

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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ACADEMY FOR ADVANCEMENT
AND ENRICHMENT
2210 Kerrigan Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Commencing at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

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

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1 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, November 19, 2024, at
10 7:00 p.m. at the Academy For Advancement and
11 Enrichment at 2210 Kerrigan Avenue in Union City.
12 This meeting has been called in accordance with
13 the Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice of
14 this meeting has been forwarded to The Jersey
15 Journal and The Record, has been posted on the
16 bulletin board in City Hall and has been made
17 available to the public in the office of the
18 Municipal Clerk.

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20 **ROLL CALL:**

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22 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: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Here.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner
6 Martinetti is on her way.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you.

8

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

11 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

12 1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL
13 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.
14 40A:4-53(h) TO FUND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
15 PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED
16 SEVERANCE LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY,
17 COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY.)

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19 MS. ROSARIO: We have two ordinances for
20 introduction. Adoption on first reading
21 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
22 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
23 together with a notice of the time and place when
24 the ordinance will be considered for the final
25 passage. The ordinance will be further considered

1 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
2 held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at the Collin
3 Powell Elementary School in Union City at
4 7:00 p.m.

5 The first ordinance is an ordinance
6 authorizing a special emergency appropriation
7 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(h) to fund the
8 costs associated with the payment of certain
9 contractually required severance liabilities of
10 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
11 Jersey.

12 May I have a motion to introduce?

13 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
15 Stack.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
18 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: Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

5 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

6 2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION
7 CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING
8 THE SUM OF \$975,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS
10 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.)

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12 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
13 ordinance of the City of Union City, County of
14 Hudson, New Jersey, appropriating the sum of
15 \$975,000 in funding from the capital improvement
16 fund for the completion of various capital
17 improvements.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

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

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Grullon.

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

11 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

12 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

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

15 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

16 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll
17 10/26/2024 to 11/8/2024.

18 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
19 From 10/26/24 Through 11/8/2024.

20 (6) Resolution Cancelling 2024 Taxes and
21 Transferring Taxes to the New Units.

22 (7) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of
23 Payment.

24 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of a Tax
25 Appeal Issued By the Hudson County Board of

1 Taxation.

2 (9) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
3 Money to Outside Lienholders.

4 (10) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
5 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

6 (11) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Duplicate
7 Payment.

8 (12) Resolution to Correct Improvement Value Tax
9 For Property 520 New York Avenue, Unit 2, Block
10 25, Lot 15 Qualifier C0002.

11 (13) Resolution to Correct Improvement Value Tax
12 For Property 710 Palisade Avenue, Block 186, Lot
13 10.

14 (14) Resolution Authorizing Extension to License
15 Agreement For the Real Property Located At Tax
16 Block 19, Lots 1-3, 21-22 and Block 20, Lots 1-8,
17 10-14 and 20-21 For the Temporary Operation of
18 Union City Department of Public Works.

19 (15) Resolution Approving Chapter 159 Police
20 Services SRO's.

21 (16) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a
22 Lien on the Property Known As 4530 Kennedy
23 Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey 07087, Block
24 263, Lot 27 For Emergency Repair Costs.

25 (17) Resolution Authorizing the Placement of a

1 Lien on the Property Known As 128 34th Street,
2 Union City, New Jersey 07087, Block 208 Lot 12 For
3 Tenant Relocation Costs.

4 (18) Resolution Authorizing the Placement a Lien
5 on the Property Known As 806 11th Street Block 56
6 Lot 2 For Emergency Repair Costs.

7 (19) Resolution Authorizing Emergency Contract
8 With Windsor Mechanical, LLC, For Emergency Boiler
9 Repairs At Union City.

10 (20) Resolution Authorizing Contract For FPSC&T,
11 LLC, For Special Counsel Services For the City of
12 Union City.

13 (21) Resolution Amending Contract For Labor
14 Counsel Services For the City of Union City For
15 2024.

