

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

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
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EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
318 18th Street
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Can we rise to salute the
2 flag.

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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 the Union City Board of Commissioners
9 being held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
10 at the Emerson Middle School, 318 18th Street in
11 Union City. This meeting has been called in
12 accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.
13 Adequate notice of this meeting has been forwarded
14 to The Bergen Record, The Star Ledger, has been
15 posted on the bulletin board in City Hall, and has
16 been made available to the public in the office of
17 the Municipal Clerk.

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19 **ROLL CALL:**

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21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Here.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

5 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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7 **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

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9 MS. ROSARIO: The first item on the
10 agenda is the motion to approve meeting minutes
11 for the February 18, 2025, Board of Commissioners
12 meeting. May I have a motion to approve?

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

17 Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

20 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

5 **ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:**

6 **1. MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE**
7 **MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO**
8 **ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**
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10 MS. ROSARIO: We have two ordinances for
11 introduction. Adoption on the first reading
12 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
13 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
14 together with a notice of the time and place when
15 the ordinance will be considered for the final
16 passage. The ordinance will be further considered
17 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
18 held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the Islamic
19 Education Center, 4613 Cottage Place, Union City,
20 at 7:00 p.m.

21 The first item is model ordinance to
22 exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits
23 to establish a cap bank N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

24 May I have a motion to introduce?

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

8 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

12 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

18 **ORDINANCE (S) FOR INTRODUCTION:**

19 **2. AN ORDINANCE TO RE-INTRODUCE THE**
20 **AMENDING OF CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF**
21 **UNION CITY TO REVISE FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUSINESS**
22 **LICENSES.)**

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24 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
25 ordinance to reintroduce the amending of Chapter

1 155 of the code of the City of Union City to
2 revise the fee schedule for business licensing.

3 May I have a motion to reintroduce?

4 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

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

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: Commissioner Martinetti.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

21 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

22 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

23 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
24 Concurring Claims.

25 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

1 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
2 February 15, 2025, Through February 28, 2025.

3 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
4 From February 15, 2025 Through February 28, 2025.

5 (6) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
6 Deemed Exempt For 100 Percent Disabled Veteran.

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

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

11 (9) Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of
12 Grant Funds Awarded to the Union City Police
13 Department For the Fiscal Year 2021 Matthew
14 Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Grant
15 Program, National Incident Based Reporting
16 Systems.

17 (10) Resolution Authorizing Appointment of
18 Conditional Redeveloper For Teamsters
19 Redevelopment Area.

20 (11) Resolution Authorizing Submission of a
21 Strategic Plan For the Union City Municipal
22 Alliance Grant Pursuant to the Governor's Council
23 on Substance Use Disorder Grant Cycle October 2020
24 Through June 2026.

25 (12) Resolution Authorizing Salvage of Various

1 Junk Vehicles.

2 (13) Resolution Authorizing Contract For the City
3 of Union City 2025 Tree Trimming Program At
4 Various Locations.

5 (14) Resolution Authorizing Contract For 2025
6 Sidewalk Repair Program For the City of Union
7 City.

8 (15) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For 12th
9 Street, 10th Street and 3rd Street Improvement
10 Projects For the City of Union City.

11 (16) Resolution Authorizing Contract For the
12 EECBG City Hall Lighting Improvements Project For
13 the City of Union City.

14 (17) Resolution Amending Resolution Number
15 12/17-20 Authorizing Contract For Auditing and
16 Accounting Services For 2025.

17 (18) Resolution Appointing Member to the Union
18 City Library Board of Trustees 2025 Through 2029
19 to Yesha Branzal.

20 (19) Resolution Amending Contract With Matera's
21 Nursery For the Purchase of Flowers and Related
22 Items For 2024.

23 (20) Resolution to Amend Resolution Number
24 12/17-38 Authorizing Contract For Municipal Public
25 Defenders Services For the City of Union City For

1 2025.

2 (21) Resolution to Amend Resolution Number
3 12/17-39 Authorizing Contract For Substitute
4 Public Defender Services For the City of Union
5 City For 2025.

6 (22) Resolution Amending Resolution Number
7 12/17-41 Authorizing Contract For Substitute in
8 Municipal Court Prosecutor Services For 2025.)

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10 MS. ROSARIO: There are 22 items on the
11 consent agenda.

12 One, resolution approving the payment of
13 claims.

14 Two, resolution approving the payment of
15 concurring claims.

16 Three, resolution approving the escrow
17 refunds.

18 Four, resolution approving the city
19 payroll from February 15, 2025, through
20 February 28, 2025.

21 Five, resolution approving the library
22 payroll from February 15, 2025 through
23 February 28, 2025.

24 Six, resolution cancelling taxes on
25 property deemed exempt for 100 percent disabled

1 veteran.

2 Seven, resolution authorizing the refund
3 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

4 Eight, resolution authorizing refund of
5 redemption monies to outside lienholders.

6 Nine, resolution authorizing the
7 acceptance of grant funds awarded to the Union
8 City Police Department for the fiscal year 2021
9 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. hate crimes
10 grant program, national incident based reporting
11 systems.

12 Ten, resolution authorizing appointment
13 of conditional redeveloper for Teamsters
14 redevelopment area.

15 Eleven, resolution authorizing
16 submission of a strategic plan for the Union City
17 municipal alliance grant pursuant to the
18 governor's council on substance use disorder grant
19 cycle October 2020 through June 2026.

20 Twelve, resolution authorizing salvage
21 of various junk vehicles.

22 Thirteen, resolution authorizing
23 contract for the City of Union City 2025 tree
24 trimming program at various locations.

25 Fourteen, resolution authorizing

1 contract for 2025 sidewalk repair program for the
2 City of Union City.

