alarm or
14 seriously annoy the victim of Mr. Brian Stack.
15 You're a victim, Mayor Stack, you're a victim of
16 criticism and free speech in this country.

17 And the last time -- I don't see the
18 city attorney trying to stop me from reading --
19 the last time you bullied a member of the public
20 from reading a statement. I dare you try to stop
21 me, I'm not going to tolerate it, I'm going to
22 hold you accountable. So go ahead and try to stop
23 me from (inaudible)

24 The victim, Brian P. Stack, specifically
25 presented himself to Mr. Stack's place of

1 business, meaning City Hall where it's open to the
2 public? The people's house? How dare they go to
3 City Hall -- on multiple occasions yelling for him
4 to resign from his office due to the corrupt
5 nature of his position within the city -- sounds
6 like a statement of fact.

7 In addition, the defendant also has
8 presented himself to other locations -- you mean
9 campaign events? -- with the intention to
10 (inaudible) private events -- they were
11 campaigning.

12 Lastly, (inaudible) continuously post on
13 multiple social media platforms (inaudible) the
14 mayor. Multiple posts using Mayor Stack's image
15 in an attempt to question his integrity -- excuse
16 me this is horrible (inaudible) and question by
17 writing several derogatory (inaudible) or anyone
18 that is related to him causing alarm or annoyance
19 in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-4C.

20 You, the mayor of Union City, press
21 charges again the man for criticizing you and
22 posting political memes on social media? You
23 should be ashamed of yourself. Not only did you
24 do it, your police chief did it, Anthony Facchini.
25 I got another one right here.

1 Within the jurisdiction of this court,
2 with purpose to harass another, cause or be
3 (inaudible) communications like annoyance or
4 alarm, utilizing social media platforms to
5 denigrate the victim, Mr. Anthony Facchini.

6 If I was one of these officers in here,
7 I would be ashamed that my police chief referred
8 to himself as a victim of cyber bullying. I would
9 be completely ashamed. What a wuss. He's
10 pressing charges against an activist for cyber
11 bullying for exercising his first amendment
12 rights?

13 City Attorney, you're not doing a good
14 job if you're not advising the mayor here of what
15 is the First Amendment and you have the right to
16 criticize members of -- public servants. That is
17 our First Amendment right. You're failing him as
18 an attorney, you should know better. Apparently
19 you don't, because you engaged in the arresting --
20 you engaged in the conduct that led to the arrest
21 of a free man for his political speech. It's
22 absolutely abhorrent.

23 I travelled here from Long Island, New
24 York. I'm not working for anybody, I work for
25 myself, I work for the people, to confront you,

1 Mayor Stack, about these cyber bullying charges by
2 you and the police chief --

3 MR. AUTERI: Sir, that's your five
4 minute --

5 MR. REYES: -- file charges --

6 MR. AUTERI: Sir, that's your five
7 minute time limit.

8 MR. REYES: You're a disgrace Mr. Stack.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
10 comments, sir.

11 MR. PRATT: Good evening. On behalf, I
12 want to ask you Brian Stack -- would you be
13 willing to swear to this (inaudible) I need to ask
14 you to swear to this Mr. Brian Stack? Are you
15 going to swear to this (inaudible) I asked you --
16 (inaudible) charge (inaudible) okay, got it? Are
17 you going to (inaudible)

18 MAYOR STACK: After the meeting.

19 MR. PRATT: After the meeting
20 (inaudible) you the man -- (inaudible)

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

22 MR. PRATT: Mr. Brian Stack.

23 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely.

24 MR. PRATT: (Inaudible) I'm saying at
25 the time smacked my name (inaudible) mental

1 disability right. And you told me that you're
2 going to straighten out (inaudible) never happened
3 and I'm still getting abused, I'm getting beat up,
4 attacked (inaudible) and with everything so the
5 (inaudible) I like to address a very important
6 (inaudible) to me hear today, right. Do you know
7 the name of a former lieutenant by the name
8 Reinhardt. Do you recall his full name? What is
9 his full name? What is his full name exactly?

10 MAYOR STACK: I believe that's his name.

11 MR. PRATT: I can't hear you.

12 MAYOR STACK: I believe that's his name.

13 MR. PRATT: That's his name, thank you
14 for confirming. What I got to do now, I got to
15 update (inaudible) based on -- I don't know if
16 you're aware of it, but he took my name, you know
17 my name is Charles Pratt, he took my first name
18 and put it to his secondary name and then you know
19 what he do? (Inaudible) on social media, he went
20 and post a gun using my first name and his
21 secondary name. And post that (inaudible) he was
22 making a direct threat to me because he made a
23 statement on a text saying he was trying to
24 (inaudible) I seen my name there, with him, my
25 name could never go (inaudible) what he did to me

1 (inaudible) I'm just saying for one what he did is
2 wrong (inaudible) put my name and then post a gun
3 on Facebook. He demonstrate (inaudible) or else
4 he demonstrated (inaudible) because any time a
5 real weapon and post on social media, you got
6 children (inaudible) what about the children
7 public safety. Thank you.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Charles.