16 (22) Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to
17 Sign a Letter Addressed to the New Jersey Economic
18 Development Authority Expressing Its Intent to
19 Partner and Support the Society of the Educational
20 Arts, Inc., in Their Efforts to Deliver a Series
21 of Performance and Culture Events For the
22 Residents of Union City.

23 (23) Resolution Authorizing the Planning Board to
24 Review Area in Need of Redevelopment Study For
25 4700 Bergenline Avenue Also Known As Block 276 Lot

1 For the City of Union City.

2 (24) Resolution Authorizing Release of Portion of
3 All Affordable Housing Trust Funding.)

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5 MS. ROSARIO: There are 24 items on the
6 consent agenda.

7 One, Resolution Approving the Payment of
8 Claims.

9 Two, Resolution Approving the Payment of
10 Concurring Claims.

11 Three, Resolution Approving the Escrow
12 Refunds.

13 Four, Resolution Approving the City
14 Payroll 10/26/2024 to 11/8/2024.

15 Five, Resolution Approving the Library
16 Payroll From 10/26/24 Through 11/8/2024.

17 Six, Resolution Cancelling 2024 Taxes
18 and Transferring Taxes to the New Units.

19 Seven, Resolution Authorizing the Refund
20 of Payment.

21 Eight, Resolution Authorizing the Refund
22 of a Tax Appeal Issued By the Hudson County Board
23 of Taxation.

24 Nine, Resolution Authorizing Refund of
25 Redemption Money to Outside Lienholders.

1 Ten, Resolution Authorizing the Refund
2 of Premium Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

3 Eleven, Resolution Authorizing Refund of
4 Duplicate Payment.

5 Twelve, Resolution to Correct
6 Improvement Value Tax For Property 520 New York
7 Avenue, Unit 2, Block 25, Lot 15 Qualifier C0002.

8 Thirteen, Resolution to Correct
9 Improvement Value Tax For Property 710 Palisade
10 Avenue, Block 186, Lot 10.

11 Fourteen, Resolution Authorizing
12 Extension to License Agreement For the Real
13 Property Located At Tax Block 19, Lots 1-3, 21-22
14 and Block 20, Lots 1-8, 10-14 and 20-21 For the
15 Temporary Operation of Union City Department of
16 Public Works.

17 Fifteen, Resolution Approving Chapter
18 159 Police Services SRO's.

19 Sixteen, Resolution Authorizing the
20 Placement of a Lien on the Property Known As 4530
21 Kennedy Boulevard, Union City, New Jersey 07087,
22 Block 263, Lot 27 For Emergency Repair Costs.

23 Seventeen, Resolution Authorizing the
24 Placement of a Lien on the Property Known As 128
25 34th Street, Union City, New Jersey 07087, Block

1 208 Lot 12 For Tenant Relocation Costs.

2 Eighteen, Resolution Authorizing the
3 Placement a Lien on the Property Known As 806 11th
4 Street Block 56 Lot 2 For Emergency Repair Costs.

5 Nineteen, Resolution Authorizing
6 Emergency Contract With Windsor Mechanical, LLC,
7 For Emergency Boiler Repairs At Union City.

8 Twenty, Resolution Authorizing Contract
9 For FPSC&T, LLC, For Special Counsel Services For
10 the City of Union City.

11 Twenty-One, Resolution Amending Contract
12 For Labor Counsel Services For the City of Union
13 City For 2024.

14 Twenty-Two, Resolution Authorizing the
15 City Clerk to Sign a Letter Addressed to the New
16 Jersey Economic Development Authority Expressing
17 Its Intent to Partner and Support the Society of
18 the Educational Arts, Inc., in Their Efforts to
19 Deliver a Series of Performance and Culture Events
20 For the Residents of Union City.

21 Twenty-Three, Resolution Authorizing the
22 Planning Board to Review Area in Need of
23 Redevelopment Study For 4700 Bergenline Avenue
24 Also Known As Block 276 Lot 1 For the City of
25 Union City.