3 Fifteen, resolution to authorize bidding
4 for 12th Street, 10th Street and 3rd Street
5 improvement projects for the City of Union City.

6 Sixteen, resolution authorizing contract
7 for the EECBG City Hall lighting improvements
8 project for the City of Union City.

9 Seventeen, resolution amending
10 resolution number 12/17-20 authorizing contract
11 for auditing and accounting services for 2025.

12 Eighteen, resolution appointing member
13 to the Union City Library Board of Trustees 2025
14 through 2029 to Yesha Branzal.

15 Nineteen, resolution amending contract
16 with Matera's Nursery for the purchase of flowers
17 and related items for 2024.

18 Twenty, resolution to amend resolution
19 number 12/17-38 authorizing contract for municipal
20 public defenders services for the City of Union
21 City for 2025.

22 Twenty-one, resolution to amend
23 resolution number 12/17-39 authorizing contract
24 for substitute public defender services for the
25 City of Union City for 2025.

1 Twenty-two, resolution amending
2 resolution number 12/17-41 authorizing contract
3 for substitute in municipal court prosecutor
4 services for 2025.

5 Mayor, would you like to take public
6 comment on the consent agenda?

7 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
8 comment on the consent agenda? Seeing none, I'll
9 make a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

25 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
5 Valdivia.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

19 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

20 1. Resolution for the payment of claims
21 to the Union City Board of Education.)

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23 MS. ROSARIO: The next item on the
24 agenda is on the regular agenda, one, resolution
25 for the payment of claims to the Union City Board

1 of Education. The Board will adopt the doctrine
2 of necessity and Commissioners Fernandez and
3 Martinetti will recuse.

4 May I have a motion to approve?

5 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Motion.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
7 Commissioner Grullon.

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

9 MS. ROSARIO: 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.

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

20 **ORDINANCE(S) FOR HEARING AND ADOPTION**

21 **CONSIDERATION:**

22 1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION
23 CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING
24 THE SUM OF \$750,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL
25 IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.)

MS. ROSARIO: The next item on the agenda are two ordinances we have for hearing and adoption consideration.

One, an ordinance of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New Jersey, appropriating the sum of \$750,000 in funding from the capital improvement fund for the completion of various capital improvements.

Mayor, would you like to take public comment?

MAYOR STACK: Sure. Any comments on the ordinance? Seeing none, I'll make a motion.

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

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
5 adopt?

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
8 Stack. Second?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

25 **2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 273**

**ENTITLED "PAINT, LEAD-BASED" TO ESTABLISH
LEAD-BASED PAINT INSPECTION FEES.)**

MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an ordinance amending Chapter 273 entitled "paint lead-based" to establish lead-based paint inspection fees.

MAYOR STACK: This is on the lead paint base, any comment? Seeing none, I'll make a motion.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner Grullon. Commissioner Martinetti will recuse from this ordinance.

Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to

1 adopt?

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes, motion.

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

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
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: Mayor Stack.

14 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Now, next item is liquor
16 license hearings. Mr. Gonzalez.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. Agave Restaurant, LLC
T/a Agave Restaurant
4317 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-052-008
2. Four Amigos Restaurant, LLC
T/a Carro Cafe, NJ
518 32nd Street
0910-33-001-012
3. Casa Blanca Event Hall, Inc.
2310-14 Summit Avenue
0910-33-198-003
(Steven Lombardi, Esq.)

1 1. Agave Restaurant, LLC
2 T/a Agave Restaurant
3 4317 Bergenline Avenue
4 0910-33-052-008

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Good evening. For the
6 record --

7 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, you may
8 begin.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Ramon Gonzalez,
10 G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, on behalf of the Union City ABC.

11 This evening, there are three matters
12 that are on the agenda. First one is Agave
13 Restaurant, LLC, located at 4317 Bergenline
14 Avenue.

15 This is a matter that did a little more
16 investigation, there was issues with the employees
17 not having their badges or there was an issue with
18 the badges. The owner is here. Would you please
19 state your name?

20 MR. VARELA: My name is Juan Varela.

21 MR. GONZALEZ: And, Mr. Varela, are you
22 authorized, an owner of Agave Restaurant, LLC?

23 MR. VARELA: Yes.

24 MR. GONZALEZ: And you know that we're
25 here today because you have a violation; is that
correct?

1 MR. VARELA: Yes, correct.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: And we've made a
3 recommendation that it would be a three-day
4 suspension. Usually it would have been no
5 suspension, but we have already given you a
6 warning; is that correct?

7 MR. VARELA: Yes, correct.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Now, the suspension that
9 we originally proposed was five days, but today
10 you brought in to me copies of all the corrective
11 actions that you took to ensure that the people
12 that work there are properly licensed; is that
13 correct?

14 MR. VARELA: Yeah, right.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: And based on that, it
16 would be our recommendation that instead of a
17 five-day suspension, it be a three-day suspension.
18 Have you consented to that?

19 MR. VARELA: Yes.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: You understand if you
21 wanted to go and have a trial, you're more than
22 welcome to do that. If you wanted an opportunity
23 to get a lawyer, I would adjourn this and give you
24 that opportunity?

25 MR. VARELA: No, I'm fine.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: You're good with that?

2 MR. VARELA: Yeah.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: I would recommend, under
4 the circumstances, since he's taking corrective
5 action on it, a three-day suspension, which he's
6 consented to. It would be March 10th, 11th and
7 12th if this Board chooses to accept that
8 recommendation?

9 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Sir, do you agree
10 with that?

11 MR. VARELA: Yes.

12 MAYOR STACK: Do you want an attorney?

13 MR. VARELA: No, no, I'm good.

14 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
15 approve on the recommendation of Mr. Gonzalez.

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

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
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. Have a good evening.