9 MR. TOLEDO: My name is Jose Toledo
10 (inaudible) but I'm writing several letters to
11 mayor Brian Stack (inaudible) fact that you took
12 the facility that we had on October 2022 and this
13 facility was supposed to be (inaudible) and it has
14 not been taken down due to you saying that the
15 facilities was okay, which was not (inaudible) I
16 put orders to OSHA and several other individuals,
17 you know what I'm saying, to come down and to
18 clarify what is going on why we still have the
19 facility. But meanwhile (inaudible) making parks
20 clean, (inaudible) doing trees, putting over here
21 over there. We still don't have a facility.
22 We're going on almost two, three years without a
23 facility.

24 Yeah, sit there talking to her, whisper,
25 whatever, it doesn't matter. We don't have a

1 facility, you got \$3 million for a facility that
2 you still haven't (inaudible) all you gave us was
3 a metal and a trailer that we sit there, we have
4 an empty lot, we got a trailer that somebody
5 (inaudible) frozen to death, (inaudible) did you
6 hear that? Somebody died, which was a cat
7 infested trailer? The body was taken out and
8 nothing was ever heard of afterwards.

9 Brian, Brian, you see this? This is
10 (inaudible) by your city, okay, ten years.

11 MR. AUTERI: Sir, please step behind the
12 podium.

13 MR. TOLEDO: I'm standing behind the
14 podium, don't go there with that. I saw that
15 before, don't go (inaudible) I'm talking to him,
16 not to you. Have a nice day.

17 So ten years I've (inaudible), okay,
18 ten years. What are you going to do? (Inaudible)
19 you know what I'm saying, the people we've been
20 (inaudible) I've been straight up guy with you,
21 (inaudible) all do you is keep low balling. You
22 keep take everybody and using everyone, okay.
23 That's what you do, you're using everybody, you
24 take advantage of everybody.

25 I'm here to represent (inaudible) DPW,

1 you can shake your head, Brian, and do whatever
2 you want to because I've been in front of you many
3 times. (Inaudible) how many times I came up to
4 you complaining about what's going on the
5 (inaudible) DPW building (inaudible) nothing. You
6 haven't done nothing. It's the same thing over
7 and over. I'll take care of it, I'll look into
8 it.

9 This man -- this lady here (inaudible)
10 commissioner of DPW for the past 20 years? Nobody
11 knows who she is, nobody know who she is, nobody
12 knows her name, nobody knows who she is. Nobody
13 talks to her. Talk to me, talk to (inaudible)
14 like you're a god. You're not a god. You're not
15 a god, you know. (Inaudible) so everybody comes
16 over to (inaudible) you know what I'm saying?
17 Nobody gets a commendation, nothing, because
18 you're the one that has to handle everything
19 (inaudible) the way you wanted to take care of it.

20 Meanwhile, right now, you got workers
21 (inaudible) out in the rain, out in the snow, they
22 can't go home, they can't get food that they got
23 to school, they write them up and you write
24 everybody up and (inaudible) everything that
25 they're doing there because that's how (inaudible)

1 okay.

2 So now you appointed everybody, you said
3 (inaudible) for a position. It's funny, I applied
4 for a position and I applied four times for the
5 position. And that position you gave it to
6 somebody because you wanted to give it to that
7 person. Because you felt that that person was
8 qualified which that person never qualified for
9 the position because the person never applied.
10 You had another person come and apply for the
11 position, which he never did apply, you only got
12 him because he's an (inaudible) in your staff.
13 And you moved him to another division because
14 he --

15 MR. AUTERI: Sir, that's your
16 five minutes, thank you. Please have a seat.

17 DPW WORKER: (Inaudible) I work for DPW
18 I'm a driver for eight years I've been
19 eight years, never miss a day. And this last
20 year, I got suspended three times. First time was
21 21 days for no reason whatsoever. Second time,
22 they suspended me, I went to Mr. Brian Stack, he
23 says go back to work, I go back to work, I get a
24 letter, the same letter. I get suspended for two
25 weeks again. No (inaudible) I call this last

1 time, that I got harassed by his director,
2 (inaudible) going to hit me with a pipe. He says
3 I'll get back to you, I haven't heard anything
4 from him. He says he's going to take care of it,
5 I don't know what he did, but it sure didn't do me
6 no good. What I did was got suspended again.

