

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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JOSE MARTI STEM ACADEMY
1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Commencing at 4:05 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.

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

5 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular meeting
6 of Union City Board of Commissioners being held on
7 Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the
8 Jose Marti STEM Academy, 1800 Summit Avenue in
9 Union City. This meeting has been called in
10 accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
11 Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided
12 and was forwarded to The Jersey Journal and The
13 Record, has been posted on the bulletin board in
14 City Hall, and has been made available to the
15 public in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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17 **ROLL CALL:**

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19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Here.

4 MS. ROSARIO: There's two items on the
5 agenda that we will be postponing to the next
6 meeting, which is the citations to the Chief's
7 football team and approving the minutes from the
8 December 3rd meeting.

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

12 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

13 (1) resolution approving the payment of claims.

14 (2) resolution approving the payment of
15 concurrent claims.

16 (3) resolution approving the escrow refunds.

17 (4) resolution approving city payroll from
18 November 23, 2024, through December 6, 2024.

19 (5) resolution approving the library payroll
20 from November 23, 2024, through December 6, 2024.

21 (6) resolution authorizing refund of redemption
22 monies to outside lienholders.

23 (7) resolution cancelling taxes on new
24 condominium buildings.

25 (8) resolution authorizing the refund of payment

1 made by the lienholder.

2 (9) resolution authorizing the refund of
3 duplicate payment.

4 (10) resolution authorizing the refund of premium
5 monies collected at the tax sale.

6 (11) resolution authorizing payment plan for
7 delinquent taxes for property known as Block 35,
8 Lot 21, 528 7th Street.

9 (12) resolution authorizing payment plan for the
10 delinquent taxes for the property known as Block
11 251, Lot 10, 310 43rd Street.

12 (13) resolution authorizing payment plan for
13 delinquent taxes for property known as Block 251,
14 Lot 12, 306 43rd Street.

15 (14) resolution authorizing the placement of a
16 lien on a property known as 904 Bergenline Avenue,
17 Block 39.02, Lot 18, in the City of Union City for
18 emergency repair costs.

19 (15) resolution authorizing the placement of a
20 lien on a property known as 4311 Palisade Avenue,
21 Block 251, Lot 27, in the City of Union City for
22 tenant relocation costs.

23 (16) resolution approving Chapter 159: For 2024
24 body armor replacement funds program.

25 (17) resolution approving Chapter 159: For ISA

1 off-duty officers salaries and wages.

2 (18) resolution authorizing the execution of the
3 memorandum of understanding with the New Jersey
4 Division of Local Government Services for
5 transitional aid funding for the 2024 calendar
6 year.

7 (19) resolution authorizing the contract for
8 accounting services for the City of Union City for
9 the City of Union City for 2025.

10 (20) resolution authorizing contract for auditing
11 services for the City of Union City for the City
12 of Union City for 2025.

13 (21) resolution authorizing the award of contract
14 for bond special counsel services for the City of
15 Union City for the City of Union City for 2025.

16 (22) resolution authorizing contract for
17 alcoholic beverage control prosector services for
18 the City of Union City for the City of Union City
19 for 2025.

20 (23) resolution authorizing contract for special
21 construction code litigation counsel services for
22 the City of Union City for 2025.

23 (24) authorizing contract for additional special
24 construction code litigation counsel services for
25 the City of Union City for 2025.

1 (25) resolution approving contract for green
2 acres open space grant consultant services for the
3 City of Union City for 2025.

4 (26) resolution authorizing contract for
5 corporate counsel services for the City of Union
6 City for 2025.

7 (27) resolution awarding contract for interpreter
8 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

9 (28) resolution awarding contracts for
10 architectural services for the City of Union City
11 for the City of Union City for 2025.

12 (29) resolution awarding contracts for
13 architectural services for CDA for the City of
14 Union City for the City of Union City for 2025.

15 (30) resolution authorizing contract for planning
16 consultant services for affordable housing matters
17 for the City of Union City for 2025.

18 (31) resolution authorizing contract for planning
19 board counsel for the City of Union City for the
20 City of Union City for 2025.

21 (32) resolution authorizing contract for planning
22 consultant services for the City of Union City
23 land use ordinance for the City of Union City for
24 2025.

25 (33) resolution authorizing contract for planning

1 consultant services for the City of Union City
2 Community Development Agency for the City of Union
3 City for 2025.