5 MR. VARELA: Thank you.

6 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 2. Four Amigos Restaurant, LLC
2 T/a Carro Cafe, NJ
3 518 32nd Street
4 0910-33-001-012

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have,
6 number 2 is Four Amigos Restaurant, LLC, trading
7 as Carro Cafe. They're located at 518 32nd
8 Street. Unfortunately because of police
9 obligations, Lieutenant Dunlay is not available.
10 And I would like to dispose of this matter and I'd
11 like to place on the record the reason why we
12 would be making a recommendation, but I think it's
13 appropriate that he be here, since it was an
14 investigation that was conducted by him and the
15 police department. I think it's warranted that
16 his voice be heard for the recommendation.

17 So I would respectfully request to carry
18 it for two weeks.

19 MAYOR STACK: That would be adjourned
20 until the next meeting?

21 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes.

22 MAYOR STACK: Motion to adjourn.

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

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner

1 Fernandez.

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.

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1 3. Casa Blanca Event Hall, Inc.
2 2310-14 Summit Avenue
3 0910-33-198-003
4 (Steven Lombardi, Esq.)

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The last matter we have
6 is a person-to-person transfer, Casa Blanca Event
7 Hall, Inc., located at 2310-2314 Summit Avenue.
8 They're represented by Mr. Lombardi, if I could
9 ask him to come up with the proposed new
10 licensees. Could you just place your appearance
11 on the record?

12 MR. LOMBARDI: Good evening,
13 Commissioners, Steven Lombardi, L-O-M-A-R-D-I, for
14 the applicants.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: And the applicants, if
16 you can identify them?

17 MR. LOMBARDI: Payam Farahan and Irene
18 Farahan.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: We've done extensive
20 investigation, this is taking some time. We had
21 all the requirements necessary for the applicant
22 to be approved financially and to establish the
23 requirements that would be needed for a licensee
24 to be accepted. They've complied with all that,
25 provided all the information, it has been reviewed
 by myself, Lieutenant Dunlay and Sergeant Zeron.

1 Their investigation background check came back
2 satisfactory. It is our recommendation, the ABC
3 Department that the person-to-person transfer be
4 allowed. This is an establishment that was
5 already there, existing. I've also spoken to Mr.
6 Lombardi and it's my understanding that since they
7 would be a new licensee, they have agreed that it
8 would be a closing at 1:00, earlier, so that way
9 for the first year, they can establish a track
10 record, if it's approved.

11 I think based on the proofs that they
12 provided to me and the recommendations that the
13 police department had made -- I'm sorry, there is
14 one very important one also. There is a basement
15 that's located there and I had the fire department
16 go to do an inspection. The licensee have agreed,
17 if the license is transferred, that basement will
18 be a licensed area, but only for supplies and
19 inventory, not for public use. And they've agreed
20 to that; is that correct, Mr. Lombardi?

21 MR. LOMBARDI: That's correct.

22 MAYOR STACK: How many people can the
23 establishment hold?

24 MR. GONZALEZ: That, I don't have that,
25 Mayor.

1 MAYOR STACK: Will there be any type of
2 security?

3 MR. FARAHAN: Security? Yes.

4 MR. LOMBARDI: We believe the occupancy
5 is about 460.

6 MAYOR STACK: I'm just concerned with
7 liquor and security and stuff like that. Will
8 detail officers be hired when there's large
9 parties, large events?

10 MR. FARAHAN: 100 percent, we're going
11 to have a lot of security.

12 MAYOR STACK: I would like to make sure,
13 Mr. Gonzalez, that we follow-up on that with
14 security at the establishment, with that large
15 venue, to make sure there's security there. And
16 make sure Union City police is involved in that.

17 MR. LOMBARDI: They would.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: It could be one of the
19 conditions that we can place in the resolution
20 where when they have events, they have proper
21 security.

22 MAYOR STACK: Right.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: I also explained to them
24 they should attend our class that we provide free
25 to all licensees to establish what's required.

1 And, likewise, they're aware of the camera
2 ordinances and the need to cooperate with the
3 police department. So we have made them aware of
4 that.

5 MAYOR STACK: I would just like to make
6 sure it's run the same way. Right now, we don't
7 have any issues there, there's no problems. The
8 police are very seldom called to the
9 establishment. Just to keep things the same way.

10 MR. LOMBARDI: They plan to run it
11 exactly as it was run.

12 MAYOR STACK: Good. I'll make a motion
13 to approve.

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

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
18 Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

21 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: That concludes the ABC
4 hearings.

5 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, Mr.
6 Gonzalez.

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

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3 MAYOR STACK: Any members of the public
4 who would like to comment at this time, please
5 step forward, state your name and address for the
6 record.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello, everybody. How
8 you doing? I don't want to waste my time --

9 MAYOR STACK: Donald, you're keeping the
10 time?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I get started?
12 Can I get everybody's attention, please, it's very
13 important, it's a matter of life and death.

14 Mr. Brian Stack, excuse me, I just want
15 to address something to you. You are in charge
16 here, but I just want to know -- keep it honest,
17 keep it fair, do you have any control -- even
18 though you got control of the Union City and the
19 board and everything and the judiciary and
20 everything. I just want to ask you if it's true
21 or not do you have any control over the control
22 tower? Do you know what the control tower is?
23 The control tower? Can you control any -- yes?
24 No? I'll waste minutes. Can you control the
25 tower? You know what the tower is, right? The

1 control tower is the communication that goes over
2 the air to a 9-1-1 call, right. And that control
3 tower, it really doesn't matter where that control
4 tower call is coming in from because whoever can
5 control that tower and when they get that call,
6 they can pick up that call. And don't you know
7 they can also be calling (unreportable) a traffic
8 police officer.