7 I got hurt on the job, the 18th of
8 this -- July. He told me to come to the office, I
9 go to the office, I got suspended again. And I
10 had to go to the surgery the 23rd of September --
11 no, of July, I'm sorry. And this is where I
12 stand. They got -- I've been harassed three times
13 with these guys at work. They say they put me
14 (inaudible) the truck with no AC, there's trucks
15 with AC. They give me a truck with no AC
16 (inaudible) I didn't wear for three days
17 110 degrees, I got written up. Now they telling
18 me oh, you're messing up the public property,
19 you're messing up the trucks. I said I'm one of
20 the best drivers you got here, what you talking
21 about. I've been driving the snowplow for
22 eight years and never got into an accident. And
23 they're telling me I'm messing up their equipment,
24 which they got the wrong guy. And until this day,
25 I'm still being harassed.

1 Mr. Brian Stack, I want to know why
2 because I speak my truth? I tell the truth. They
3 don't like me. They could tell the boss doing
4 something wrong, but when they doing something,
5 you can't say over the radio because they don't
6 want Mr. Brian Stack to hear it. There was a
7 refrigerator right there, Central Avenue, right
8 where George lives (inaudible) been here three
9 weeks and nobody has picked up. Guess what,
10 giving me overtime, he called (inaudible) tell him
11 he's not doing the overtime. This is what I get
12 for speaking up. Thank you.

13 MAYOR STACK: If you give it (inaudible)
14 or tomorrow, I'll get back to you. I know you
15 know the type --

16 DPW WORKER: This may be I've been
17 abused and this is getting a little pathetic.

18 MAYOR STACK: Let me finish. Any time
19 you (inaudible) I've gone --

20 DPW WORKER: You've been very good.

21 MAYOR STACK: -- on a personal --

22 DPW WORKER: You've been fair, but your
23 workers, your director, your supervisors, they got
24 something against me.

25 MAYOR STACK: If you can give me a call

1 on my cell, I'll be more than happy to set up a
2 meeting. Thank you again for coming. Thank you
3 for speaking.

4 Anyone else wishing to speak at this
5 time, please step forward.

6 PUBLIC MEMBER: Hello --

7 MR. AUTERI: Can you please state your
8 name and address.

9 (Inaudible.)

10 MR. AUTERI: Full Court Press?

11 PUBLIC MEMBER: Inaudible.

12 MR. AUTERI: The floor is yours.

13 PUBLIC MEMBER: Not just as an
14 individual, but as a (inaudible) what is but
15 activist who take (inaudible) to your
16 responsibilities very seriously. I'm not here for
17 popularity contest, but (inaudible) most likely
18 (inaudible). We're here because we believe in
19 accountability, transparency and the
20 Constitutional rights that make this country what
21 it is. You may consider us a thorn in your side,
22 but, hey, it's the price of doing business
23 (inaudible). For sometime now (inaudible) some
24 serious allegations of corruption in the City
25 administration and, yes, Mr. Mayor, that includes

1 you. It seems as though you take it personally,
2 it's just business. We're not here to
3 (inaudible), we're here to shine a light where
4 it's needed. We ask questions, we (inaudible) we
5 demand transparency that every citizen deserves.
6 Now (inaudible) the openness the public deserves.
7 What do we get? Obstruction and whole lot of
8 (inaudible) I mean come on, this isn't some secret
9 (inaudible) when the questions get tough, it's
10 public's right to know and your attempts to shut
11 us down (inaudible) and so does everyone else.

12 We're not doing this because it's fun or
13 because we think we're heros (inaudible), we're
14 doing this because we believe in the First
15 Amendment, we believe in the right to speak
16 freely, to assemble, to ask questions and to hold
17 our public servants accountable. We're not here
18 to be disruptive, we're here to make sure elected
19 officials live up to the job they signed up for.
20 And so far they actually (inaudible) from this
21 administration (inaudible) instead of building
22 trust, (inaudible) instead of (inaudible).

23 Let's be clear, this isn't about us,
24 it's about (inaudible) the city thrive, want a
25 (inaudible) they can trust. (Inaudible) the

1 government is working for them, not against them.
2 We're here for you. We want what's best for the
3 city, we're not just standing up for our rights,
4 we're standing up for everyone's. Together we can
5 make sure our leaders are accountable and the city
6 can be (inaudible) actually means something.
7 Let's set the record straight, we're not going
8 away, we're not backing down. We'll keep
9 exercising our rights and seeking the truth. We
10 try (inaudible) you'll never get rid of us.

