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HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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SARAH M. GILMORE ACADEMY
1600 Kerrigan Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Commencing at 4:00 p.m.

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CELIN J. VALDIVIA, COMMISSIONER
BRIAN P. STACK, MAYOR

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Please stand for the
2 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, January 21, 2025, at
10 4:00 p.m. at the Sarah M. Gilmore Academy, 1600
11 Customer Began Avenue in Union City. This meeting
12 has been called in accordance with the Open Public
13 Meetings Act. Adequate notice was forwarded to
14 The Jersey Journal and The Record and has been
15 posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall and
16 has been made available to the public in the
17 office of the Municipal Clerk.

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19 **ROLL CALL:**

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21 MS. ROSARIO: Roll call. Commissioner
22 Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

25 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Here. Commissioner
5 Valdivia is just running a little behind, he'll be
6 here shortly.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you.

8

9 **PRESENTATIONS:**

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11 MS. ROSARIO: There are two
12 presentations for today's meeting. The first
13 presentation is a presentation for Kendall Min,
14 which, Mayor, I did not add in the agenda, but is
15 Kendall Min here? We're going to give him a --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We have a
17 citation.

18

19 (Special presentation to Kendall Min.)

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21 MS. ROSARIO: The second item is a
22 presentation to the Union City high school
23 football team. Commissioner Fernandez.

24

25 (Presentation to the Union City High

1 School football team.)

2

3 (Commissioner Valdivia arrived.)

4

5 MS. ROSARIO: So we're ready to
6 continue.

7 MAYOR STACK: Captain Bergbauer, yelling
8 out at the meeting will not be tolerated. Please,
9 begin.

10 (Yelling from the audience.)

11 MAYOR STACK: Sir, you're out of line.

12

13 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

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15 MS. ROSARIO: The second item on the
16 agenda is the approval of the meeting minutes.

17 May I have a motion to approve the
18 meeting minutes for the January 7, 2025, Board of
19 Commissioners meeting?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
22 Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
25 Martinetti.

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11

12 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
13 action on the following item:

14 **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

15 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40,**
16 **"AFFORDABLE HOUSING" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF**
17 **UNION CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON.)**

18

19 MS. ROSARIO: There's one ordinance 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, February 4, 2025, at the Jose
3 Marti STEM Academy, 1800 Summit Avenue, Union
4 City, at 7:00 p.m.

5 The first ordinance is an ordinance
6 amending Chapter 40 "affordable housing" of the
7 code of the City of Union City, County of Hudson.

8 May I have a motion to introduce?

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

10 MAYOR STACK: Second.

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

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: Commissioner Martinetti.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

23
24 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
25 action on the following items in total:

CONSENT AGENDA:

(1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

(2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
Concurring Claims.

(3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

(4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
December 21, 2024, to January 3, 2025.

(5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
From December 21, 2024, Through January 3, 2025.

(6) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
January 4, 2025, Through January 17, 2025.

(7) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
From January 4, 2025, Through January 17, 2025.

(8) Resolution Authorizing the Tax Refund in Tax
Appeal Decisions By the Tax Court of New Jersey.

(9) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
Monies to Outside Lienholders.

(10) Resolution Cancelling Abatement.

(11) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
Monies Collected At the Tax Sale.

(12) Resolution Cancelling First and Second
Quarter Taxes.

(13) Resolution Authorizing the Adjustment of
Taxes For the First Half of 2024.

(14) Resolution Authorizing Crediting the Tax

1 Appeal Decisions By the Tax Court of New Jersey.

2 (15) Resolution Authorizing Crediting the Tax
3 Appeal Decisions By the Hudson County Board of
4 Taxation.

5 (16) Resolution Authorizing Contract For Arborist
6 Services For the City of Union City For 2025.

7 (17) Resolution Amending Resolution Number
8 12/17-52 Authorizing Renewal of Contract For
9 Federal and State Contract Consultant Services For
10 2025.

11 (18) Resolution Amending Contract For Corporation
12 Counsel Services For the City of Union City For
13 2025.

14 (19) Resolution to Authorize Successor Collective
15 Negotiations Agreement Between the City of Union
16 City and the Union City Superior Officers
17 Association For Lodge 216, Term January 1, 2024,
18 Through December 31, 2028.

19 (20) Resolution Reappointing Rosana Colon to the
20 Union City Rent Stabilization Board 2025 Through
21 2030.

22 (21) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For
23 Electrician Services For 2025.

24 (22) Resolution to Award Contract For Police
25 Physician Services For the Union City Police

1 Department For 2025.

2 (23) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For Plumbing
3 Services For 2025.

4 (24) Resolution Authorizing Settlement For the
5 City of Union City Closed Session Pending
6 Litigation.

7 (25) Resolution Authorizing Payment to Windsor
8 Mechanical, LLC, For Emergency Boiler Repairs At
9 Union City Hall (Estimate #2024242, #2024244,
10 #2024245, and #2024248).

11 (26) Resolution Authorizing the Emergency Use of
12 the Union City Housing Authority Pavilion Located
13 At 39th and Kennedy Boulevard As a Temporary
14 Housing Shelter From January 19, Through
15 January 25, 2025.

16 (27) Resolution Committing to DCA's Fourth Round
17 Affordable Housing Present Need and Prospective
18 Need Numbers.)

19

20 MS. ROSARIO: There are 27 items on the
21 consent agenda.

22 One, Resolution Approving the Payment of
23 Claims.

24 Two, Resolution Approving the Payment of
25 Concurring Claims.

1 Three, Resolution Approving the Escrow
2 Refunds.

3 Four, Resolution Approving the City
4 Payroll From December 21, 2024, to January 3,
5 2025.

6 Five, Resolution Approving the Library
7 Payroll From December 21, 2024, Through January 3,
8 2025.

9 Six, Resolution Approving the City
10 Payroll From January 4, 2025, Through January 17,
11 2025.

12 Seven, Resolution Approving the Library
13 Payroll From January 4, 2025, Through January 17,
14 2025.

15 Eight, Resolution Authorizing the Tax
16 Refund in Tax Appeal Decisions By the Tax Court of
17 New Jersey.

18 Nine, Resolution Authorizing Refund of
19 Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders.

20 Ten, Resolution Cancelling Abatement.

21 Eleven, Resolution Authorizing the
22 Refund of Premium Monies Collected At the Tax
23 Sale.

24 Twelve, Resolution Cancelling First and
25 Second Quarter Taxes.

1 Thirteen, Resolution Authorizing the
2 Adjustment of Taxes For the First Half of 2024.

3 Fourteen, Resolution Authorizing
4 Crediting the Tax Appeal Decisions By the Tax
5 Court of New Jersey.

6 Fifteen, Resolution Authorizing
7 Crediting the Tax Appeal Decisions By the Hudson
8 County Board of Taxation.

9 Sixteen, Resolution Authorizing Contract
10 For Arborist Services For the City of Union City
11 For 2025.

12 Seventeen, Resolution Amending
13 Resolution Number 12/17-52 Authorizing Renewal of
14 Contract For Federal and State Contract Consultant
15 Services For 2025.