4 (34) resolution to award contract for police
5 physician services for the Union City police
6 department for the City of Union City for 2025.

7 (35) resolution authorizing contract for rent
8 stabilization board counsel for the City of Union
9 City for 2025.

10 (36) resolution awarding contract for special
11 projects planner services for the City of Union
12 City for the City of Union City for 2025.

13 (37) resolution authorizing the award of contract
14 for special counsel services for the City of Union
15 City for 2025.

16 (38) resolution authorizing the award of contract
17 for public defender services for the City of Union
18 City for 2025.

19 (39) resolution authorizing contract for
20 substitute public defender services for the City
21 of Union City for 2025.

22 (40) resolution authorizing contract for chief
23 municipal court prosecutor services to the Legg
24 Law firm, LLC, for the City of Union City for
25 2025.

1 (41) resolution authorizing contracts for
2 substitute municipal court prosecutor services for
3 the City of Union City for 2025.

4 (42) resolution authorizing contract for
5 certified court reporter and stenographer services
6 for the City of Union City for the City of Union
7 City for 2025.

8 (43) resolution authorizing contract for tax
9 appeal counsel services for the City of Union City
10 for the City of Union City for 2025.

11 (44) resolution authorizing contracts for general
12 engineering services for the City of Union City
13 for the City of Union City for 2025.

14 (45) resolution authorizing contracts for
15 engineering services for CDA for the City of Union
16 City for the City of Union City for 2025.

17 (46) resolution authorizing contracts for special
18 redevelopment counsel services for the City of
19 Union City for 2025.

20 (47) resolution authorizing contract for labor
21 counsel services for the City of Union City for
22 the City of Union City for 2025.

23 (48) resolution authorizing contract for general
24 counsel for the City of Union City Community
25 Development Agency for the City of Union City for

1 2025.

2 (49) resolution authorizing contract for special
3 hearing officer services for the City of Union
4 City for the City of Union City for 2025.

5 (50) resolution awarding contract for real estate
6 and tax appraisal services to Hallmark Real Estate
7 Services, Inc., for the City of Union City for
8 2025.

9 (51) resolution authorizing contract for zoning
10 board of adjustment counsel services for the City
11 of Union City for the City of Union City for 2025.

12 (52) resolution authorizing renewal of contract
13 for federal and state grant consultant services
14 for the City of Union City for 2025.

15 (53) resolution authorizing the renewal of the
16 contract for personnel consultant services for the
17 City of Union City for the City of Union City for
18 2025.

19 (54) resolution amending contract for special
20 counsel services with Chasan Lamparello Mallon &
21 Cappuzzo for 2024.

22 (55) resolution appointing Jorge Aviles, Esq., as
23 tenant advocate attorney for the City of Union
24 City for 2025.

25 (56) resolution to reappoint class II member of

1 the City of Union City for the planning board of
2 2025.

3 (57) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
4 the City of Union City Approving the 2013-2014
5 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007
6 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.
7 (pocket license)

8 (58) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the City of Union City Approving the 2014-2015
10 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007
11 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.
12 (pocket license)

13 (59) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
14 the City of Union City Approving the 2015-2016
15 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007
16 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.
17 (pocket license)

18 (60) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
19 the City of Union City Approving the 2016-2017
20 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007
21 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.
22 (pocket license)

23 (61) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
24 the City of Union City Approving the 2017-2018
25 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

1 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

2 (pocket license)

3 (62) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
4 the City of Union City Approving the 2018-2019
5 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

6 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

7 (pocket license)

8 (63) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the City of Union City Approving the 2019-2020
10 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

11 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

12 (pocket license)

13 (64) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
14 the City of Union City Approving the 2020-2021
15 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

16 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

17 (pocket license)

18 (65) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
19 the City of Union City Approving the 2021-2022
20 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

21 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

22 (pocket license)

23 (66) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
24 the City of Union City Approving the 2022-2023
25 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

1 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

2 (pocket license)

3 (67) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
4 the City of Union City Approving the 2023-2024
5 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

6 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

7 (pocket license).

8 (68) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
9 the City of Union City Approving the 2024-2025
10 renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-148-007

11 issued to 92 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc.

12 (pocket license).)

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14 MS. ROSARIO: We have 68 items on the
15 consent agenda.