11 Mr. Mayor, before you do your usual
12 routine, whether it's the condescending remarks,
13 the baseless allegations, (inaudible) go back
14 (inaudible) save it. Here's a news flash. These
15 remarks, these words came straight from you, no
16 puppeteers, no script writers, no one tells me
17 what to say or what not to say, just me doing what
18 I have the right to do as protected by the
19 Constitution. And if I come off as disrespectful,
20 (inaudible) it's by design. Trust me (inaudible).

21 While we're on the subject, Mr. Mayor, I
22 got (inaudible) would your mother be proud of the
23 way you're handling thing? Just something to
24 think about. We're (inaudible).

25 By the way, great job on the

1 (inaudible), they look sharp, but let's be honest,
2 they're just steps. No amount of fresh paint is
3 going to cover up the mess that's going on
4 (inaudible) it's like putting lipstick on a pig,
5 you can try to dress it up (inaudible).

6 Also remember, we're not exactly flying
7 solo, we've got a platform, we've got a network of
8 folks (inaudible) about these principles as we do.
9 So if you're only playing to the room, think
10 again. The world is watching, Mr. Mayor. And
11 trust me they've got a front row seat.

12 To the people of the city, we're here
13 for you. And we're here with you and your voices
14 matter, your rights matter. And together, we can
15 make sure the city lives up to the promise of
16 democracy, whether or not you ever decide to act
17 with (inaudible) Mr. Mayor, but make no mistake,
18 (inaudible) shining light and using our rights to
19 the fullest. We're watching. We're documenting.
20 We're definitely not (inaudible)

21 Thank you for your time.

22 MR. TRUTH: Hello, Mayor Stack, and the
23 board. I'm going to project my voice since we do
24 not have a microphone, even though your lying
25 lawyer was (inaudible)

1 Now, Senator Stack, head of the
2 judiciary committee Stack, Mayor Stack, it is also
3 disgusting how you can (inaudible) and ignoring
4 everyone. This is for you Stack.

5 Mayor Brian Stack, you have created
6 Union City, New Jersey, to be a (inaudible) I'm
7 going to say that again in case you missed it.
8 You Brian Stack who are ignoring me and playing
9 with papers, why don't you put the papers away
10 (inaudible). You, Mayor Brian Stack have created
11 Union City, New Jersey, to be a rape case. It is
12 safe haven for sexual assaulters and sexual
13 predators. I'm going to read something from a
14 woman who was raped by your best friend,
15 Lieutenant Sergio de Rojas. And all of you -- in
16 fact, you know what, Stack, you're dismissed,
17 you're useless, in fact, one of these people who
18 was the last to have sexually assaulted a woman, a
19 pastor.

20 Now, Margie Martinetti, Wendy Grullon,
21 as women, I think would (inaudible) three woman
22 who were alleged assaulted as city workers, who
23 for six months now have been ignored by you, Mayor
24 Stack. They went to your office to meet with you
25 to get you to stop Alicia Morejon from retaliating

1 against them. You not only ignored them and
2 refused to see them, you called the police on
3 them. How dare you? Of course, sexual predators
4 (inaudible) protect people like alleged predator
5 Raoul Genao.

6 Let's read some of the actual words of a
7 police dispatcher who said she was raped by your
8 great friend, who you want to give a new job to
9 the Board of Education or your personal driver or
10 your personal bodyguard, Lieutenant Sergio de
11 Rojas. (Inaudible) get raped by him (inaudible)
12 she writes -- which you received this and covered
13 up for this guy -- this rapist. Dear sir, I
14 hereby make this lawful complaint for sexual
15 harassment and retaliation and ask for an
16 immediate investigation and appropriate response
17 action occurs.

18 From March 2009 to the end of June 2009,
19 I was sexually harassed by Sergeant Sergio de
20 Rojas -- you gave him a promotion, Brian, you
21 reward sexual predators in Union City. In fact
22 he's a lieutenant now, just let him retire in
23 disgrace, too.

24 During this time period, he constantly
25 was in my work area, constantly asking to come

1 with him to get (inaudible) called me sweetie and
2 honey and other names. Came to my house,
3 propositioned me at work, asked me to go to
4 (inaudible) offered me rides home, told me he
5 would make work better for me if I had sex with
6 him. Asked me to give him oral sex, asked me to
7 go out with him. Offered me money, grabbed his
8 crotch in front of me and said look what you're
9 missing. Accused me of giving others guys oral
10 sex and said why not me. This is Lieutenant
11 Sergio de Rojas, your best friend. He grabbed my
12 derriere, he pulled my arm, he grabbed my face.