16 Eighteen, Resolution Amending Contract
17 For Corporation Counsel Services For the City of
18 Union City For 2025.

19 Nineteen, Resolution to Authorize
20 Successor Collective Negotiations Agreement
21 Between the City of Union City and the Union City
22 Superior Officers Association For Lodge 216, Term
23 January 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2028.

24 Twenty, Resolution Reappointing Rosana
25 Colon to the Union City Rent Stabilization Board

1 2025 Through 2030.

2 Twenty-One, Resolution to Authorize
3 Bidding For Electrician Services For 2025.

4 Twenty-Two, Resolution to Award Contract
5 For Police Physician Services For the Union City
6 Police Department For 2025.

7 Twenty-Three, Resolution to Authorize
8 Bidding For Plumbing Services For 2025.

9 Twenty-Four, Resolution Authorizing
10 Settlement For the City of Union City Closed
11 Session Pending Litigation.

12 Twenty-Five, Resolution Authorizing
13 Payment to Windsor Mechanical, LLC, For Emergency
14 Boiler Repairs At Union City Hall (Estimate
15 #2024242, #2024244, #2024245, and #2024248).

16 Twenty-Six, Resolution Authorizing the
17 Emergency Use of the Union City Housing Authority
18 Pavilion Located At 39th and Kennedy Boulevard As
19 a Temporary Housing Shelter From January 19,
20 Through January 25, 2025.

21 Twenty-Seven, Resolution Committing to
22 DCA's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Present Need
23 and Prospective Need Numbers.

24 Mayor abstains on payment to Chasan,
25 Lamparello and Mallon.

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

3 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
4 comment on the consent agenda, please step
5 forward, state your name and address for the
6 record. On the consent agenda.

7 MR. AUTERI: The floor is yours.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Did my time start?
9 Has my time started?

10 MR. AUTERI: No, it didn't start yet.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let me know when I'm
12 recognized. I'm looking through the agenda right
13 now. You hear those church bells? You hear those
14 church bells? Those church bells are denouncing
15 your wickedness, your corruption. So I'm against
16 number one, resolution approving --

17 MR. AUTERI: Sir, just hang on one
18 second, I'll get your time started for you.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you disrupting the
20 meeting, sir?

21 MR. AUTERI: Go ahead, the floor is
22 yours.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That won't be
24 tolerated, sir. So number one, resolution
25 approving the payment of claims. Can you hear me,

1 Senator Stack? Can you hear me? I have a hearing
2 problem, so I talk a little bit loud. Forgive me.

3 I'm against resolution approving payment
4 of claims, Mayor Stack, because it comes to my
5 attention you're corrupt, so any of these
6 payments, they can go to one of your cronies, you
7 can be funneling money through the Democratic
8 committee members. So against resolution number
9 one.

10 Resolution number two, I'm against it.

11 Resolution number three, I'm against it.

12 I'm against the payroll for four, five,
13 and six, and seven. Mayor Brian Stack, at your
14 public libraries, are you displaying things to
15 children around 10 years old that could be
16 considered pornographic materials to children?

17 Look at me when -- I'm asking you a
18 serious question that has to do with the public
19 safety of the citizens here in Union City and you
20 don't even have the courage to look at me? To
21 speak to me? The integrity. This is your city,
22 sir, I'm here to ask you questions. I came here
23 from Edison, New Jersey.

24 He's ignoring me, scumbag. Scumbag.

25 Okay. Let's see what other bullshit

1 resolutions he has here throughout the
2 resolutions. I'm against all these resolutions
3 because they're the same kind of resolutions Mayor
4 Musto would have put up. And you want to know
5 what? You are Mayor Musto reincarnated. You're
6 the mayor, you're the state senator, everything he
7 did, you did.

8 So I'm against all these resolutions
9 because Bob Menendez was your mentor, sir. How
10 many gold bars do you have hidden in your home?
11 Do you have any gold bars hidden in your home,
12 Mayor Stack? My God.

13 You know what men do? I'm against all
14 these resolutions because I find it suspicious.
15 When a man talks to another man, they look at them
16 in the eyes. They don't look down like a coward,
17 the way you're cowering right now before all of
18 us, Mayor Stack. And I'm against all these
19 resolutions because this -- he threatened us that
20 we're disrupting the meeting. Lozman versus
21 Riviera Beach, I can't be disrupting the meeting
22 when it's my time to speak. My time has started.
23 That's why I'm against all these resolutions.

24 I'm against all these resolutions
25 because this detective doesn't understand State of

1 New Jersey versus Charzewski says you cannot --
2 you're trying to charge people with a 2C violation
3 of disrupting a meeting, when State of New Jersey
4 versus Charzewski says you cannot be disrupting
5 the meeting as long as you're not a physical
6 obstruction. That's the by -- (inaudible) and I
7 denounce all of you, I denounce these resolutions
8 because whoever put these resolutions up -- who
9 put these resolutions up? I think the person who
10 put these resolutions up are corrupt. What are
11 you drinking there? Are you drinking some vodka
12 over there? Detective Bergbauer, investigate him.
13 Is he getting drunk? Is he getting drunk in an
14 elementary school?

15 Don't look at me like that. This is an
16 investigation, okay. I'm against all these
17 resolutions, Mayor Stack, you understand why?
18 Because you're a tyrant, you're a Nazi, you don't
19 respect the First Amendment. You're disrupting
20 this meeting by talking to another scumbag that's
21 sitting to the left of you, that he's wearing an
22 ugly shirt. At least if you come to this meeting,
23 wear a shirt that's proper. That's why I'm
24 against the resolutions. Because he came with an
25 ugly shirt. At least Brian Stack came in a suit.

1 Brian Stack, you're such a corrupt scumbag --

2 MR. AUTERI: All right, sir, your time
3 is up.

4 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

5 MR. AUTERI: Anyone else, please step
6 forward and state your name.

7 MAYOR STACK: Next on the consent
8 agenda?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sure. Mayor Stack,
10 please stop talking while I'm talking, you're
11 disrupting the meeting. Mayor Musto, Mayor Stack,
12 you're disrupting the meeting while I'm speaking.

13 (Unreportable speaking.)

14 Mayor Stack, please stop disrupting the
15 meeting. Remember you can't talk during the
16 public speakers' time? Mayor Brian Stack, you
17 can't speak during the public speakers' time. The
18 Captain warned us about this at the beginning of
19 the meeting. He said we would all be given
20 summons in the mail if we disrupt the speaker
21 while he's speaking. I guess you just think that
22 these things don't apply to you, right?

23 You're supposed to lead by example.

24 What is the example that you're leading by?

25 You're doing exactly what you're telling us we

1 can't do. Think about what I just said. You're
2 doing the same thing you're telling us we can't
3 do. So we're being intimidated and being
4 investigated for something that hasn't even
5 happened yet, the same thing that you're doing.