1 Twenty-Four, Resolution Authorizing
2 Release of Portion of All Affordable Housing Trust
3 Funding.

4 Mayor abstains on payments to Chasan,
5 Lamparello and Mallon.

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

8 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
9 comment on the consent agenda that was just read
10 into the record by the clerk, please step forward,
11 state your name and address?

12 Seeing none, I'll make a motion to
13 close.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
15 Stack.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
18 Martinetti.

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

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
8 Valdivia. Second?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

10 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Fernandez.
11 Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

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.

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22 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
23 action on the following item:

24 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

25 1. Resolution approving HCIA payments.)

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2 MS. ROSARIO: There are two items on the
3 regular agenda. One, resolution approving Hudson
4 County Improvement payments. Commissioner
5 Martinetti will recuse from this item on the
6 regular agenda.

7 May I have a motion to approve?

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
10 Commissioner Gullon. Second?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Gullon.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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22 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
23 action on the following item:

24 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

25 2. Resolution approving payment of

1 claims to the Union City Board of Education.)

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3 MS. ROSARIO: Second item is resolution
4 approving payment of claims to the Union City
5 Board of Education.

6 MR. AUTERI: The Board of Commissioners
7 will invoke the doctrine of necessity.

8 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion for
9 item two on the regular agenda.

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

11 MAYOR STACK: Second.

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

14 Commissioner Grullon.

15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

16 MR. AUTERI: Commissioner Valdivia.

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 MR. AUTERI: Mayor Stack.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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23 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor, at this time, would
24 you like to take public comment on any portion of
25 this meeting?

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Anyone wishing to
2 comment at this time, please step forward, state
3 your name and address for the record.

4 MR. CARILLO: Good evening. My name is
5 Jose Carillo, Junior. And I just want to brief a
6 couple topics real quick. One of the topics is on
7 6/28/2024, I got foot surgery done and I made a
8 complaint. There was individuals kicking and
9 banging on my door and basically nothing was done.
10 I have a complaint here, pictures of someone on
11 6/30/2024.

12 Also made a report from housing and to
13 City Hall that there was water damage and water
14 leak and there was damage in my apartment and
15 nothing was done. And I have here a copy of a
16 gentleman that came to the house, an inspector.
17 And he said he was going to send somebody to take
18 care of the property and nothing ever happened.
19 Also they said they were going to come on Monday,
20 today's Tuesday, still nothing is done.

21 I have another complaint 11/11/24, which
22 was recently. My daughter got eye surgery, we
23 left at 6:00 in the morning for Philadelphia. My
24 daughter got surgery and the same situation,
25 security is not doing nothing, housing is not

1 doing nothing -- is not doing nothing and whoever
2 else downstairs in the office is not doing
3 nothing. They're kick the doors, banging on the
4 doors. This is constantly, constantly,
5 constantly, constantly. I keep reporting it, and
6 nothing is being done.

7 So I advise you to take care of this
8 matter and deal with the situation before it gets
9 out of hand. Because I know what's going to
10 happen. I'm going to react, I'm going to do
11 something, somebody is going to get hurt, and
12 you're going to use it against me and blame me.
13 Please take care of the situation.

14 Also, sir, Auteri, you send me a letter
15 indicating that there were several situations that
16 you were concerned about, that I was complaining
17 about certain meetings and certain situations of
18 the city and Brian Stack that you had concerns
19 that you wanted to rectify the concerns. And that
20 you wanted to take care of the concerns and deal
21 with the concerns. But let me ask you something,
22 you donate to that guy, you donated the other day,
23 recently 2024, you donate \$10,000 to him. So what
24 I want to know ain't that a conflict of interest?