13 I was terrified of losing my job. He
14 kept asking me again and again and again. I asked
15 to be transferred in April 2009 away from Sergeant
16 de Rojas. It was rejected by you, Mayor Stack. I
17 was terrified of losing my job (inaudible) stop.
18 I did not want to do.

19 However, on June 19, 2009, he came in
20 and he said today's the day -- while she was
21 working in the precinct -- I was in terror. He
22 was in full uniform and he was my supervisor. He
23 told me today's the day you're going to blow me.
24 He pulled down his pants and pulled over a chair.
25 Your best friend, Mayor Stack, Lieutenant Sergio

1 de Rojas, who you want to give a no show job in
2 the Board of Education, to make your personal
3 bodyguard or your personal driver -- I will not
4 allow that to happen, period.

5 She was in terror, he's in full uniform.
6 Today's the day you're going to blow me. He
7 pulled down his pants and pulled over a chair. I
8 told him no. I said listen, man, I don't want to
9 do it. He kept telling me to do it. I told him
10 no, we are working. Please, let me go. He kept
11 saying I want it, I need it, you're not nice to
12 me. This is a police dispatcher, over and over
13 and over and over again I told him no. Finally, I
14 snapped, I did it. I was disgusted by it. And
15 then after it was done, she was retaliated against
16 by you, Mayor Stack.

17 MR. AUTERI: That's your five minute
18 time limit.

19 MR. TRUTH: Do the right thing, public
20 commissioners.

21 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else that wishes to
22 speak?

23 (No response.)
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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. 0910-22-176-009

Hamilton Fork & Knife, LLC

T/a Arre Sinaloa

Proposed licensed premises: 4605 Park Avenue

(Attorney: Louis Amaro, Jr., Esq.)

2. 0910-44-132-009

Om Sai 710 Inc.

T/a Union Liquors

Proposed licensed premises: 710 Summit Aveue

(Attorney: Mitesh M. Patel, Esq.)

1 MAYOR STACK: At this time, we're going
2 to close public comment period and we'll go to
3 liquor hearings. Mr. Gonzalez.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Good evening, Mayor,
5 members of the board. We have two matters on for
6 liquor license hearings.

7 The first one is Hamilton Fork & Knife,
8 LLC, trading as Arre Sinaloa, they're located at
9 4605 Park Avenue. This matter was complete, it
10 was reviewed. We had a review by the police
11 department, which confirmed that the applicant is
12 qualified and there was no objection. There's one
13 condition being that they closing at midnight with
14 the exception of four days, which will be
15 Christmas Eve and day, New Years Eve and day.
16 Those four days, they would be able to be open to
17 2:00. They are represented by Mr. Amaro.

18 MR. AMARO: Good evening, board members,
19 Louis Amaro on behalf of Hamilton Fork and Knife.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: The applicant is also in
21 front of me.

22 MS. PEREZ: Hi, my name is Jenny Perez.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: (Inaudible) for review
24 was actually an operator, who missed this also.
25 This was an estate, which has taken a few

1 months --

2 MAYOR STACK: What's the address of the
3 business?

4 MR. GONZALEZ: 4605 Park Avenue.

5 Had suggested that they take a class
6 voluntarily, without even having the transfer.
7 They did. So it appears that they're concerned,
8 realize what the consequences would be if there's
9 a problem. They know the ordinances. They know
10 they have to comply with the liquor license
11 regulations.

12 Based on my review, based on the review
13 of the police department, we recommend that the
14 transfer be allowed. Obviously, you, Mayor and
15 Commissioners, have the last say in the matter.

16 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. Do you have
17 anything further?

18 MR. AMARO: Just that my capacity as
19 counsel, (inaudible) that it was (inaudible) that
20 my client (inaudible). I provided her with the
21 manual, she has completed the course work, she has
22 agreed to abide by all the ordinances. She's
23 operated the business for the last two years
24 without incident, without any violations.
25 (Inaudible) it's basically a family (inaudible) so

1 obviously, we request respectfully that you
2 transfer.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. She'll be
4 (inaudible)?

5 MR. AMARO: Absolutely.

6 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Any (inaudible) on
7 this application? Seeing none, I'll make a motion
8 to approve.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
10 Stack. Second?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: The second matter that we
24 have is Om Sai 710, Inc.

25 I request that be carried to a future

1 date. I don't have a date as of yet, but it could
2 not be heard today.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT :

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

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Commissioner Grullon. Second by Commissioner Fernandez. All in favor?

(All Commissioners indicate in the affirmative.)

MS. ROSARIO: Thank you.

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.)

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