6 That's God letting you know that you do
7 not let light shine on transparency. Light will
8 not be shined down on this kind of corruption.
9 Kill the lights because everything is done in
10 secret and darkness anyway, so shut them all off.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next.

12 This is on the consent items only, only
13 on the consent items on the agenda.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm against turning
15 Kennedy Boulevard temporary housing shelter from
16 January 19th to January 25th. Can you explain
17 that to me? What do you need a shelter there for?
18 Alex? Alex? What do you think about that, you
19 still live on 39th Street? It's not funny, Brian.
20 Why is everything a joke to Brian Stack? You
21 notice that when I'm trying to speak, it's always
22 a joke, he's interrupting me. Everybody here on
23 the Board writing stuff. I'm trying to ask you
24 about this. Can you explain that to me? The
25 shelter on 39th Street?

1 Charles wants to ask about the
2 affordable housing present needed and prospective
3 needed numbers. Charles wants to know about the
4 housing because he's in rough shape right now in
5 Virginia, he has no housing.

6 Approving the payment of claims. What
7 kind of claim are you talking about, Brian Stack?
8 Charles wants to know if you're talking about the
9 mental health grants, Brian Stack, anything with
10 that? Is this what the payment of claims are?
11 Anything? With the hospitals, insurance, health
12 insurance, anything? Anything with the hospitals?
13 Anything with Hackensack Meridian Hospital, Brian
14 Stack? Charles wants to know about -- Rodriguez
15 if they set him up back in the day, do you have
16 anything to do with that? And he said about the
17 boss to call him back, are you the boss for these
18 claims? All right. Anybody else except Brian
19 Stack because he's acting suspicious right now.
20 Reasonable suspicious, Brian Stack. So I'm asking
21 anybody else on this Board can you tell me about
22 the shelter on 39th Street, I used to live there,
23 I grew up there. Brian, you know, Alex knows and
24 Brian Stack knows. So they don't get a summons,
25 but if I interrupt, doesn't it go back and forth

1 or they're above the law? He's not answering.
2 I'm asking about the shelter, January 19th to the
3 25th, temporary housing. I'm against it.
4 Attorney, please, can you tell me about this?
5 Anything about this resolution?

6 MR. AUTERI: Consent agenda.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you going to show
8 us the payment of claims, Brian Stack, what you
9 have to pay out? Look at how he just writes away.
10 That's more important than speaking about this --
11 what I'm here for. So nobody has nothing to say,
12 everybody is just quiet and mute. I don't
13 understand the public meeting that we have here.

14 Charles said he's going to forward
15 everything to Donald Trump, what's going on, what
16 has happened to him. And he'll probably get
17 better answers because nobody here speaks to us.
18 Charles, they're all disrespecting us. They have
19 no decency. None of them have decency. Why don't
20 you guys just all resign? Why don't you guys
21 resign, if you ain't going to talk to anybody, not
22 speaking, right. This is not the job for you,
23 public servant is not for you guys. Because us
24 public don't get anything here, no respect, no
25 nothing.

1 It's a shame, it's a shame. Charles,
2 this is what the tax dollar pays, everybody gets a
3 paycheck and a pension, but nobody wants to speak
4 about any of this. He wants to know if you guys
5 are aware of Donald Trump being president and the
6 rules of law and the Constitution and the Bill of
7 Rights and public safety, doing the right thing
8 for everybody. Mr. Chairman, judiciary
9 chairman --

10 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next.

11 MR. TRUTH: I am Leroy Truth of the
12 YouTube and Facebook channels Leroy Truth
13 Investigations. And I invite each of you to
14 personally subscribe to my channel and you will be
15 enlightened as to the corruption, profound
16 criminal corruption of the Mayor, State Senator,
17 head of the judiciary committee, Brian Stack.

18 Now, consent agenda items. I see these
19 are purposely created so that the public has no
20 clue what these items are and what they describe.
21 For example, let's see, resolution cancelling
22 abatement. What is that? Abatement of what?
23 That is so vague, it can mean anything. Abatement
24 of maybe Brian's going to wear two different sock,
25 abatement of maybe you're going to go on a vegan

1 fast until you share all the sins of your
2 corruption to the general public.

3 So can you tell me, Brian Stack, I'd
4 like you to tell me, what does number 10 in
5 consent agenda mean, resolution cancelling
6 abatement? What does that mean, Brian Stack? And
7 by the way, I want that information that you are
8 writing down. I will OPRA that. That is now a
9 public record -- and all you can do is laugh. Are
10 you okay, Brian, are you an emotionally disturbed
11 person who needs severe mental health support? If
12 you do, I want to personally help you get that
13 support because there are people who have severe
14 mental health issues and they need our help and
15 compassion and love. But they shouldn't be on a
16 Mayor or Board of Commissioners, they should not
17 be in a place of public trust.

18 Next consent agenda item, resolution
19 authorizing contract for arborist services for the
20 City of Union City for 2025. Now, how did you
21 choose that particular arborist? And I love that
22 name arborist, very good name. I happen to love
23 trees a lot. But I would like to know if any
24 Commissioners, since again, Mayor Stack is mute,
25 deaf and dumb, unfortunately. Commissioner

1 Grullon, how did you select that particular
2 arborist? What do you have to say about that,
3 Wendy? What do you have to say that you led an
4 assault, a riot against me and lied in the police
5 report? Your arborist would not be proud.

6 Resolution number nine, authorizing
7 refund of redemption monies to outside
8 lienholders. Again, this so vague. What
9 lienholders are we speaking of? Is Justin Mercado
10 a lienholder? Did he lend you money with the all
11 the millions he's allegedly scammed from people?

12 Number twelve, resolution cancelling
13 first and second quarter taxes. That's about as
14 vague as you get. Did you cancel first and second
15 quarter taxes on the people of Union City? Which
16 would be a wonderful give, I would give you props
17 if you did that.

18 Do none of you speak English? (Speaking
19 foreign languages). That was Polish by the way.
20 I counted 1 to 10. I'm testing different
21 languages, also spoke some Latin to you. You must
22 not understand English. And I got to tell you
23 this is one of the most despicable disgusting
24 displays of un-public servants I've ever seen.
25 You should all be ashamed and embarrassed for

1 yourself, that you would treat the public like
2 this. And you're trying to make like we're the
3 bad guys, where all we do is investigate and
4 expose you, the true bad guys and bad gals. It's
5 amazing.

6 God bless you, God bless America. We
7 always come peacefully and we will expose you, you
8 will be indicted, Stack, guaranteed.

9 MAYOR STACK: Next? Seeing no other,
10 motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

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

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
15 Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
6 Commissioner Valdivia, second by Mayor Stack.

7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

12 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17

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

20 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

21 1. Resolution approving the HCIA
22 payments.)

23

24 MS. ROSARIO: There are two items on the
25 regular agenda. One, resolution approving the

1 HCIA payments. Commissioner Martinetti recuses
2 from this item, number one.

3 May I have a motion?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

5 MAYOR STACK: Second.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
7 Valdivia, second by Mayor Stack.

8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: 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 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

20 2. Resolution approving payment of
21 claims to the Union City Board of Education.)