16 One, resolution approving the payment of
17 claims.

18 Two, resolution approving the payment of
19 concurrent claims.

20 Three, resolution approving the escrow
21 refunds.

22 Four, resolution approving city payroll
23 from November 23, 2024, through December 6, 2024.

24 Five, resolution approving the library
25 payroll from November 23, 2024, through

1 December 6, 2024.

2 Six, resolution authorizing refund of
3 redemption monies to outside lienholders.

4 Seven, resolution cancelling taxes on
5 new condominium buildings.

6 Eight, resolution authorizing the refund
7 of payment made by the lienholder.

8 Nine, resolution authorizing the refund
9 of duplicate payment.

10 Ten, resolution authorizing the refund
11 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

12 Eleven, resolution authorizing payment
13 plan for delinquent taxes for property known as
14 Block 35, Lot 21, 528 7th Street.

15 Twelve, resolution authorizing payment
16 plan for the delinquent taxes for the property
17 known as Block 251, Lot 10, 310 43rd Street.

18 Thirteen, resolution authorizing payment
19 plan for delinquent taxes for property known as
20 Block 251, Lot 12, 306 43rd Street.

21 Fourteen, resolution authorizing the
22 placement of a lien on a property known as 904
23 Bergenline Avenue, Block 39.02, Lot 18, in the
24 City of Union City for emergency repair costs.

25 Fifteen, resolution authorizing the

1 placement of a lien on a property known as 4311
2 Palisade Avenue, Block 251, Lot 27, in the City of
3 Union City for tenant relocation costs.

4 Sixteen, resolution approving Chapter
5 159: For 2024 body armor replacement funds
6 program.

7 Seventeen, resolution approving Chapter
8 159: For ISA off-duty officers salaries and
9 wages.

10 Eighteen, resolution authorizing the
11 execution of the memorandum of understanding with
12 the New Jersey Division of Local Government
13 Services for transitional aid funding for the 2024
14 calendar year.

15 Nineteen, resolution authorizing the
16 contract for accounting services for the City of
17 Union City for 2025.

18 Twenty, resolution authorizing contract
19 for auditing services for the City of Union City
20 for 2025.

21 Twenty-one, resolution authorizing the
22 award of contract for bond special counsel
23 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

24 Twenty-two, resolution authorizing
25 contract for alcoholic beverage control prosector

1 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

2 Twenty-three, resolution authorizing
3 contract for special construction code litigation
4 counsel services for 2025.

5 Twenty-four, authorizing contract for
6 additional special construction code litigation
7 counsel services for 2025.

8 Twenty-five, resolution approving
9 contract for green acres open space grant
10 consultant services for 2025.

11 Twenty-six, resolution authorizing
12 contract for corporate counsel services for 2025.

13 Twenty-seven, resolution awarding
14 contract for interpreter services for 2025.

15 Twenty-eight, resolution awarding
16 contracts for architectural services for the City
17 of Union City for 2025.

18 Twenty-nine, resolution awarding
19 contracts for architectural services for CDA for
20 the City of Union City for 2025.

21 Thirty, resolution authorizing contract
22 for planning consultant services for affordable
23 housing matters for 2025.

24 Thirty-one, resolution authorizing
25 contract for planning board counsel for the City

1 of Union City for 2025.

2 Thirty-two, resolution authorizing
3 contract for planning consultant services for the
4 City of Union City land use ordinance for 2025.

5 Thirty-three, resolution authorizing
6 contract for planning consultant services for the
7 City of Union City Community Development Agency
8 for 2025.

9 Thirty-four, resolution to award
10 contract for police physician services for the
11 Union City police department for 2025.

12 Thirty-five, resolution authorizing
13 contract for rent stabilization board counsel for
14 2025.

15 Thirty-six, resolution awarding contract
16 for special projects planner services for the City
17 of Union City for 2025.

18 Thirty-seven, resolution authorizing the
19 award of contract for special counsel services for
20 2025.

21 Thirty-eight, resolution authorizing the
22 award of contract for public defender services for
23 2025.

24 Thirty-nine, resolution authorizing
25 contract for substitute public defender services

1 for 2025.

2 Forty, resolution authorizing contract
3 for chief municipal court prosecutor services to
4 the Legg Law firm, LLC, for 2025.

