

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

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

Tuesday, March 18, 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 please stand and
2 pledge 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, March 18, 2025, at
10 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt School, 4507 Hudson
11 Avenue, Union City. This meeting has been called
12 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
13 Adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to
14 The Bergen Record and 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: Yes.

6

7 **PROCLAMATION:**

8 This is an official proclamation of the
9 City of Union City to recognize May as frontline
10 worker appreciation month.

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12 MS. ROSARIO: The first item is a
13 proclamation. There is an official proclamation
14 of the City of Union City to recognize May as
15 frontline worker appreciation month.

16 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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

20 **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - approval of the**
21 **meeting minutes for the March 4, 2025 Board of**
22 **Commissioners meeting.)**

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24 MS. ROSARIO: The next item is a motion
25 to approve meeting minutes for the March 4, 2025,

1 Board of Commissioners meeting.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
4 Commissioner Martinetti.

5 MAYOR STACK: Second.

6 MS. ROSARIO: 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.

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

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

21 **1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION**
22 **CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING**
23 **THE SUM OF \$100,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL**
24 **IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS**
25 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.)**

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2 MS. ROSARIO: There are two ordinances
3 for introduction. Adoption on first reading
4 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
5 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
6 together with a notice of the time and place when
7 the ordinance will be considered for the final
8 passage. The ordinance will be further considered
9 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
10 held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Robert
11 Waters School at 2800 Summit Avenue, in Union
12 City, at 7:00 p.m.

13 The first ordinance is an ordinance of
14 the City of Union City, County of Hudson, New
15 Jersey, appropriating the sum of \$100,000 in
16 funding from the capital improvement fund for the
17 completion of various capital improvements.

18 May I have a motion to introduce?

19 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Valdivia.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

3 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

9 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

14 **2. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-4 TO**
15 **DELETE CHAPTER 301-19 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF**
16 **UNION CITY.)**

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18 MS. ROSARIO: Second ordinance is an
19 ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2018-4 to
20 delete Chapter 301-19 of the code of the City of
21 Union City.

22 May I have a motion to introduce?

23 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner

3 Fernandez.

4 Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

7 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

14

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

17 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

18 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims.

19 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
20 Concurring Claims.

21 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds.

22 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll From
23 February 29, 2025, Through March 14, 2025.

24 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
25 From February 29, 2025, Through March 14, 2025.

1 (6) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
2 Deemed 100 Percent Disabled Veteran.

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

5 (8) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
6 Monies to Outside Lienholders.

7 (9) Resolution Cancelling Abatement.

8 (10) Resolution Amending Contract With Matera's
9 Nursery of the Purchase of Flowers and Related
10 Items For 2024.

11 (11) Resolution of City of Union City Approving
12 of Proposed Amendments to the ACR Health Insurance
13 Fund's Bylaws.

14 (12) Resolution Awarding Contract For Balanikas
15 Painting For the 2025 Park Maintenance - Masonry
16 Painting Project.

17 (13) Resolution Awarding Contract to Balanikas
18 Painting For 2025 Park Maintenance - Miscellaneous
19 Painting Project.

20 (14) Resolution Awarding Contract of Balanikas
21 Painting For Park Maintenance - Fence Painting
22 Project.

23 (15) Resolution Awarding Contract to Atlantic
24 Infrared, Inc., For 2025 Park Maintenance -
25 Masonry Repairs Project.

1 (16) Resolution Awarding Contract to Atlantic
2 Infrared, Inc., For 2025 Park Maintenance -
3 Concrete Repairs Project.

4 (17) Resolution Authorizing Contract With Bill's
5 Landscaping and Design, Inc., For 2025 Park
6 Maintenance Repairs - Capstone Veneer Repairs.

7 (18) Resolution Awarding Contract to Vali
8 Construction, LLC, For 2025 Park Maintenance -
9 Paving Stone Repairs.

10 (19) Resolution Awarding Contract For 2025
11 Landscaping Maintenance Program (a) For the City
12 of Union City.