22

23 MS. ROSARIO: The second item is
24 resolution approving payment of claims to the
25 Union City Board of Education. Commissioner

1 Martinetti and Commissioner Fernandez recuse.

2 MR. AUTERI: The Board will invoke the
3 doctrine of necessity.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you. May I have a
5 motion?

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
9 Commissioner Grullon, second by Commissioner
10 Valdivia.

11 Commissioner Grullon.

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

16 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

17

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

20 **ORDINANCE FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION CONSIDERATION:**

21 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 296 OF**
22 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY REGARDING FINES**
23 **FOR VIOLATIONS.)**

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25 MS. ROSARIO: The next item is an

1 ordinance for hearing and adoption of
2 consideration. An ordinance amending Chapter 296
3 of the Code of the City of Union City regarding
4 fines for violations.

5 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
6 take public comment on this ordinance?

7 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
8 on this ordinance at this time, please step
9 forward, state your name and address for the
10 record.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Absolutely.

12 MAYOR STACK: On the ordinance?

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Absolutely on the
14 ordinance. I wouldn't want to speak on anything
15 else but the ordinance. Give me a moment to find
16 the ordinance, please. Amending Chapter 296
17 ordinance? Is that the ordinance? They don't
18 reply back. Let me speak on anything they --

19 MR. AUTERI: Sir, the floor is yours.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't need you to
21 tell me the floor is mine, the floor's been mine
22 the moment I walked in the room. You understand
23 I'm a taxpayer, you idiot.

24 So I ask the question: Are we talking
25 about ordinance amending Chapter 296? It's a yes

1 or no. So we're just going to -- each ordinance,
2 okay, it's my five minutes.

3 So I'm against this ordinance because
4 Mayor Stack is a scumbag, he's obviously not
5 replying back to me. I'm trying to inquire if
6 you're talking about ordinance one, an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 296. And not only that idiot
8 can't even answer, the two idiots to the right of
9 him can't answer, and then the three idiots to the
10 left of him can't answer, one of them being the
11 attorney. Attorney, did you not hear what I said?
12 Through the chair, to the attorney, now, you have
13 to answer according to Roberts Rules of Order.
14 Are we talking about ordinance one, an ordinance
15 amending Chapter 296.

16 MR. AUTERI: Yes.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. How hard was
18 that? How hard was that? Well, I'm against it
19 because it took you what two minutes to answer
20 that question. So there's no transparency,
21 there's no accountability under Mayor Stack,
22 Senator Stack's leadership, you understand? I'm
23 against it because the State of New Jersey is
24 persecuting whistle blowers. I'm against it
25 because the State of New Jersey is using Vaspa

1 orders meant to go after sexual predators to
2 silence critics of the government. And that's
3 going to be exposed after the 24th.

4 Through the Mayor Stack to the attorney,
5 are you part of O'Toole Scrivo law firm? The zero
6 integrity O'Toole Scrivo law firm?

7 MR. AUTERI: Sir, just make your comment
8 about the ordinance.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I need to know that so
10 I can tell you -- if you're not, I'll approve it.
11 If you're with them, I'm against it. So can you
12 answer the freaking question?

13 MR. AUTERI: I don't need to answer the
14 question, but I'm not affiliated --

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's public record,
16 it's public record.

17 MR. AUTERI: So you can request the
18 record.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is something shady
20 going on that you can't answer what law firm
21 you're even part of?

22 MR. AUTERI: You're supposed to be
23 making comment about the ordinance.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah. But in order
25 for me to continue on with my comment, I need to

1 know some information from you, whether to go with
2 my next following response.

3 So, again, through the chair to the
4 lawyer, are you a member of the O'Toole Scrivo.

5 MR. AUTERI: We're commenting on the
6 ordinance.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: On the ordinance.
8 Because if you're not, I'm going to support it.
9 But if you are, they're corrupt scumbags, too, and
10 I'll be against it. So it's a yes or no question.
11 Are you with the O'Toole Scrivo law firm?

12 MR. AUTERI: You know that I'm not.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No comment. So you
14 are with those bastards, you are with those
15 bastards. Okay, I'm against the ordinance then.
16 I'm against the ordinance.

17 Mayor Stack, I'm against this ordinance
18 for many reasons. One of the reasons is you can't
19 even have the dialogue back and forth with members
20 of the public. It's like we're beneath you, it's
21 like I feel like I'm in Nazi Germany and I'm a Jew
22 and you feel I'm less than human. And you can't
23 even look in my direction, you can't even respond
24 to me. Do you want me to come in wearing a yellow
25 star the next time? Are you freaking kidding me?

1 I am a citizen of the United States of America.
2 We're not equal, it's the other way around. I'm
3 actually your boss. Look at me when your boss is
4 talking to you, idiot. Look at me. I am your
5 boss.

6 Because he refuses to acknowledge that I
7 am his superior and he is my inferior because
8 he's -- all of us are his superiors, all of us.

9 MR. AUTERI: If you're not going to make
10 a comment on the ordinance --

11 MAYOR STACK: I'm going to make a
12 motion --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I am, what I'm saying
14 is because he's not replying to us the taxpayers.

15 MAYOR STACK: -- to close public comment
16 on the ordinance. What's being done in the
17 meeting, the record will reflect that.

18 I'm making a motion to close the public
19 comment period on the ordinance. Please call the
20 roll.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

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

24 MR. AUTERI: Please take a seat.

25 MS. ROSARIO: 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.
10 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to adopt?
11 MAYOR STACK: Motion.
12 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
13 Stack. Second?
14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.
15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.
16 Commissioner Fernandez.
17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. Breezi's Bar & Chill, LLC

T/a Breezi's Bar & Chill

1709 Bergenline Avenue

0910-33-106-007

MS. ROSARIO: Now, we have our liquor license hearing.

MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, please step forward.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, no public comment time.

MAYOR STACK: Liquor license hearings.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Public comment time.

MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We want to speak, it's on the agenda.

MAYOR STACK: Captain Bergbauer. Captain, liquor license hearings. Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: When is the public portion? It's usually the other way around.

MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, you may begin.

MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you, Ramon Gonzalez.

1 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, please
2 begin. Captain Bergbauer.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

4 MAYOR STACK: The meeting is called for
5 liquor license hearings. Mr. Gonzalez can begin.
6 He has private clients that are here right now.
7 Please begin, Mr. Gonzalez. I'm sorry for the
8 nonsense.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Ramon Gonzalez on behalf
10 of the Union City ABC. Today, on the agenda, we
11 have one matter. That's Breezi's Bar and Chill,
12 located at 1709 Bergenline Avenue. Could you
13 please put your name on the record.