25 MR. AUTERI: I don't --

1 MR. CARILLO: You don't got to answer,
2 relax, calm down. You don't have to answer.
3 Conflict of interest, you know what I'm saying?
4 Here it is, I got pictures which I showed you,
5 Brian, last time, you had your little donations
6 that I told you I had to break my piggybank. I
7 bring the pictures right here for you to see.
8 Truth, please show the camera. I had to break my
9 piggybank while you were get thousands of dollars
10 in donations. This is even better. Brian Stack
11 and Auteri, \$48,000 in donations. Oh, look,
12 that's not you? That's not you in the picture?
13 It ain't me I'm bald, you got hair. I wear
14 clothes, you wear a suit. So I don't know what
15 you're talking about. But then here it is,
16 another one, McGreevey and this is what you post
17 now. Brian Stack is the most committed, honest,
18 and hard working mayor that New Jersey has ever
19 seen. There is no close second. Do you remember
20 that comment you made? That was your comment.
21 You want to see it? I'm going to give it to you.
22 You can see it. It's right there.

23 Here it is. Another one, this is even
24 better. In 2013, September 5th, you said that you
25 and Brian was the best friend ever and Brian was

1 the best friend you ever had. You keep denying
2 it, but your picture is here, bro, shake your
3 head. Do what you want to do, donations after
4 donations. You're laughing like it's funny.
5 Brian, look, your boy, your homeboy that you use
6 all the time, Fernando, that you say you don't
7 know who he is, but look, he's right here.

8 Picture after picture. Look, picture
9 after picture, picture after picture. You're
10 doing story lines and pictures.

11 MR. AUTERI: Thank you, sir.

12 MR. CARILLO: Now, you -- but you know
13 what --

14 MR. AUTERI: Sir, that's enough, thank
15 you. Your time is over.

16 MR. CARILLO: My time is over.

17 MR. AUTERI: Anyone else wishing to
18 speak?

19 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
20 speak at this time?

21 MR. CARILLO: What happened to the five
22 minutes.

23 MR. AUTERI: You had your --

24 MR. CARILLO: -- five minutes, you cut
25 my time.

1 MR. AUTERI: I didn't.

2 MR. CARILLO: You cut --

3 MR. AUTERI: You need to sit down.

4 MR. CARILLO: My man, lower your voice.

5 MR. AUTERI: You need to sit down.

6 We're done.

7 MR. CARILLO: Lower your voice.

8 MR. TRUTH: All right. Hello, everyone.

9 Hello, Brian Stack, Grullon, Martinetti, Auteri,
10 Hilda, everyone. I'm Leroy Truth Investigations
11 and Mayor Stack let's if you ignore everything
12 today, look at how rude he is and pathetic. And,
13 everyone, there's so much space between the people
14 and the commissioners, it's disgusting. So Stack,
15 this is a question for you. Are you the president
16 of the United States? The answer would be no.
17 Are you a New Jersey State Senator, hey, Stack,
18 I'm talking to you here, buddy. Are you deaf or
19 are you just incredibly incompetent at your job?
20 Are you the head of judiciary committee?
21 Obviously, if you laughing, you're incompetent.
22 Are you head of the judiciary committee of the
23 State of New Jersey, Mayor Stack? Questions
24 require answers, especially from public servants,
25 since you are my servant. I will inform you

1 because maybe you don't know anymore, maybe you
2 got some Alzheimer's, that you are the head of the
3 judiciary committee. And did you remove the judge
4 for our trial, your trial, my trial, where you
5 just (indiscernible) Judge Jablonski. He was a
6 very fair judge from everyone I've heard, yet
7 mysteriously he gets yanked before your
8 deposition, which by the way, needs to be by
9 December 10th. Did you do that, Stack? And did
10 you install an Essex County Judge, Judge David
11 Katz who will be your minion as a new assignment
12 judge? Looking for answers. He becomes mute.
13 You are useless, Stack.