13 (20) Resolution Awarding Contract For 2025
14 Landscape Maintenance Program (B) For the City of
15 Union City.

16 (21) Resolution Awarding Contract For the City of
17 Union City 2025 Safety Surface Repairs Project.

18 (22) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
19 For the NJDOT FY2025 - 45th Street, Harrison
20 Place, Cottage Place Improvements.

21 (23) Resolution Authorizing the Bids For the 2025
22 Road Resurfacing Program.

23 (24) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
24 For the NJDOT LTPF FY2024 - Hudson Avenue
25 Improvement (Section II).

1 (25) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
2 For the NJDOT LTPF FY2024 - School Streetscape
3 Improvements 36th and 37th Streets.

4 (26) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
5 For the City Hall Boiler Improvements Project
6 2025.

7 (27) Resolution to Authorize Contract For the
8 Lease Purchase of Two 2026 Ford E350 Ambulances
9 Through the Houston Galveston Area Council
10 Cooperative.

11 (28) Resolution Amending Resolution #2/18-10 to
12 Authorize the Purchase of Two Wheeled Coach Type
13 Iii Ford E350 Ambulance Vehicles For the City of
14 Union City.

15 (29) Resolution Awarding Contract For the City of
16 Union City 2025 Tree Planting Program.

17 (30) Resolution Awarding Contract to Windsor
18 Mechanical LLC For Plumbing Repair Services For
19 2025.

20 (31) Resolution Authorizing Contract For Medical
21 Director Services For 2025.

22 (32) Resolution Amending Contract For Printing
23 Services For the City of Union City For 2024-2026.

24 (33) Resolution Awarding Contract For Substitute
25 Public Defender Services For 2025.

1 (34) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For Solid
2 Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and
3 Disposal Services For 2025.

4 (35) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For Printing
5 Services For Flyers and Bulletins For 2025.

6 (36) Resolution Approving Lease Agreement For the
7 Bruce D. Walter Recreation Center With the Union
8 City Board of Education 2025-2029.

9 (37) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
10 the City of Union City Approving the 2024-2025
11 Renewal of Liquor License Number 0910-33-038-006
12 Issued to Roberto Bonilla (Pocket License).

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14 MS. ROSARIO: There are 37 items on the
15 consent agenda.

16 One, resolution approving the payment of
17 claims.

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

20 Three, resolution approving the escrow
21 refunds.

22 Four, resolution approving the City
23 payroll from February 29, 2025, through March 14,
24 2025.

25 Five, resolution approving the library

1 payroll from February 29, 2025, through March 14,
2 2025.

3 Six, resolution cancelling taxes on
4 property deemed 100 percent disabled veteran.

5 Seven, resolution authorizing the refund
6 of premium monies collected at the tax sale.

7 Eight, resolution authorizing refund of
8 redemption monies to outside lienholders.

9 Nine, resolution cancelling abatement.

10 Ten, resolution amending contract with
11 Matera's Nursery of the purchase of flowers and
12 related items for 2024.

13 Eleven, resolution of City of Union City
14 approving of proposed amendments to the ACR health
15 insurance fund's bylaws.

16 Twelve, resolution awarding contract for
17 Balanikas Painting for the 2025 park maintenance -
18 masonry painting project.

19 Thirteen, resolution awarding contract
20 to Balanikas Painting for 2025 park maintenance -
21 miscellaneous painting project.

22 Fourteen, resolution awarding contract
23 of Balanikas Painting for park maintenance - fence
24 painting project.

25 Fifteen, resolution awarding contract to

1 Atlantic Infrared, Inc., for 2025 park maintenance
2 - masonry repairs project.

3 Sixteen, resolution awarding contract to
4 Atlantic Infrared, Inc., for 2025 park maintenance
5 - concrete repairs project.

6 Seventeen, resolution authorizing
7 contract with Bill's Landscaping and Design, Inc.,
8 for 2025 park maintenance repairs - capstone
9 veneer repairs.

10 Eighteen, resolution awarding contract
11 to Vali Construction, LLC, for 2025 park
12 maintenance - paving stone repairs.