14 MS. BETANCOURT: Nancy Betancourt.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: This matter came before
16 you about, I'm going to say, three months ago, we
17 were here --

18 MR. AUTERI: Mr. Gonzalez, can we get
19 her name?

20 MS. BETANCOURT: Nancy Betancourt.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: We were here for an
22 incident that happened about October 12th of last
23 year. We thought it would be prudent that, based
24 on the information they provided to us, we do an
25 investigation. We completed that investigation,

1 we did see the video. There was an incident that
2 occurred on that date, it turned out it was
3 spontaneous and was not as a result of any alcohol
4 being served, and the excessiveness being served.
5 We did go back on the 21st of October and we did
6 find that, unfortunately, the workers did not have
7 their bar cards on them.

8 They are a new establishment. What I
9 would be recommending under the circumstances, I
10 don't think it's fair to give them a violation
11 since they're new, they have taken the classes.
12 They're aware of what has to be done. They're
13 aware that they have to have the bar cards with
14 them. I think it's prudent that we give them a
15 warning, that's what we generally like to do.

16 As to the incident that occurred on
17 October 12th, I do not find that to meet the
18 violation of the ABC violation codes. And it was
19 a spontaneous matter and it was supported by the
20 video that they complied with and provided to
21 Lieutenant Dunlay, who sat and saw it, I saw it
22 also.

23 This establishment, I would say many
24 years ago, was a very problematic place, where
25 there was a lot of illicit activities and drug

1 sales were going on. They're the new owners,
2 they're actually complying. In my opinion, they
3 really bent over backwards to give us all the
4 information so we can make a recommendation. I
5 think, based on that and their cooperation and
6 their understanding now that everybody must have
7 the bar card and it has been found that they in
8 fact have now.

9 I think it would be prudent to dismiss
10 the matter as to the incident of October 12th, and
11 the follow-up visit, which was on the 21st of
12 October, we just give a warning because they've
13 corrected the situation. Since that time, there
14 has been no violation, there has been no
15 complaints. I think it's a fair and prudent
16 action to be taken on this establishment for these
17 violations.

18 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Thank you, Mr.
19 Gonzalez. And your recommendation was that you're
20 satisfied?

21 MR. GONZALEZ: My recommendation that
22 the matter for the 12th be completely dismissed
23 because it was outside of the purview of what
24 control they would have had. And for the incident
25 for the reinspection on the 21st of October, we

1 just give a warning. That was just a paper
2 violation, where they were not wearing the bar
3 cards. She's aware it has to happen. I think
4 it's fair. We have done that in other occasions.
5 To stay consistent, I believe that would be
6 prudent.

7 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
8 approve on Mr. Gonzalez's recommendation.

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

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

17 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

21 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

23 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. Have

1 a good evening.

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

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5 MAYOR STACK: At this time, anyone
6 wishing to comment on any matter concerning
7 municipal government in the City of Union City,
8 please step forward, state your name and address
9 for the record.

10 MR. MITCHELL: Charles, you got a
11 minute. You got a minute, Charles, talk quick. I
12 just got up here.

13 MR. AUTERI: Time's starting.

14 MR. MITCHELL: Criminals.

15 Charles, ask Brian Stack. Hurry up, you
16 got a minute.

17 (Unreportable speaking from a cell
18 phone.)

19 MAYOR STACK: We're not going to
20 testimony from a phone, I'm sorry. Mr. Auteri.

21 MR. AUTERI: Sir, make your own public
22 comment.

23 MR. MITCHELL: They don't want to take
24 your comment over the phone for some reason. He
25 said he'll be here in person.

1 MAYOR STACK: All right, thank you.

2 MR. MITCHELL: So we're talking about
3 these letters, again. I called the health
4 department today -- Brian, I called the health
5 department, January -- I'm serious, I want to put
6 a complaint against him. I'm fucking tired of
7 this shit.

8 MAYOR STACK: That's it.

9 MR. MITCHELL: Talk to everybody here,
10 he's a piece of shit. You know why he doesn't
11 answer me? Because he knows my father --

12 MAYOR STACK: Angelo --

13 MR. AUTERI: You're disrupting the
14 meeting.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's --

16 MAYOR STACK: Captain, he's disrupting
17 the meeting, I can't have that.

18 MR. MITCHELL: I'm asking -- you're
19 disrupting the meeting.

20 MR. AUTERI: Make your comment.

21 MR. MITCHELL: Let's comment. Everybody
22 put their stuff away because everybody is going
23 answer a question. Sir, guy on the left, what's
24 his name? How you doing, sir. I'm asking you
25 about these letters. Do you know anything about

1 them? Yes or no. Whose handwriting these are in
2 my father's mystery death? It was supposed to go
3 to the health department, Katelyn and Sara, and
4 what happened, Brian, you just sent them
5 January 17th of 2025? Brian, how come you just
6 sent those letters on Friday, can you tell me
7 about that?

8 Last meeting I asked you if these were
9 fabricated letters. All of a sudden, now the
10 health department is calling me, asking to
11 investigate. So wanted to the letters April 3rd,
12 Brian, March 18, 2024. These letters came to my
13 house, Ms. Martinetti, please tell me also what
14 you know, and everybody on the Board and the
15 lawyer. As we can see this April 3, 2024. Brian
16 just sent these letters to the health department,
17 Laverne told me, okay, her number is 609 --

18 Are you going to answer, Brian? Why did
19 you send them January 17th? I'm going give Brian
20 Stack one minute to answer. Why did you just put
21 these letters in January 17th, this Friday? That
22 they called me? And also on these letters, you
23 said it was the Harbor View Senior Living, 3505
24 Bergen Turnpike, when you know that it was in
25 North Bergen, Harborage. 760076 River, owned by

1 Hackensack Meridian Hospital, the number one
2 hospital. Whose handwriting is this out of all
3 five of you's? Is this yours, Attorney? Yes or
4 no? How do these get to my house and why did
5 Brian Stack just send it from the -- Alex, did it
6 come from the health department, with Janet
7 Castro? Who sent these letters, Alex, you work in
8 the health department?

9 Brian Stack, are you going to answer it
10 or not? You're going just continue writing. So
11 nobody knows anything. This came from the Jersey
12 City senator office and these letters. So I'm
13 getting it from the mayor's office, an envelope
14 from Brian Stack's mayor's office and inside, I
15 get it from the senator's office. Brian Stack,
16 address 411 Palisade Avenue, Jersey City.
17 April 3, 2024, committee chair judiciary member,
18 community and urban affairs, Brian Stack. Dear
19 commissioner, Sara and Katelyn, can you tell me
20 what's going on Brian. Why did you just send it
21 this year? And every time I come to this meeting,
22 you don't speak about it. And now you just send
23 it out, when I asked if these are fabricated
24 letters, which it seems like they are. No
25 decency, no nothing, you can't tell me why did you

1 send it? You and Alex. Alex, tell him how, you
2 work in the health department, who sent these
3 letters.

4 Keep smirking, Brian Stack. You went
5 into that nursing home, didn't you? Did you
6 strangle my father in that nursing home? Yes or
7 no.

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

9 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah, thank you.

10 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
11 comment, please step forward and state your name
12 and address for the record. Seeing no other, I
13 make a motion --

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, no, you have to
15 wait for somebody to --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- move the podium.
17 (Unreportable comments from the
18 audience.)