14 Now, this is for Angelo Auteri. Is it
15 unlawful, illegal to block a member of the public
16 from an official Facebook account, meaning Brian
17 P. Stack's account? Is that illegal to block a
18 member of the public, yes or no? Do you not know
19 either? You think it's okay to ignore the public
20 or are you that dumb that you don't actually know
21 the answer to some of the most basic legal
22 questions. So I will fill you in, Angelo Auteri.
23 Brian P. Stack unlawfully blocked me from the
24 Facebook page and has had my comments deleted. So
25 I'm demanding you, Stack, unblock me and the

1 hundreds of others you have blocked. And Angelo
2 Auteri, as the attorney, you know representing --
3 you're counsel for Union City, you know that you
4 are now liable for a lawsuit Union City, is that
5 true, head of the judiciary, Stack, who loves to
6 break the law every day?

7 Stack, why was the meeting location
8 changed from St. Anthony's, the other school,
9 suddenly last week? And then why was the meeting
10 changed suddenly, without proper notice, from 7:00
11 to 5:00, so I couldn't or the public couldn't be
12 there? Why did you do that? Are you that much of
13 a coward that you can't take the truth, you can't
14 handle the truth, is that what's going on? Are
15 you an EDP, that would be an emotionally disturbed
16 person, because you're acting like that, you're
17 acting like a little juvenile child.

18 Now, Brian Stack, why did you direct the
19 Board of Education to hire the alleged rapist,
20 Sergio de Rojas -- who you allegedly had the semen
21 stained chair from the rape thrown out -- why did
22 you have the Board of Education hire Sergio de
23 Rojas? Will you fire him immediately? In fact, I
24 and we the people are demanding you fire Sergio de
25 Rojas immediately. Oh, I know why. Because there

1 are people like Donald Scarinci, who represents
2 the city and he loves, loves disrespecting women,
3 apparently, allegedly. This is from
4 abovethelaw.com. When a named partner asks are
5 you banging her yet. This is from
6 abovethelaw.com, you might have a problem. A law
7 firm with an alleged smoosh room -- and you know
8 that, Stack, I bet you loved that they have that
9 or had it. It says a sexual harassment lawsuit
10 was filed by former legal assistant Gina Giordano
11 against Scarinci, Hollenbeck, and it had a smoosh
12 room.

13 And it says -- the complaint alleges a
14 partner, your good friend, Scarinci, commended a
15 married male attorney having an affair with a
16 female assistant on the down low, despite
17 allegations that their activities could be heard
18 in the lobby, Stack.

19 So, Stack, do you support men raping
20 women? Let's get a very basic question out of the
21 way. And if you don't support that, which I hope
22 you don't, why is Sergio de Rojas still the safety
23 coordinator for the Union City school district?
24 And I demand he be fired immediately and you
25 resign and the entire Board of Education resign.

1 Thank you.

2 MAYOR STACK: Next speaker. Anyone else
3 wishing to speak at this time? To all the members
4 of the public, thank you for being here. I'm
5 sorry for this nonsense. Thank you very much,
6 everybody. We'll go to the liquor hearings. Mr.
7 Gonzalez, please step forward.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Can I have a motion to
9 close public comment?

10 MAYOR STACK: Motion to close the public
11 comment period.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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: Thank you.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS

1. **El Salvadoreno Restaurant 2, Inc.**
 T/a El Salvadoreno Restaurant
 4607 Bergenline Avenue
 0910-33-011-009
2. **Niel Ashkar, Inc.**
 T/a Reuben Liquors
 2117 Summit Avenue
 0910-22-178-005
3. **Crave 43, LLC**
 T/a Crave 43
 120 43rd Street
 0910-33-029-010
4. **El Tequilazo Corp.**
 T/a El Tequilazo Bar
 4417 Bergenline Avenue
 0910-33-031-012

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

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Good evening. For the
6 record, Ramon Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, on behalf
7 of the Union City ABC. We have four matters today
8 and I would like to go a little bit out of order.
9 I'd like to handle number three, Crave 43, LLC,
10 first. The owner is here, she has a young child
11 that's with the dad in the car. I think it's fair
12 to get her out.