9 The reason I bring this to your
10 attention, Brian Stack, no offense or something
11 like that, but I'm trying to get to the bottom of
12 this attempted murder they made on me October 25,
13 '23. I've now had -- to be honest with you, I've
14 now had three -- I have the main one that did the
15 attempted murder on me. I have his whole name and
16 now I learned who he is. Based on some
17 information in my personal independent
18 investigation that I did, right. And I just -- I
19 have a paper here, I don't know how -- here you
20 go, Mr. Brian Stack.

21 I went to prosecutor office today and I
22 talked to the internal affairs, he advised me on
23 20 -- 2015, I was a victim of -- in Union City --
24 of aggravated assault, right. Then the police --
25 I had run to the precinct for my safety. And then

1 the police put me in the car and what they did,
2 they parked the car on the side of the street.
3 And I asked them why you park the car, why don't
4 you take me into the precinct so I can tell
5 whoever in charge there what they did to me. They
6 said no, the officer told us to wait here, had me
7 in the car for about 20 minutes. Then I got on
8 the phone and then I called the state police. And
9 they said, well, if somebody assault you, what you
10 doing sitting in the police car, just sitting
11 there? I said I don't know. And this state
12 police said let me speak to the officers that's in
13 the car. They did hand signs, like this, they
14 don't want to talk to the cop.

15 But then what he did, when they got and
16 finally brought me into the precinct there, the
17 officer by the name of Rodriguez, Jay, right, push
18 me to the side, and said, oh, I got to lock you up
19 because they said you harassing them.

20 And the law book that I know, I ask
21 harassment had to be more than one time -- is that
22 right? More than one time to lock somebody up?
23 I'm asking my -- the law -- if law has to be
24 harassment has to be more than one time. You
25 ever --

1 POLICE OFFICER: It doesn't have to --

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It can be one time?

3 (Discussion away from the microphone.)

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This is the -- you see
5 you can't look up though, right? It have to be a
6 fact. It have to be beyond a reasonable doubt,
7 right? When he charged me with that charge, he
8 didn't have a fact -- lock me up on the false
9 arrest. I got arrested on the statement, not a
10 fact. And I know, I know you the mayor here and
11 those officers are under your wing, your control.

12 And I'm just going to say it, I really
13 believe if it be some better control and organize
14 this place a little more -- I can't tell nobody
15 how to run a place of business -- but I know one
16 thing. I could make a statement about that when
17 it come down to my life, I'm not tolerating nobody
18 making attempts on my life. I beg everybody in
19 Union City to -- I even left the state on the last
20 attempt they made and it's still going on, you
21 know what I'm saying? And I can't --

22 MR. SCARINCI: Okay, thank you very
23 much.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My time is up. Thank
25 you for listening. My time is up, I got one --

1 MR. SCARINCI: Thank you.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you look into
3 this, Mr. Brian Stack?

4 MR. SCARINCI: There's other speakers.
5 Let's go to the next speaker.

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next speaker.

7 MR. SCARINCI: Okay. Next speaker? Are
8 you the next speaker?

9 CAPTAIN BERGBAUER: Anybody next?

10 MAYOR STACK: Please begin.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Am I recognized?

12 MR. SCARINCI: You are recognized to
13 speak. State your name and address for the record
14 please.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I can't hear you.

16 MR. SCARINCI: State your name and
17 address for the record, please.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'd like to remain
19 anonymous. I don't need to violate my Fourth
20 Amendment right in order for me to assert my First
21 Amendment right. You don't know if I'm -- you
22 didn't ask me if I'm exempt under Daniel's law, so
23 that's a little bit disgusting. And am I
24 recognized? May I continue? Okay.

25 MR. SCARINCI: The clock is running.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I wanted to speak
2 about the consent agenda, I raised my hand, nobody
3 allowed me to speak because kept on with your
4 meeting. Captain Bergbauer told me you're wasting
5 time, obviously that was the right time. I'm
6 going to be OPRA requesting again to prove it. I
7 asked Captain Bergbauer where I can OPRA request
8 that body camera that's live streaming right now.
9 He told me he was live streaming. Do I OPRA
10 request Union City? Do I OPRA request the
11 prosecutor's office? And he's not telling me. And
12 I'm going to check to see if that's against the
13 Attorney General guidelines because I'm asking if
14 I can OPRA request that body camera, just to make
15 sure that no laws were broken on your end. So I'm
16 just a little disgusted on that.

17 So what's that one individual's name
18 that he said Mayor Stack strangled his father
19 allegedly?

20 So there's a gentleman, Ray Mitchell.
21 I'm here because of Ray Mitchell. Ray Mitchell
22 claims allegedly, Mayor Stack, that you or
23 somebody you hired strangled his father. So me as
24 an investigative journalist, I caught onto the
25 story, I'm here to ask you: Did you strangle Ray

1 Mitchell's father with your bare hands or did you
2 pay somebody to do it? Mayor Stack, I'll ask you
3 again. Did you strangle Ray Mitchell's father
4 with your bare hands or did you pay somebody to do
5 it?

6 Your silence speaks volumes. If
7 somebody accused me of strangling somebody to
8 death, I'd come out and say no, no, no, what are
9 you talking about, are you on drugs. Your silence
10 speaks volumes. You're making no attempt to say,
11 hey, I didn't do it, I did do it.

12 And I'd like to question you strictly on
13 your campaign material. What's this I hear about
14 that you want to eliminate your opposition? Is
15 that why you got all the extra security around?
16 Did somebody in your opposition get upset that
17 you're trying to eliminate them? That they hired
18 somebody and you're afraid that somebody might
19 come after you? Captain Bergbauer, are you going
20 to investigate his campaign material, which says
21 that he wants to quote/unquote eliminate his
22 political opponents, will you investigate that as
23 hard as you're investigating us as we're doing our
24 First Amendment protected activity? No answer, no
25 reply.