19 MAYOR STACK: Sir, begin your comments.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: While I'm speaking.
21 What are you doing? It's my time to talk. I'm
22 speaking --

23 MAYOR STACK: Angelo, you got the clock
24 going on this circus?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Stop speaking over me.

1 It's my time to talk. Like, what are you doing?
2 What I just witnessed with this gentleman that
3 just spoke was unbelievable. You just violated
4 his First Amendment right to use his time the way
5 he felt necessary. You just said that that man
6 Charles couldn't address you through -- what are
7 you crazy? And you wonder why people get upset.
8 They tried to use the captain to remove him during
9 his public speaking, saying he was speaking, that
10 he was disrupting the meeting during his public
11 time. You violated his First Amendment right.
12 You disallowed him to express himself the way he
13 chose to with his phone. And for whatever reason,
14 the captain got approval and communicated with us
15 that that would be okay and gave him the option of
16 however much time he wanted to give Charles or
17 however much time he wanted to give himself. He
18 had a First Amendment expression to come up here
19 and have his phone, no matter who was on the other
20 side, to criticize you. You violated his rights,
21 then you tried to violate them even deeper by
22 having him removed, saying he was disrupting his
23 own public time? You've got to be kidding me,
24 Brian Stack, you have got to be kidding me.

25 You know, you remember that show, "Where

1 in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" That's what
2 it's like trying to find to you get to the public
3 meeting. It's like collect the clues, it's a
4 scavenger hunt, you got to check within 24 hours
5 to see if he changed it. You're going to one
6 building, it gets changed, it's three hours prior.
7 I mean why should you have to collect clues to
8 come here to address you? You don't think that's
9 a problem? I mean the disconnect there is absurd.
10 Collect the clues to go find out how you can talk
11 to Brian Stack. So he can sit down and not look
12 you in the face, doesn't address -- when another
13 man addresses another man, they look each other in
14 the eye. Why don't you do that? All you care
15 about is suppressing people's rights, stifling
16 people's rights. Unbelievable.

17 How many more First Amendment violations
18 do you want to try? What you just did to him was
19 a complete violation of his First Amendment right
20 of expression. Illegal, Brian, it's called it's
21 illegal. You can't take the criminal away from
22 you just because you put a suit on, Brian. You're
23 as corrupt as they come. You are as corrupt as
24 they come. In fact, I had a whole direction as to
25 what I was going to say, but it went to shit

1 because of what you just did to him, priority
2 changed. And you laugh about it. You laugh.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's a nervous laugh.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're a disgrace as
5 an elected official, you are a disgrace. You're
6 an absolute disgrace.

7 So this is the guy who's more than
8 willing to violate anybody's First Amendment
9 rights. Come up here, express yourself the way
10 you choose. You haven't seen nothing yet, when it
11 comes to First Amendment expression. You want to
12 stifle his rights by holding up a phone, you
13 haven't seen anything yet, Brian. Would you like
14 to ban expression? You want to express criticism?
15 You can't even look me in the eye. Absolutely
16 pathetic. And you do have a little nervous
17 chuckle, it does look like a nervous chuckle, it
18 doesn't look like you're enjoying that laugh. It
19 looks forced and it doesn't sit well with you.

20 You're a joker, absolute, complete
21 disgrace. And he just sits there and he just
22 writes. And how the hell you try to use the
23 captain to remove him for speaking during his
24 public time? Lozman versus Riviera, do you
25 understand this? And the reason why I don't give

1 my name and I don't give my address because that's
2 my First Amendment right, anonymous communications
3 are heavily protected. And according to my court
4 case with the State of New Jersey, anonymous
5 communications are permissible, okay.

6 But as I come into a public meeting, I
7 got the captain say, who are you, you're this guy,
8 you're Johnny, you're Jeffrey, you're Anthony,
9 you're North Jersey News, you're East Jersey News,
10 what's going on? I mean what kind of a tone does
11 that set when you have to track you down to come
12 to a meeting and then you have the captain
13 tallying up who's here, who are the residents who
14 are going to criticize the king, Brian Stack.
15 Let's write them all down and make sure none of
16 them speak during public time.

17 Not to mention if someone is speaking,
18 if one of my colleagues starts to speak during my
19 public time, that's my public time. That's my
20 form of expression, don't worry about suppressing
21 anybody else's voice.

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: South Jersey News.

24 Actually, before I begin my speech, I
25 actually believe Union City set up a Facebook page

1 and tried to frame Leroy Truth, New Jersey
2 Watcher, and myself to try to gather information.
3 So we're going to look into that because I looked
4 again today and the Facebook profile is deleted.
5 It was an Indian woman, name of Fanny Trivini.

6 All right, so we'll look into that.

7 Good evening, Mayor Stack, Senator
8 Stack, members of the community, I stand before
9 you today as a concerned citizen deeply troubled
10 by the state of transparency and accountability
11 and leadership here within Union City. It's not
12 really my right, but my responsibility to bring up
13 these issues and I want answers for the sake of
14 the community. I know I'm not going to get an
15 answer because it's clear they don't listen to me,
16 they look away, they're talking amongst their
17 peers, it's crazy.

18 So, first, I want to address the
19 frequent last minute changes to the meetings.
20 These create barriers for the citizens who wish to
21 participate in our local government. Public
22 meetings are the cornerstone of democracy and
23 providing us with an opportunity to voice our
24 concerns and hold our leaders accountable. When
25 meetings times are altered with little notice, it

1 countermines trust and fosters exclusion. And if
2 you are truly committed to transparency, this
3 practice must stop immediately.

4 Now, onto serious matters and issues
5 that have been documented and are raising concerns
6 about corruption. So the campaign contribution
7 controversy in 2005. Mayor Stack, in 2005, you
8 accepted \$3,500 in campaign donations from Luisa
9 Averno, who was later indicted for running an
10 illegal immigration smuggling ring. Well, you
11 eventually donated the funds to a battered women's
12 shelter. But the question remains, how did
13 someone involved in such activities manage to
14 enter your campaign? What measures are in place
15 to assure that campaign funds are thoroughly
16 vetted in the future?

17 2011, misuse of municipal vehicles. It
18 was reported that your ex-wife Katia Stack used
19 official vehicles for personal purposes, although
20 she later returned the vehicle and reimbursed the
21 City. This incident raises concerns about how
22 City resources are being managed. Taxpayer money
23 should never be used for personal gain. What
24 safeguards have been implemented since to prevent
25 misuse? And is she your ex-wife because you have

1 a relationship with somebody on your staff?

2 Question mark.

3 State allocated criticism. Earlier this
4 year, North Bergen Mayor Nicholas Sacco accused
5 you of misusing over \$300 million in state aid
6 allocated to Union City, alleging that these funds
7 were used for political purposes. Mayor Sacco
8 even went as far as to describe it as outright
9 corruption. Is he lying? Is he lying? These
10 allegations are deeply troubling. And I ask you
11 directly how was this money spent? Can you
12 provide a detailed accounting of how these funds
13 were benefited to the people of Union City? He's
14 laughing. These are serious concerns and demand
15 immediate transparent answers. Union City
16 residents and New Jersey residents deserve
17 leadership that prioritizes their needs, not
18 just -- that's it. That's all I got.