13 This matter comes before the board today
14 as a result of an inspection the police department
15 has been conducting. Although everything was okay
16 in the sense that the paperwork was fine, we found
17 no violations, we did find that one of the
18 individuals was not wearing the bar ID cards. I
19 think it's a little severe to do any suspension,
20 since she has no priors and has had no other
21 offenses. She was represented by Skip Reale, who
22 is at the League of Municipalities. I spoke with
23 him. We are recommending a warning and a
24 dismissal with the condition that if it should
25 happen again, it will be a contributory factor, so
 it won't be a first offense.

1 MAYOR STACK: I'm sorry, can she place
2 her name on the record?

3 MS. LUNA: Daribell Luna.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Luna --

5 MR. AUTERI: Mr. Gonzalez, can we have
6 her sworn?

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8 D A R I B E L L L U N A, after having been
9 duly sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

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11 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Luna, you were
12 represented by Mr. Skip Reale, right?

13 MS. LUNA: Yes.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: And I've had an
15 opportunity to speak with him and what I conveyed
16 to the board is what your understanding is; is
17 that right?

18 MS. LUNA: Yes.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: So you understand that we
20 will dismiss the matter with a warning. If it
21 should happen again, you would be subject to
22 suspension?

23 MS. LUNA: Yes.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: I would request that the
25 board accept that under the circumstances.

1 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. Lieutenant,
2 Sergeant, did you have anything to add?

3 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: No, sir. The police
4 department is in agreement with this.

5 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. I'll make a
6 motion.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Just so the Mayor and
8 board is aware this was as a result of an earlier
9 plea meeting, it's not something we just spoke
10 here. We actually prepared everything ahead of
11 time, so it would be smooth.

12 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. I'll make a
13 motion to dismiss as per Mr. Gonzalez's
14 recommendation.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
18 Valdivia.

19 Commissioner Grullon.

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

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1 **1. El Salvadoreno Restaurant 2, Inc.**
2 **T/a El Salvadoreno Restaurant**
3 **4607 Bergenline Avenue**
4 **0910-33-011-009**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter will be
6 number one on the list, that's El Salvadoreno
7 Restaurant and they have an interpreter tonight
8 also.

9 G U I L L E R M O M A R T I N E Z, an
10 interpreter of the SPANISH language, after having
11 been duly sworn or affirmed, did interpret the
12 following testimony:

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14 MR. GONZALEZ: Sir, please come up.
15 Please state your name for the record?

16 MR. VELAZQUEZ: Carlos Velazquez.

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18 C A R L O S V E L A Z Q U E Z, after having been
19 duly sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

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21 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Velazquez, you're
22 here today, you're not represented by an attorney.
23 I've explained to you in the past and I've
24 explained to you again, if you want to adjourn
25 this matter to get an attorney, you're more than

1 welcome to put it off. You explained to me you
2 want to proceed, but I wanted to ask you that on
3 the record?

4 MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. This particular
6 establishment is another one that we had the
7 police do our regular inspections. We found that
8 there was a problem with the identification cards
9 of the individuals working there. It's not the
10 first offense. So based on this being a second
11 offense, we are making a recommendation of a
12 three-day suspension that would be December 2nd
13 through December 5th. Is that your understanding?

14 MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: Is that what you consent
16 to if the board accepts it?

17 MR. VELAZQUEZ: Yes.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: And then based on the
19 history, unlike the last one, they had no priors,
20 this gentleman does have priors before on that
21 issue. So we think it's appropriate that a
22 three-day suspension, we don't want to hurt
23 anybody, but there's got to be some consequences
24 to not having it and being given a warning in the
25 past. So that would be my recommendation.

1 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion. Would
2 he like to say anything?

3 MR. VELAZQUEZ: I just want to state for
4 myself this is my first offense. I don't have a
5 history of it. I just want to add that this
6 establishment is a bar restaurant, a family bar
7 and restaurant. And I just want to continue with
8 my business serving the community.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: I understand that, sir,
10 but in fact not only were the individuals not
11 properly licensed wearing their cards, your E141A
12 form which requires all the parties to be placed
13 on the record was incomplete. So it's not just
14 one violation, it's two violations. If you don't
15 agree to this, that's fine.