1 I'm against this whole consent agenda.
2 Mayor Brian P. Stack, I'm against you. I'm
3 against everything you stand for. Why was Leroy
4 removed from the state house? Why was he removed
5 from the church?

6 Mayor Brian Stack, did you ever have any
7 sexual activity with Governor McGreevy? Because
8 almost everyone that comes across Governor
9 McGreevy has sexual activity with him, apparently,
10 we hear in his own words, in his own memoir, that
11 he was going to gas station rest stops looking for
12 truck drivers to sleep with -- in his own words, I
13 don't have to say allegedly.

14 Mayor Brian Stack, do you drive a truck?
15 Do you drive a truck? Did you and Governor
16 McGreevy ever go inside that truck? I'm asking
17 you a question. Okay, he's just ignoring us.

18 So what other -- oh, he worked with the
19 governor and the state police to remove him from a
20 church, which is his First Amendment protected
21 activity, freedom of religion, he wanted to go and
22 pray, he wanted to keep -- he wanted the demons to
23 stay out of Union City, out of Jersey City. You
24 guys knew this and you were afraid that God's
25 wrath was about to hop on all of you, so you said

1 to your goons in the state police, remove Leroy,
2 make sure that his prayer doesn't get to God
3 Almighty, but it has went to God Almighty, Mayor
4 Brian P. Stack.

5 I'm here, Jesus Christ told me to come
6 here and tell you that all sins can be forgiven,
7 he's forgiven murderers. According to Ray
8 Mitchell, allegedly you're a killer and a
9 murderer. Would you like to reach out and say a
10 prayer to Jesus and ask that he absolve you of
11 your sins? We could be brothers in Christ.

12 MR. SCARINCI: Okay, thank you. Your
13 time is up.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, next speaker.

15 MR. SCARINCI: Thank you very much. And
16 please let the record reflect that the previous
17 speaker who did not give his name or identity is
18 wearing a Vendetta mask, which is intimidating and
19 associated with murder.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Would you like the
21 microphone, we have an extra?

22 MAYOR STACK: Next speaker.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Vinnie
24 South Jersey News. I actually brought a PA system
25 with me because we can't hear you. I have an

1 extra microphone, I asked Bergbauer if we can
2 actually give it to you guys, but they declined.
3 It would actually be really easy if you guys could
4 do that, so we can actually hear you. I spent
5 \$700 just to be able to hear you. But this is
6 what it is.

7 At the New Jersey state house, Brian
8 Stack made a bold claim. He said that we're all
9 controlled and being paid. Brian, can you tell us
10 exactly who's paying us? Because I haven't
11 received a single check. Apparently there's a
12 pile of money waiting for me, I'd love to know
13 where to pick it up. So who should I speak to?
14 Is there anyone I should speak to?

15 Brian, you also mentioned the Hudson
16 County political bosses are controlling us. That
17 is quite a statement. Can you be more specific?
18 Who exactly are you referring to? Names, Brian,
19 give us names.

20 Brian, you claim you've been harassed by
21 Leroy for over a year, yet you refuse to explain
22 how. You also say you've been harassed for
23 15 years, it sounds like you believe that anyone
24 challenging you is harassment. That politics
25 itself is harassment, unless you're the one

1 playing the game. So tell me, Brian, am I
2 harassing you now? Thanks. I yield my time.

3 MR. SCARINCI: Okay, next speaker.

4 MAYOR STACK: Next speaker.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello. Let's start
6 the clock properly, please. Thank you. Now the
7 clock is back to zero. All right.

8 I'm going to ask that none of you speak
9 amongst yourself while I'm speaking, show a little
10 integrity, show a little respect. None of us are
11 speaking over any speakers, so none of you better
12 dare to speak while I'm speaking.

13 Brian. Brian. Brian, you're speaking.
14 Stop speaking while I'm speaking, Mayor Brian
15 Stack. You're out of order. You're out of order,
16 buddy. Hey, look -- mayor clown, you're out of
17 order. Just pretend like you have a shred of
18 dignity. Don't beat -- don't you dare, don't you
19 dare bang the gavel while speaking. What the hell
20 is wrong with you? You're like a little kid.
21 You're like a little kid. You skipped over the
22 consent agenda, none of us can hear. You're
23 mumbling, you refuse to take a microphone, \$700
24 was spent for this PA system and you refuse to use
25 the microphone. Because that's how you treat the

1 public, you don't give a shit.

2 What the hell were you doing in a God
3 damned church at a political rally? Why were you
4 conspiring with the Governor and ex- disgraced
5 Governor Jim McGreevy to have this man removed
6 from your political rally at a church? I mean I
7 know you have a whole slew of all time lows. And
8 what happened at the state house? Don't be
9 speaking, don't be speaking, you clown. Not while
10 talking, I'll bank my gavel again.

11 Why was Leroy Truth removed from the
12 state house? Why did you conspire with the
13 Governor and the state police to have him removed?
14 No answer. Because you can't handle criticism?
15 The almighty tough Mayor Brian Stack, Senator
16 Brian Stack, head of the judiciary committee. You
17 had him removed. Why? Complete disgrace.

18 You skipped right over the consent
19 agenda and the Captain over here says, no, we
20 didn't miss it, we didn't miss it. It's just
21 disappointing. It's as disappointing as you are
22 as an elected official. You're a fraud.

23 And we're getting paid? You said during
24 that meeting -- you said during that hearing that
25 fifteen people come to these meetings daily and

1 they're all getting paid and you're going to prove
2 it. You're going to prove it.