19 MAYOR STACK: Next.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mayor Stack, it's good
21 to see you again. I hope you think I didn't
22 forget about you, I definitely couldn't. How
23 could I possibly forget the infamous mayor of
24 Union City, New Jersey, who protects and employs a
25 man who has been accused by three women of sexual

1 assault. You're also the mayor who has placed
2 criminal charges against a journalist for cyber
3 bullying, all for peacefully exercising his First
4 Amendment right.

5 Now, you may not like the First
6 Amendment, Mayor Stack, but you did take an oath
7 to uphold the rights of the people. And that's
8 one of the many reasons I've decided it's vital
9 that I make the trip here to Union City -- excuse
10 me, Mayor Stack, can you have a seat, I'm talking
11 to you. Excuse me, Mayor Stack, I'm talking to
12 you. You're a corrupt tyrant.

13 You swore an oath to uphold the people's
14 First Amendment rights and obviously you couldn't
15 care less. I decided to use my platform to
16 support Leroy Truth in his extensive investigation
17 into your hypocrisy, tyranny, and corruption. As
18 the mayor, you say you support law and order. So
19 please help me understand, Mayor Stack, you
20 support law and order. You threaten to have
21 people removed from the meeting multiple times
22 during, you have your captain here to the right of
23 me who is conducting a criminal investigation into
24 activists who are exercising their First Amendment
25 right.

1 So tell me, you are an eye witness to
2 several crimes that were committed by your friend
3 and Board of Education secretary, Justin Mercado.
4 You were there. Not only did you see it
5 personally, Mayor Stack, hundreds of thousands of
6 people across the country saw the security camera
7 footage of the incident. Your friend and Board of
8 Education secretary Justin Mercado, committed the
9 crimes of felony robbery, criminal mischief,
10 simple assault, harassment -- you're familiar with
11 harassment, right, Mayor? You filed that charge
12 against people who don't agree with you, who don't
13 support you, you know -- you haven't filed it
14 against me, I don't know -- you might be laughing
15 now, when everyone is talking. You know what, at
16 the end of the day, I'll put a billboard truck in
17 front of your house, I'll call hundreds of people
18 to peacefully protest in front of your house. I
19 don't live in Union City, you can't hurt me.

20 All the evidence against your friend
21 Justin Mercado, yet no charges have been brought.
22 Maybe it's because you're good friends with the
23 county prosecutor Esther Suarez, maybe, right?
24 All I know for sure is that there was video. If
25 there was video of me or anyone who's not your

1 political ally committing those serious crimes, we
2 would be thrown in a cell and charged. Rules and
3 laws for thee and not for me, seems to your motto,
4 Mayor Stack. Hypocrisy at its finest.

5 Speaking of hypocrisy, I've heard that a
6 Union City Police Sergeant, Ruben Rodriguez, was
7 and recently arrested and charged with lying on a
8 police report. Apparently, he lied about a man
9 assaulting him and that man spent the next two
10 weeks incarcerated. Why is Sergeant Rodriguez
11 only being charged with lying and not official
12 misconduct? Is that because of your relationship
13 with Esther Suarez? Why hasn't Sergeant Rodriguez
14 been fired, Mayor Stack? He took a man's freedom
15 away from him. His lie cost that man his freedom
16 for two weeks.

17 Imagine you, Mayor Stack, sitting in a
18 jail cell for two weeks for something you didn't
19 do. It's probably going to happen in your future,
20 from what I hear. But it's going to be for
21 something that you did, not because a police
22 officer lied about you. And Union City, you,
23 captain, should be speaking out against law
24 enforcement and making sure that these --
25 appropriate charges are being filed.

1 There's no need to answer, Mayor Stack,
2 you're going to be -- I see the pattern now.
3 You're not going to answer. You like to employ
4 rapists and liars in Union City. What's that
5 saying, birds of a feather flock together, right,
6 Mayor Stack?

7 This isn't the last time I'll be seeing
8 you, Mayor Stack. Obviously, you've seen -- but
9 peaceful protests next to your residence, a
10 billboard truck, we're back here another meeting.
11 Because I will continue to exercise my rights
12 peacefully. And I want to you know that we the
13 people will never forget about you, tyranny and
14 corruption have no place in our country. See you
15 soon.

16 MAYOR STACK: Next.

17 MR. TRUTH: I'm looking, you're still
18 setting the time?

19 MR. AUTERI: Yes.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right. Mayor
21 Brian Stack. Mayor Brian Stack and the Board, I
22 ask you respectfully to put down your pens.
23 Wendy, stop looking at Mayor Brian Stack's Only
24 Fans page. Once again, put your phone down and
25 respectfully listen to the public, of which I am

1 that.

2 Now, Mayor Stack, I am here because of
3 you. Let's go over a little bit of a timeline.
4 December 1, 2023, Leroy Truth visits Union City
5 for the first time. I didn't know you from Adam,
6 I didn't know you were going to be the most
7 corrupt mayor in the entire history of the
8 country. I went there, peacefully recorded my
9 interactions with employees of Union City, find
10 out about the beautiful amazing Union City, which
11 I love, I've really grown to love, it's a second
12 home for me, considering moving here, in fact. I
13 know you'd love that. Any place next door to you
14 that I can move? Let me know. Oh, he's got a
15 million dollar house?

16 So I came here December 1st.
17 Immediately upon getting there, one of your
18 workers, Darlene, she calls the police on a
19 peaceful man with a cell phone camera. One
20 Detective George Haber comes up to the lobby of
21 the mayor's office, your lobby, where I'm simply
22 asking questions peacefully. Detective Haber sees
23 what I'm doing, immediately acknowledges my First
24 Amendment protected right to do it, and informs
25 everyone else and educates them, stop calling me,

1 let everyone know he has a right to be here.

2 I celebrated him. That's what a police
3 officer is supposed to do, protect our rights. I
4 was proud of Detective George Haber. I was done
5 with Union City, I was moving on, except I got a
6 phone call, and another phone call, and another
7 phone call saying you retaliated against Detective
8 George Haber for protecting my rights. You kicked
9 him out of the record room to work with this witch
10 over here, Sergeant Michelle Zeron, Facchini, and
11 you put him back on patrol and garbage hours.
12 They said please investigate Mayor Stack, he's
13 corrupt. I said, no, he doesn't look corrupt,
14 he's kind of like an overweight Mr. Rogers. But
15 they kept asking me again and again and again,
16 please investigate. So I did.