16 MR. VELAZQUEZ: Okay, I agree.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay.

18 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Motion to approve
19 Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation.

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

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

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.

6 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

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1 **3. Niel Ashkar, Inc.**
2 **T/a Reuben Liquors**
3 **2117 Summit Avenue**
4 **0910-22-178-005**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Next is Reuben Liquors,
6 it would be number two on the list.

7 Please state your name.

8 MS. PATEL: Yeah, Mayuri Patel,
9 M-A-Y-U-R-I P-A-T-E-L.

10 M A Y U R I P A T E L, after having been duly
11 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

12
13 MR. GONZALEZ: And, Ms. Patel, you're
14 the actual owner of Reuben Liquors; is that
15 correct?

16 MS. PATEL: Yes.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: And we're before the
18 board today because there was an incident that you
19 were selling alcohol after the required time frame
20 of 10:00; is that right?

21 MS. PATEL: Yes, the employee, not me.

22 MR. GONZALEZ: All right, the employee.
23 But you understand you're responsible for --

24 MS. PATEL: I am responsible, but I was
25 not there.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: I just want to make clear
2 if you would like an attorney, you're more than
3 welcome to get an attorney. I would adjourn this
4 matter at this time. But you have told me you
5 want to proceed and we've reached a resolution; is
6 that correct?

7 MS. PATEL: Yes.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: And the resolution would
9 require a 15-day suspension for selling the
10 alcohol after hours; is that right?

11 MS. PATEL: Yes, but I have one
12 question. Like the city has to close everything.
13 That's why I want to say to you, Sergeant, to --
14 not to -- you have to close 15 days, like my
15 opinion is 10:00 close is much better. So 10:00,
16 we can pay the employee and everything. I would
17 lose employees, we lose lots of things. So my
18 opinion is like that.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: Well, I --

20 MS. PATEL: -- is not my problem.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: I totally understand
22 what --

23 MS. PATEL: My --

24 MR. GONZALEZ: So your position is you
25 wish that the town would close everybody at 10?

1 MS. PATEL: No, no, not like that. I'm
2 saying when I can get stuck like that 10:00 --

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Ma'am --

4 MS. PATEL: -- Hoboken has 10.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Ma'am, if you don't agree
6 to this, it's not a problem. We've agreed that it
7 would be a 15-day suspension with the condition
8 that if it was to happen again, you would have to
9 be closing at 10:00; is that correct?

10 MS. PATEL: Yes.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: And you agreed to that?

12 MS. PATEL: No problem, don't worry. I
13 got it first time --

14 MR. GONZALEZ: Ma'am, listen, I want to
15 be very serious with you, this is not a joke.

16 MS. PATEL: No, but I got first time in
17 30 years --

18 MR. GONZALEZ: And as I said to you, if
19 we did more investigation and we looked at other
20 days after 10:00, do you think we would find you
21 selling alcohol when it is not supposed to be
22 sold?

23 MS. PATEL: No more.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: You understand that this
25 is so that we're not going to look back and do

1 more investigations and find out the week before
2 you were selling after 10:00. Am I correct?

3 MS. PATEL: Yes, yes.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: So you do you agree to
5 the 15 days?

6 MS. PATEL: It's no choice.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes, there is a choice.
8 You could have a trial. I'm not here to force
9 you, I'm not here to do anything that would be
10 adversarial with you.

11 MAYOR STACK: Or maybe if you wanted to
12 consult with an attorney and then come back, it's
13 up to you.

14 MS. PATEL: Because we make a mistake.
15 Every time I fight because I was right. But it's
16 not right he make a mistake, he see the camera.
17 He come and we come to see and the camera did
18 record the 10:00 that they give it. And I see
19 also by camera also, so --

20 MR. GONZALEZ: I think she's a little
21 hesitant, I think this should be carried. I think
22 she should get a lawyer.

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: And we'll proceed. I
25 think that's fair.