13 Nineteen, resolution awarding contract
14 for 2025 landscaping maintenance program (A) for
15 the City of Union City.

16 Twenty, resolution awarding contract for
17 2025 landscape maintenance program (B) for the
18 City of Union City.

19 Twenty-one, resolution awarding contract
20 for the City of Union City 2025 safety surface
21 repairs project.

22 Twenty-two, resolution authorizing the
23 receipt of bids for the NJDOT FY2025 - 45th
24 Street, Harrison Place, Cottage Place
25 improvements.

1 Twenty-three, resolution authorizing the
2 bids for the 2025 road resurfacing program.

3 Twenty-four, resolution authorizing the
4 receipt of bids for the NJDOT LTPF FY2024 - Hudson
5 Avenue improvement (section II).

6 Twenty-five, resolution authorizing the
7 receipt of bids for the NJDOT LTPF FY2024 - school
8 streetscape improvements 36th and 37th Streets.

9 Twenty-six, resolution authorizing the
10 receipt of bids for the City Hall boiler
11 improvements project 2025.

12 Twenty-seven, resolution to authorize
13 contract for the lease purchase of two 2026 Ford
14 E350 ambulances through the Houston Galveston Area
15 Council Cooperative.

16 Twenty-eight, resolution amending
17 Resolution #2/18-10 to authorize the purchase of
18 two wheeled coach type III Ford E350 ambulance
19 vehicles for the City of Union City.

20 Twenty-nine, resolution awarding
21 contract for the City of Union City 2025 tree
22 planting program.

23 Thirty, resolution awarding contract to
24 Windsor Mechanical LLC for plumbing repair
25 services for 2025.

1 Thirty-one, resolution authorizing
2 contract for medical director services for 2025.

3 Thirty-two, resolution amending contract
4 for printing services for the City of Union City
5 for 2024-2026.

6 Thirty-three, resolution awarding
7 contract for substitute public defender services
8 for 2025.

9 Thirty-four, resolution to authorize
10 bidding for solid waste and recyclable materials
11 collection and disposal services for 2025.

12 Thirty-five, resolution to authorize
13 bidding for printing services for flyers and
14 bulletins for 2025.

15 Thirty-six, resolution approving lease
16 agreement for the Bruce D. Walter Recreation
17 Center with the Union City Board of Education
18 2025-2029.

19 Thirty-seven, resolution of the Board of
20 Commissioners of the City of Union City approving
21 the 2024-2025 renewal of Liquor License Number
22 0910-33-038-006 issued to Roberto Bonilla (pocket
23 license).

24
25 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment

1 on the consent agenda? Seeing none, I make a
2 motion.

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

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

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.

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

20 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
22 Stack.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
25 Valdivia.

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Abstain from
3 number 36; otherwise, yes.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Okay. Commissioner
5 Grullon.

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Going back to
14 number 36, I suggest that Commissioner Martinetti
15 recuses from that item. And the other three
16 commissioners --

17 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: So Commissioner Martinetti
19 and Commissioner Fernandez recuse for 36.

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

23 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

24 1. Resolution approving payment of HCIA
25 claims - dart charges.)

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MS. ROSARIO: So the three items on the regular agenda, one and two, Commissioner Martinetti will recuse.

Number one is resolution approving the payment of Hudson County Improvement Authority claims - dart charges.

May I have a motion to approve?

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner Valdivia.

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.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Resolution approving payment of HCIA claims - note sale debt payment.)

MS. ROSARIO: Number two, resolution approving payment of Hudson County Improvement Authority claims note sale debt payment.

May I have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

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

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Fernandez. 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.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Resolution approving the 2024

MS. ROSARIO: The third item is

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor

MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner

Commissioner Fernandez.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

(Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

1 action on the following item:

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

3 **CONSIDERATION:**

4 1. MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE
5 MUNICIPAL BUDGE APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
6 ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

7
8 MS. ROSARIO: There are two ordinances
9 for hearing and adoption consideration. The first
10 ordinance is model ordinance to exceed the
11 municipal budget appropriation limits and to
12 establish a cap bank, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14.