17 And then I spoke at the first meeting,
18 almost one year ago to the day, Mayor and Senator
19 and head of judiciary committee Stack. What
20 happened on January 23, 2024, Mayor Stack? You
21 allegedly directed the secretary of the Board of
22 Education Justin Mercado to assault and rob me and
23 steal my phone in broad daylight in front of three
24 security cameras, attempt to punch me, ran up to
25 you, waved the prize that you told him to get, in

1 your face. A person who robs someone, who wasn't
2 told by someone, doesn't rob a man, run over to
3 the Mayor and Senator, head of judiciary
4 committee, and wave the stolen goods in the face.
5 By the way, you're the commissioner of public
6 safety, how ironic is that? And after he waved it
7 in your face, he attempted to punch me twice, and
8 then attempted to destroy my phone while you
9 watched, with a blithering idiotic, catatonic look
10 on your face. Then you allowed him to be taken
11 out of the building before the police can arrest
12 him for the crime against me.

13 But that wasn't all, folks. Then you
14 allegedly colluded with the New Jersey Attorney
15 General, Matthew Platkin. You had the OPIA,
16 Office of Public Integrity and Accountability,
17 whose sole goal to is investigate corrupt public
18 officials. They contacted me, they said
19 strangely, they wanted me to come to a New York
20 state police barracks to be interviewed as the
21 victim of a crime. I went because I wanted them
22 to arrest Justin Mercado for his crimes. When I
23 got to the state police barracks, what do they do?
24 The OPIA, dirty and filthy people, Detective Paul
25 Morris and Chris Chapman, they made the New York

1 state troopers frisk me, they made them take my
2 phones away, which had the evidence of the Justin
3 Mercado attack on it, showing it irrefutably
4 happened. Then they wouldn't let me bring my
5 evidence in. Then, they end the interview after
6 two hours, close the case in three days without
7 reviewing the freaking video. You talk about
8 dirty, you talk about a smoking gun, Mayor Stack,
9 you're going down. You will be indicted very
10 soon.

11 The question I have though, have you
12 thought what color prison outfit would best bring
13 out your eyes for the other prisoners? And what
14 prison would you like to go to?

15 I am Leroy Truth, I represent the
16 people. We're all Leroy Truth. We will not be
17 silenced and your laughing will stop very quickly.

18 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Is that it?

19 MR. AUTERI: Anyone else?

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Has my time started?

21 MR. AUTERI: I'm going put your
22 five minutes on.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Give me a second, let
24 me know when my time starts. Cannot even work the
25 frigging digital clock and you're supposed to

1 be -- you have a law degree? Are you kidding me?

2 MR. AUTERI: You have 5:30, so you're
3 going to end with 30 seconds left. We're going
4 end you at 30.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm here from Edison,
6 New Jersey, to tell Mayor Brian P. Stack that
7 you're a scumbag, okay. He mentioned the name,
8 Leroy Truth, mentioned the name Justin Mercado.
9 Justin is also involved in the Governor McGreevy
10 campaign. And I just want to let the world know
11 this: That scumbag McGreevy used to be governor,
12 until he slept with an Israeli Mossad spy agent
13 and they got so much blackmail, Israelis got so
14 much blackmail on McGreevy, he had to resign. He
15 had to resign. But just because McGreevy is not
16 governor anymore doesn't mean he's still not in
17 power. The McGreevy people, the Woodbridge mafia,
18 we call them the purple gang. The purple mafia,
19 a/k/a the gay mafia.

20 Okay. Now, when Governor McGreevy
21 disgraced himself so bad, he had to step down from
22 governor, they had to look for puppets like Phil
23 Murphy -- but who else put in to running the
24 Middlesex Democratic organization after that
25 mobster Spicuzzo got caught? He put in Kevin

1 McCabe. Who was Kevin McCabe? Kevin McCabe used
2 to drive Governor McGreevy around. He was his
3 personal driver, much like godfathers and mobsters
4 have the personal drivers. Except Kevin McCabe,
5 he didn't get his position as Middlesex County
6 Democratic organization chairman because he earned
7 it, he got it because he walked inside a
8 Woodbridge janitor's closet, bent over, and he
9 took it from behind by Governor McGreevy on my tax
10 dollars. You corrupt bastards make love to each
11 other on my tax dollars.

12 What the hell are you laughing about?
13 You know it's true. You know it's true, Mayor
14 Brian P. Stack. You're a disgrace. The Middlesex
15 County Democratic organization is a disgrace. The
16 republicans and the democrats of New Jersey are
17 all a country club of rapists and sex predators.
18 That's why we have people like this, real
19 journalists, real investigative journalists, real
20 activists. Pretty soon our names are going to be
21 on the battle, pretty soon, Leroy Truth is going
22 to run against you, Mayor Stack. You
23 understand -- actually, we have investors right
24 now to buy a home in Union City, so one year from
25 now, Leroy Truth can be a registered resident in

1 Union City. He can run for office against you
2 because you are a piece of shit. You are a piece
3 of garbage. Everyone that you support are pieces
4 of garbage. What's your connection to the gay
5 mafia and former Governor McGreevy? Why is
6 Governor Murphy pushing pornographic materials to
7 the children? Did you tell Governor McGreevy --
8 did you tell Governor Murphy's wife what I said
9 about her? You remember my thing from the last
10 meeting, you remember I had a message for Governor
11 Murphy's wife. Did you give Tammy my message?
12 You bastards.

13 So I just want to say this: Here in the
14 State of New Jersey, most of the mafia was moved
15 out. At least in Middlesex county, in Middlesex
16 County we don't have the mafia anymore. We have
17 the Middlesex County Democratic organization
18 chairman, we have the Middlesex County Republican
19 organization chairman. And this is the new
20 generation of organized crime. And we're going to
21 file RICO against you. All those RICO laws you
22 used against the mafia, we're going to use them
23 against you, Mayor Brian P. Stack, because you're
24 a shit. You're a piece of fucking shit.

25 Rosenfeld versus New Jersey, I'm allowed

1 to curse. Rosenfeld went to the Board of
2 Education meeting and he said mother fucker
3 several times. And he won the case, that was in
4 Oakhurst, New Jersey. So I'm here right now to
5 use it to my fullest extent. Rosenfeld, Riviera,
6 my time has started, means I'm not interrupting
7 the meeting.

8 So I just want to say, Wendy Grullon,
9 you're a stupid mother fucker. Mayor Brian Stack,
10 you're a stupid mother fucker.

11 MAYOR STACK: Angelo, right to speak is
12 done, that's it.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You are a stupid
14 mother fucker. I am going to --

15 MR. AUTERI: I gave you five and a half.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 35 seconds left, you
17 want to risk it? You want to risk it? You're a
18 mother fucker, too, lawyer.

19 MR. AUTERI: I can't hear you.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're a stupid mother
21 fucker.

22 MR. AUTERI: You're out of time, sir.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And this guy right
24 here is a stupid mother fucker --

25 MR. AUTERI: Sir, you're out of time.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

2 MR. AUTERI: I gave him five and a half.
3 He has had his five minutes.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My time's --

5 MR. AUTERI: The time is up.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. You
7 could call the roll.

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9 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

13 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

15 MS. ROSARIO: All in favor?

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17 (All Board Members indicate in the
18 affirmative.)

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20 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
21 5:35 p.m.)

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