1 MAYOR STACK: I think that might be
2 better. Go and consult with an attorney and then
3 we can come back.

4 MS. PATEL: But January, I'm not here,
5 that's why --

6 MAYOR STACK: I think Mr. Gonzalez's
7 will try to do it in December.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: I'm sorry, just if we
9 could carry this matter.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Okay.

12 MAYOR STACK: That was number two,
13 Reuben Liquors.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: That's correct.

15 MAYOR STACK: This matter is being
16 adjourned until the next meeting or until Mr.
17 Gonzalez places it on the agenda. I'll make the
18 motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

22 Commissioner Grullon.

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

25 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 **4. El Tequilazo Corp.**
2 **T/a El Tequilazo Bar**
3 **4417 Bergenline Avenue**
4 **0910-33-031-012**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you. The next
6 matter on the agenda is the El Tequilazo Bar.
7 Please state your name?

8 MS. AMAYA: Sonia Amaya.

9 S O N I A A M A Y A, after having been duly
10 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows through
11 the interpreter:

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13 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, please
14 proceed. Do not allow the disruptions --
15 (Indiscernible cross-talk.)

16 MAYOR STACK: The meeting is now being
17 disrupted by Mr. Mitchell.

18 Angelo, please reflect that in the
19 record.

20 MR. AUTERI: Okay. Let the record
21 reflect --

22 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, I'm sorry
23 for this disruption.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Amaya, are you the
25 owner of El Tequilazo Bar?

1 MS. AMAYA: That's correct.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: And we're here today
3 because we reached a resolution?

4 MS. AMAYA: Yes, that's correct.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: And we had a meeting
6 prior to today. I gave you an opportunity if you
7 want to have an attorney?

8 MS. AMAYA: Yes.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: And you told me you
10 didn't wish to proceed with getting an attorney;
11 is that correct?

12 MS. AMAYA: Correct.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. And we're here
14 today because I had recommended that you would
15 have a 10-day suspension for violations that
16 occurred; is that correct?

17 MS. AMAYA: Yes.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: And there's two
19 violations. One was on September 15th, there was
20 a brawl and that was actually your security
21 officer that didn't let somebody that was under
22 the influence in, but pushed him causing severe
23 injury; is that correct?

24 MS. AMAYA: Correct.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: You had an incident on

1 October 21st, where there was a brawl and you
2 broke it up between the parties there. And as a
3 result of that, the parties leave, you called the
4 police department, is that correct, so we're not
5 proceeding on that matter, you did the right
6 thing. So you have consented to 10 days; is that
7 correct?

8 MS. AMAYA: Yes.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: January 1st to
10 January 10th?

11 MS. AMAYA: Correct.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: You think that's fair?

13 MS. AMAYA: Yes.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

15 MR. AUTERI: 10 days.

16 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, did you have
17 anything further you want to add?

18 MR. GONZALEZ: No. Actually, there was
19 two violations. On the second one, it was a small
20 brawl, the parties left. What she did was she
21 called the police, she did the right thing. We
22 investigated, we saw that it was the right thing
23 to do and I'm not moving on that. The 10-day
24 suspension was actually for what happened on
25 September 15th of this year, where the security

1 guard wouldn't let a drunk person in, but pushed
2 him so hard he fell and was injured. We saw it on
3 video, so that would be a 10-day suspension on
4 that.

5 MAYOR STACK: And the young lady is in
6 agreement, she doesn't want to consult an
7 attorney. She's okay with this?

8 MS. AMAYA: No.

9 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I'll make a motion
10 to approve the recommendation by Mr. Gonzalez.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
12 Stack.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
15 Martinetti.

16 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.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: That concludes all the
25 ABC.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

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

All in favor?

(All Board Members indicate in the affirmative.)

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.)

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