3 Did you kill that man's father? Did you
4 strangle him? Did you wrap your grimy little
5 fingers around his neck and choke him? Because
6 this investigative journalist asked a question and
7 you just ignored it. You just ignored it.

8 And you saying that that anonymous mask
9 represents murder, what a clown you are. Does
10 that mask intimidate you? You represent sexual
11 harassment. You think that mask is intimidating?
12 Why does it scare you? How does it make you feel?
13 Don't be chitchatting, I'll bang my damn gavel
14 again.

15 Why did you conspire with the state
16 police and Governor Murphy to have Leroy Truth
17 removed from the hearing? You can't handle
18 criticism? You're a weak, weak, weak man. You're
19 a weak politician. Just because you have your
20 hands in every single aspect of how you conduct
21 yourself as a public official fraud. You think
22 you have the right to remove him? Because he's
23 criticizes something, he's speaking on a bill that
24 you sponsored. Oh, that bill that you sponsored
25 to make it an indictable offense, an indictable

1 offense for somebody to make memes against a
2 political official? Get the hell out of office,
3 resign, if you can't handle a little criticism.
4 If you think this whole is here for you and your
5 fraud and your criminal friends?

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next speaker.

7 MR. SCARINCI: Thank you very much. Let
8 the record also reflect that the investigative
9 reporter --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't hear you.

11 MR. SCARINCI: -- that he's referring to
12 is the man wearing the mask from V.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You have to speak up.
14 This is a public meeting.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We can't hear you.

16 MAYOR STACK: Next speaker.

17 MR. SCARINCI: Next speaker.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let the record reflect
19 the lawyer is an asshole, please. Thank you.

20 MR. SCARINCI: If there's no other --

21 MAYOR STACK: No other speakers, I make
22 a --

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Edward
24 (inaudible) Lawrence, I'm with citicross.org,
25 we're a 501c3 --

1 MR. SCARINCI: Is there is speaker?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And did you guys bring
3 your own sound system?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Really? Oh, wow,
7 okay, yeah, because I can't hear you guys at all.
8 I don't know why you guys can't have a sound
9 system because I can't hear you. You offered and
10 they wouldn't take the mic? You wouldn't take the
11 mic? Why wouldn't you take the mic? We can't
12 hear you.

13 I'm disabled. You have other people
14 that are disabled that can't hear you. I had to
15 park by Popeye's to come here in my wheelchair and
16 I had navigate all the streets that had the curb
17 cuts blocked by traffic and all the driveways. It
18 was a ridiculous trek to get here. I was late and
19 I'm really disgusted the way the meetings have
20 gone because this is not how a meeting should run.
21 How come you don't run these meetings like you run
22 the state house meetings, according to Roberts
23 Rules? You don't follow Roberts Rules here, but
24 you follow them at the state house. How come you
25 don't follow them here?

1 I'm so glad you guys brought this mic so
2 I don't have to yell because that's ridiculous. I
3 can't yell, I don't feel well. Why are you
4 talking? This is -- where's the gavel? Somebody
5 hit the gavel. Thank you. Thank you.

6 So I fight for disability rights. And I
7 got to tell you Union City is the worst to live in
8 if you're a disabled person. The worst. There's
9 no compassion for disabled veterans now. And my
10 dad was a disabled vet, my dad was in Vietnam, he
11 was in a prison in gavel. And when he came home
12 from gavel, they all shit on him and he had PTSD.
13 And he came home and he shot himself in the head.
14 After he shot himself in the head, he was in a
15 wheelchair, just like your dad was in a
16 wheelchair, my dad was in a wheelchair because he
17 shot himself in the head fighting for you,
18 fighting for you people. He gave it all. All
19 gave some, some gave all. My dad gave it all and
20 he lost it here. He didn't lose it in Vietnam, he
21 lost it here.

22 How come we're not helping our vets in
23 this town? No wheelchair access. You have Urban
24 Enterprise Zones that give tax breaks to people
25 that are not in wheelchairs, to people that are

1 not disabled vets. Why? Why do you not care
2 about our vets in this town? Worried about
3 everything else but the vets.

4 And these meetings are terrible. I
5 can't get over how you guys have the technology to
6 film us, but not to hear us, and not to let us
7 hear you. Absolutely disgusting treatment of the
8 disabled. You guys are part of rolling back the
9 504, is this part of Trump's rolling back 504? Is
10 that what you're doing here? Screw Trudy
11 Heuman -- the human rights in a wheelchair, my
12 hero. Are we screwing over Judy Heuman, the heck
13 with her, right? You getting all this? It's
14 H-E-U-M-A-N. Disability rights are human rights.
15 Disability rights are human rights. Disability
16 rights are human rights.

17 And that's why I'm here. It's
18 absolutely disgusting. I'm here because the First
19 Amendment, too. I couldn't fight for disability
20 rights without the First Amendment. And you guys
21 violate the First Amendment, you violate Roberts
22 Rules. And I don't understand why this meeting is
23 not transparent, like the state house meetings.
24 The state house meeting, totally different from
25 this meeting. You use Roberts Rules there, you

1 don't do that here. Why is that? What is the
2 difference? Am I missing something?

3 You got this guy threatening people with
4 arrest. This is not a good meeting. I can't see
5 you, I can't hear you.

6 They went with songs to the battle.
7 They were young, straight of limb, true of eyes
8 steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end
9 against odds uncounted. They fell with their
10 faces to the foe. They shall grow not old as we
11 that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them,
12 nor the years condemn. At the going down of the
13 sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
14 Thank you.