5 Forty-one, resolution authorizing
6 contracts for substitute municipal court
7 prosecutor services for 2025.

8 Forty-two, resolution authorizing
9 contract for certified court reporter and
10 stenographer services for the City of Union City
11 for 2025.

12 Forty-three, resolution authorizing
13 contract for tax appeal counsel services for the
14 City of Union City for 2025.

15 Forty-four, resolution authorizing
16 contracts for general engineering services for the
17 City of Union City for 2025.

18 Forty-five, resolution authorizing
19 contracts for engineering services for CDA for the
20 City of Union City for 2025.

21 Forty-six, resolution authorizing
22 contracts for special redevelopment counsel
23 services for 2025.

24 Forty-seven, resolution authorizing
25 contract for labor counsel services for the City

1 of Union City for 2025.

2 Forty-eight, resolution authorizing
3 contract for general counsel for the City of Union
4 City Community Development Agency for 2025.

5 Forty-nine, resolution authorizing
6 contract for special hearing officer services for
7 the City of Union City for 2025.

8 Fifty, resolution awarding contract for
9 real estate and tax appraisal services to Hallmark
10 Real Estate Services, Inc., for 2025.

11 Fifty-one, resolution authorizing
12 contract for zoning board of adjustment counsel
13 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

14 Fifty-two, resolution authorizing
15 renewal of contract for federal and state grant
16 consultant services for 2025.

17 Fifty-three, resolution authorizing the
18 renewal of the contract for personnel consultant
19 services for the City of Union City for 2025.

20 Fifty-four, resolution amending contract
21 for special counsel services with Chasan
22 Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo for 2024.

23 Fifty-five, resolution appointing Jorge
24 Aviles, Esq., as tenant advocate attorney for
25 2025.

1 Fifty-six, resolution to reappoint class
2 II member of the City of Union City for the
3 planning board of 2025.

4 Items 57 through 68 are resolutions of
5 the Board of Commissioners for the City of Union
6 City approving the 2013 through 2025 renewal of
7 liquor license number 0910-33-148-007 issued to 92
8 Bowers Street Enterprises, Inc., pocket license.

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

11 MAYOR STACK: And 57 through 68 is all
12 for the same liquor establishment for different
13 years?

14 MS. ROSARIO: Yes.

15 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
16 on the consent agenda, please step forward, state
17 your name and address for the record. Mr.
18 Gonzalez.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you, Ramon Gonzalez
20 on behalf of the Union City ABC prosecutor. I
21 just want to make a comment on resolutions 57
22 through 68. This is a pocket license that has
23 been in litigation prior to me even being the
24 prosecutor. They have gone to the state ABC and
25 obtained all required documents. One of the

1 conditions that we have requested is that it
2 remain a pocket license and not going back to the
3 same establishment. They are represented by Mr.
4 Alonso. This is the gentleman that has the
5 license in pocket status now. They have agreed
6 and consented to that and we would be then in
7 compliance with the direction of the state ABC
8 director's decision.

9 MAYOR STACK: So just to put on the
10 record, so this is going to remain in pocket
11 status, it's not going back at that location at
12 28th and New York Avenue?

13 MR. GONZALEZ: That's exactly correct.

14 MAYOR STACK: Very good, thank you.

15 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
16 time, please step forward? Seeing none, I make a
17 motion to close the public comment period on the
18 consent agenda.

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

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
23 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: Commissioner Martinetti.

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
10 approve all items on the consent agenda?
11 Commissioner Valdivia will recuse from number 55
12 and the Mayor will recuse from number 54 on the
13 agenda.

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
16 approve?

17 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

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

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.

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

9 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

10 1. Resolution approving payment of
11 claims to the Union City Board of Education.)

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13 MS. ROSARIO: There is one item on the
14 regular agenda. Resolution a payment of claims to
15 the Union City Board of Education. May I have a
16 motion?

17 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

18 MR. AUTERI: The Board will invoke the
19 doctrine of necessity to move this item.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you, Angelo. Motion
21 made by Mayor Stack.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: 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 HEARING AND ADOPTION CONSIDERATION:**

8 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF**
9 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE**
10 **CERTAIN MONTHLY PARKING PERMIT FEE REQUIREMENTS.)**

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12 MS. ROSARIO: There's one ordinance for
13 hearing and adoption. An ordinance amending
14 Chapter 16 to revise certain monthly parking
15 permit fee requirements.