15 MAYOR STACK: Next speaker.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me, Mr. Brian
17 Stack --

18 MR. SCALZO: My name is Scalzo, my
19 information is @scaplzophoto.com. I have a number
20 of issues I want to speak about -- next meeting, a
21 dozen visuals to get my point across a little bit
22 better. Just want to clear up a few things.
23 Since Leroy and I have been there, we have not
24 used even a tiny bit of physical violence, yet
25 Brian Stack and his people have used it multiple

1 times, starting off with famously, Justin Mercado,
2 who, first meeting, when Leroy asked really
3 softball questions, he asked why Brian Stack got a
4 raise. That's a softball question, could have
5 said, I provide this value, provide that value,
6 and so on, so forth, that's why I deserve the
7 raise. Instead what happened -- I lose track.

8 What happened afterwards, Leroy said to
9 Brian Stack, a very innocent question. I'm going
10 to be investigating you, Mr. Stack. And Brian
11 goes no, no, you're not. That's not what an
12 innocent man says. Leroy spoke to the Weehawken
13 mayor Turner and Sires. The way they met Leroy is
14 with a conversation, a handshake, and a smile.
15 And Leroy asked them, I'm going to be
16 investigating you. You know what they said?
17 Yeah, no problem, feel free. But Brian Stack does
18 not do that, instead Justin Mercado comes around
19 the corner, wrestles Leroy's cell phone from him,
20 stomps on it and then threatens to punch Leroy in
21 the face, which I'll bring visual of that to the
22 next time, we have all year, there's no rush.

23 So I guess my question for the lawyer is
24 if I was to give Brian Stack the Justin Mercado
25 treatment, let's say he gets up from the table and

1 I wrestle Brian Stack's cell phone from him, stomp
2 on it, and then threaten to punch Brian Stack in
3 the face, would that be legal or illegal?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I believe that was
5 directed to the lawyer.

6 MR. SCALZO: Whoever would like to
7 answer, feel free. I'll speak the question again.
8 If I was to -- let's see how I can phrase it. If
9 Justin Mercado was to give Brian Stack the Justin
10 Mercado treatment and stomp on his cell phone and
11 threaten to punch him, would that be legal or
12 illegal? I think it might be illegal. I think --
13 a little tip, I think it might be illegal. Unless
14 it's not illegal in Union City. If that's not
15 illegal in Union City, I guess we can go around
16 and threaten a bunch of people in Union City,
17 which, for the record, I would never do that --

18 Oh, here's another thing I want to say.
19 People with ethics versus people without ethics.
20 In the photo screenshot, Brian Stack is right
21 there seeing Justin Mercado threaten to punch
22 Leroy and stomp his cell phone. Brian Stack does
23 absolutely nothing.

24 So I -- we have standards and ethics.
25 If Leroy or any of these guys stomped on someone's

1 cell phone and threatened to punch, what I would
2 say to them is I'm not working with you anymore,
3 until you apologize and buy them a new cell phone,
4 just as a gesture. But that thought never even
5 entered Brian Stack's mind. Because a lot of
6 these guys have what I call a mobster mentality,
7 you know mobster personality types, which this
8 part of New Jersey, it's not surprising.

9 I like the silence. And here's one,
10 since Donald Scarinci is here. In an article,
11 Donald Scarinci said that Leroy was terrorizing
12 the employees. Here's how you know it's not true.
13 Every time Leroy goes to the mayor's office, the
14 police show up, shake Leroy's hand, give him a pat
15 on the back and leave. That's not how you treat
16 someone that's terrorizing employees.

17 Leroy goes to the mayor's office, I'll
18 bring a visual next time, countless officers
19 shaking Leroy's hand. By the way, the officers
20 speak to Leroy -- about the half the police
21 department supports Leroy -- I'm not going to say
22 who because you know.

23 Finally, as the women, the secretaries
24 are out fending for themselves while Brian Stack
25 is hiding in a locked door in his office.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Next speaker.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Raise your hand if
3 you've ever been accused of sexual harassment
4 anyone? Let the record reflect that nobody raised
5 their hand. Also let the record reflect that
6 Donald Scarinci's law firm is associated with
7 sexual harassment, unlike that mask that you got
8 going on over there.

9 Good evening, Union City residents and
10 all the folks watching at home, wondering how does
11 Brian Stack still have a job here? Well, I'll
12 tell you. Intimidation, corruption, and a
13 political machine so greasy, even a deep fryer
14 would be jealous.

15 But the writing is on the wall, folks,
16 and in case Brian hasn't read it, let me grab a
17 can a spray paint and spell it out. The king of
18 corruption's time is up. Now, I know king of
19 corruption sounds dramatic, but let's be real. If
20 corruption were an Olympic sport, Brian Stack
21 would have a gold medal and \$300,000,000 budget to
22 cover up how he got it and an arrest warrant for
23 the referee.

24 Let's start with education funding.
25 Union City gets over 300 million in state aid.

1 That's more per student than anywhere in New
2 Jersey, yet somehow, the schools are still
3 struggling. The only thing getting an A-plus
4 around here is Stack's ability to funnel money
5 into his political machine. Even Mayor Sacco said
6 it, every New Jersey taxpayer is financing Stack's
7 political machine. When another corrupt mayor
8 calls you corrupt, that's like a drug dealer
9 telling you to cut back.

10 Now, Stack doesn't just take taxpayer
11 money, he takes out anyone who questions him.
12 Leroy Truth asked too many questions at a meeting,
13 arrested. Victorita Salvador spoke about
14 harassment, her case vanished like Stack's ethics.
15 City employees, step out of line, you'll find
16 yourself transferred to a job counting paper clips
17 in a broom closet.

18 Union City city politics is like the
19 mafia, but instead of cement shoes, just you get a
20 demotion and a strongly worded warning. But if
21 you're in Stack's inner circle, life is sweet.
22 His ex-wife, Katia Stack, ran a private daycare,
23 but had a city car, free gas, free insurance, and
24 a city building to operate in, rent free. So
25 private business, public purse, must be nice.