16 Mayor, would you like to take public
17 comment on the ordinance?

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Anyone wishing to
19 comment on this ordinance, please step forward,
20 state your name and address for the record.

21 Seeing none, I'll make a motion to close
22 the public comment period on the ordinance.

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

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

1 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Valdivia.
2 Commissioner Fernandez.
3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
10 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
12 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
13 adopt?
14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.
15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
16 Valdivia. Second?
17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.
18 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
19 Grullon.
20 Commissioner Fernandez.
21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
22 MS. ROSARIO: 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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6 **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

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

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

16 I just wanted to put on the record the
17 reason that we moved this meeting to 4:00 is
18 because we were initially going to honor the high
19 school football players for going up to the state
20 championship. That was cancelled because there
21 was a death of one of the assistant coaches who
22 coached there last year, he's now a Hudson
23 Catholic coach football team. And we felt it was
24 better. We learned of this early this afternoon.
25 We felt it was better to postpone until a future

1 meeting. That was the reason we moved the meeting
2 up, so it would be closer to the time that the
3 students are getting out of school. Thank you for
4 everyone's understanding.

5 Seeing no one wishing to comment at this
6 time, I'll close the public comment.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: We have the liquor license
21 hearing.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. Bambinas Bar & Restaurant, LLC

T/a Milagros Bar

2906 Bergenline Avenue

0910-33-040-099

MR. GONZALEZ: Good afternoon, Ramon Gonzalez, Union City ABC prosecutor. We have one matter on today that is Bambinas Bar & Restaurant, LLC, trading as Milagros Bar located at 2906 Bergenline Avenue.

We are here today because of a paper violation. They are present also, just please state your name.

MR. ESPINOZA: Edwin Espinoza.

MR. GONZALEZ: What's your position?

MR. ESPINOZA: Manager of the restaurant.

MR. GONZALEZ: Your mother actually owns?

MR. ESPINOZA: My mother owns it.

MR. GONZALEZ: Could we have him sworn in, please.

E D W I N E S P I N O Z A, after having been

1 duly sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

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3 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Espinoza, you know
4 we're here because there was two violations --
5 three violations that were issued, employee card
6 violation of one of the employees not wearing a
7 card, and an incomplete E141A form; is that
8 correct?

9 MR. ESPINOZA: Yes.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: You understand that if
11 you wanted an attorney and needed an adjournment,
12 we would gladly grant that to you. You explained
13 to me you do not want an attorney, you would like
14 to proceed today; is that correct?

15 MR. ESPINOZA: Yes.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: We've made a
17 recommendation on this matter that we dismiss two
18 of the charges. On one of the charges, the
19 incomplete E141A form, we would be recommending a
20 three day suspension. Originally, if it was a
21 first violation, we would actually give it a
22 warning and move forward. But, unfortunately,
23 this is not the first violation for a paper
24 violation that Milagros Bar has had. And I've
25 recommended a three day suspension. If the board

1 approves that, would you be in agreement with
2 that?

3 MR. ESPINOZA: Yes.

4 MAYOR STACK: I just think it's
5 important, not to be punitive, but that the
6 management of the establishment improve. Because
7 it seems to be a lot of management issues at the
8 establishment. And I just think if there was some
9 better maybe oversight of the establishment and
10 maybe a little more time put into the
11 establishment, you could avoid some of those
12 violations. Just an observation I'm making. This
13 has been going on quite some time.

14 MR. ESPINOZA: I understand. I'm trying
15 to help my mother out with the business. I come
16 in on the weekends, so I can --

17 MAYOR STACK: Maybe if you could get
18 more involved or somebody else get more involved
19 you could avoid some of this.

20 MR. ESPINOZA: I'm coming on board
21 slowly, trying to help her out.

22 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I understand. I'll
23 accept the recommendation. I'll make a motion.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
25 Stack. Second?

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
3 Commissioner Fernandez.
4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
11 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
13 MR. GONZALEZ: And just so the board's
14 aware, the three day suspension, we request that
15 it happen immediately, so it's going to be
16 December 23, 24 and 25. I'll have that in the
17 resolution for the clerk.
18 MAYOR STACK: Excellent. Thank you. I
19 wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy
20 and healthy new year.

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ADJOURNMENT :

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

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: All in favor?

(All Board Members indicate in the affirmative.)

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 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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