1 Residents at Troy Towers, building
2 filled with his biggest political cronies got a
3 taxpayer funded shuttle service. Meanwhile, the
4 rest of us out here playing will a New Jersey
5 Transit bus ever arrive.

6 And let's not forget Stack's greatest
7 magic trick, turning Union City funds into hush
8 money, thanks to -- federal investigation.

9 Oh, but wait, there's more. Wrongful
10 arrest, ask Brian Medina, a Newark cop, arrested
11 for being friends with the wrong people. That
12 cost Union City \$67,000. Political retaliation?
13 Ask Rick Patel, a ICE agent, harassed for
14 investigating city corruption. Union City paid
15 out \$100,000 for that one.

16 Dirty campaign money, Stack took
17 donations from a woman running a human smuggling
18 ring. Only after it made headlines does he decide
19 to return the money because nothing says I'm
20 innocent like getting caught first.

21 At this point, if you Google Union City
22 corruption, your wi-fi might crash from the
23 overload. But here's the thing about kings. They
24 all think their kingdom will last forever. Well,
25 Brian, bad news, your reign is ending. The

1 teachers see it, police see it, the business
2 owners see it, the writing is on the wall. And
3 when the people see the truth, no king survives.
4 So, Brian, start packing up the throne because
5 even the best con artists, eventually they run out
6 of tricks.

7 Thank you. And before I leave -- oh,
8 wait -- Stack still owes you money. Everyone, he
9 owes everyone money. Peace out --

10 MR. TRUTH: Hello, everyone, I'm Leroy
11 Truth of Leroy Truth Investigations. I'm not
12 going to waste time talking to Stack. Well, I'll
13 talk that way a little bit because, Stack, why did
14 you have me violently, unlawfully removed from the
15 senate judiciary hearing while I was speaking
16 about bill 4142, which redesigns the ballots in
17 the State of New Jersey to favor the corrupt
18 incumbents like you?

19 Did you know that after you had me
20 violently removed while I was speaking during the
21 public speaking time, my public comment time, that
22 New Jersey State Troopers have contacted me. They
23 allege that you preplanned that event, along with
24 allegedly Governor Phil Murphy -- and, Stack, I'm
25 talking to you here. Why do you keep going to

1 like your Only Fans page? I know you love
2 yourself, come on. If you're going to show it,
3 show it to all of us. I'm going to open your Only
4 Fans page now.

5 New Jersey State Troopers came to me
6 because there's many, many men and women and New
7 Jersey State Troopers that have great integrity.
8 They came forward to me because they cannot abide
9 you. Do you know what they allege? They said
10 that this is an entire collusion that you did,
11 preplanned with Governor Phil Murphy and the New
12 Jersey State Police and yourself and allegedly
13 Senator Sarlo, a Democrat as well, in New Jersey
14 State Senate to attempt to silence me. And
15 attempt to injure me for speaking truth and
16 exposing your corruption.

17 We, the people, indict you Senator
18 Stack. I first stepped in Union City City Hall, I
19 didn't know you from Adam, on December 1, 2023.
20 Good guy activism, make sure you subscribe. He
21 invited me there, turned out he had a tip, I
22 didn't know that at the time, but he had a tip
23 that there was a major corrupt and senator there.
24 And I thought it was just a simple First Amendment
25 audit.

1 However, Detective George Haber, he
2 happened to be the person who came on scene and
3 protected my rights and guess what happened? You
4 and Chief Facchini retaliated against him, took
5 him from detective, busted him back to patrol.
6 You weren't able to change the detective name
7 because of some new rules, but guess what I found?
8 Back around June 2, 2006, in The Jersey Journal,
9 jury awards ex-cop \$270,000 in politics suit.
10 Blast from the past.

11 This may jog your memory, Mayor, and
12 soon to be felon Stack. A superior court jury has
13 awarded \$270,000 to a former police detective who
14 filed a civil suit alleging that he was busted
15 down to a patrolman because he supported a
16 political opponent of Mayor Brian Stack. The
17 verdict in favor of Raymond Lopez, who I heard is
18 a very good man, was returned Wednesday afternoon
19 for \$270,000 after just three hours of
20 deliberations because they knew how dirty you were
21 and how dirty you are right now. Twenty years
22 later, you're even worse. But here's the thing.
23 You think you're going to get away with this. The
24 walls are closing in on you, Stack. They're
25 coming for you from all angles. And no one is out

1 to get you, I want to make that super clear.

2 Number two, I don't care about you.

3 Personally, I go home, I put my head on my
4 beautiful Tempur-Pedic pillow in Connecticut and
5 dream about fun things. You, on the other hand,
6 live and breathe Leroy, I heard you have some
7 weird fantasies, but that's for other meeting,
8 unless you want to share them now? That's pay for
9 play.

10 Now, everything I've done for the City,
11 I've done the right way. And I serve the
12 community well as officer and as a commissioner --
13 this is Ray Lopez speaking. The jury has spoken
14 and they spoke for a reason and with a purpose.
15 They're protecting the citizens against acts of
16 discrimination and against mayors and senators
17 like Brian Stack.

18 So, Brian Stack, we have indicted you,
19 we have investigated you. And how do we the
20 people find you? Guilty or not guilty? Guilty.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Guilty.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Guilty.

23 MR. TRUTH: And your laugh is going to
24 turn upside down to a frown when the handcuffs are
25 put on you, Stack.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Have you a
2 good night.

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4 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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6 MS. ROSARIO: Can I have a motion to
7 adjourn?

8 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
13 All in favor?

14 (All Board Members indicate in the
15 affirmative.)

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17 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
18 7:56 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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