13 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
14 take public comment on this ordinance?

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Anyone wishing to
16 comment on the ordinance, please step forward,
17 state your name and address for the record.
18 Seeing none.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion to
20 close.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
22 Commissioner Martinetti. Second?

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Gullon.
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
11 adopt?
12 MAYOR STACK: Motion.
13 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
14 Stack.
15 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.
16 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
17 Gullon.
18 Commissioner Fernandez.
19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Gullon.
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.

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

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

7 **CONSIDERATION:**

8 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF
9 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE THE
10 FEE SCHEDULE FOR BUSINESS LICENSES.)

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12 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
13 ordinance amending Chapter 155 of the code of City
14 of Union City to revise the fee schedule for
15 business licenses.

16 May I have a motion --

17 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
22 Martinetti.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

1 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
6 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
7 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
8 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
9 adopt?
10 MAYOR STACK: Motion.
11 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
12 Stack.
13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.
14 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
15 Valdivia.
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: Now, we have liquor
2 licenses. Mr. Gonzalez.

1 **LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:**

2 **1. Four Amigos Restaurant, LLC**
3 **T/a Carro Cafe NJ**
4 **518 32nd Street**
5 **0910-33-001-012**

6 MR. GONZALEZ: Good evening. For the
7 record, Ramon Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, as Union
8 City ABC prosecutor. Present today, I have
9 Lieutenant Dunlay and Sergeant Zeron.

10 We have the first matter, which is Four
11 Amigos Restaurant, trading as Carro Cafe. We're
12 there on this particular matter for an
13 incident that -- I'm sorry. Please place your
14 name on the record.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Robert Hernandez.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: What's your position?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Manager.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: We're here because on
19 11/24, we started an investigation from an
20 incident that stemmed from a brawl and act of
21 violence. It was pretty complex, but we were able
22 to see all -- in the video, everything that
23 occurred actually. It's going to be our
24 recommendation that this matter be dismissed, but
25 I'd like to place on the record the reason why I
 think it should be dismissed.

1 Our investigation revealed that the
2 incident that happened were between two girls.
3 They were present and apparently it was a
4 boyfriend-girlfriend and the old girlfriend was
5 there. Alcohol was not actually involved and what
6 happened was when one young lady went to the
7 ladies' room, the other one followed her in and
8 there was a brawl that occurred inside.
9 Obviously, the security guard could not go in
10 there. But when it was stopped, they ejected both
11 parties out, they actually did what they should
12 have done. They thereafter also contacted police
13 to report the incident, which is what we've been
14 telling everybody they should do. It's the right
15 thing to do and they did it.

16 The reason I think this should be
17 dismissed is it's not actually alcohol related,
18 this is an incident that's not controllable by
19 anyone in the establishment was. The reason I'd
20 like to place it on the record is because this
21 gentleman, the owners of Carro Cafe or the manager
22 and the security did exactly what they were
23 supposed to do.

24 So we investigate all the charges and
25 once they're reviewed, we make recommendation.

1 And the recommendation on this, based on the
2 cooperation, their conduct and the procedures that
3 they followed, it was proper. I think this matter
4 should be dismissed because it's not alcohol
5 related.

6 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, if we could
7 hear from the Lieutenant to make sure that the
8 Lieutenant and the police department --

9 MR. GONZALEZ: Well, actually, yes, I
10 was going to do this the last time, but I wanted
11 Lieutenant Dunlay to be here because he was part
12 of the investigation. He provided the videos and
13 reviewed them and we've gone through it.

14 MAYOR STACK: Lieutenant, you had heard
15 what Mr. Gonzalez represented, I'm just making
16 sure the police department has no issues with it?

17 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: We have no issue
18 with it, sir. Actually, it's -- Mr. Gonzalez
19 couldn't have explained it any better. It's one
20 of these incidents that occurred spontaneous
21 without any provocation or anything. And it's
22 something that the establishment should have been
23 liable for. They actually did everything as the
24 rule book explains correctly. They called the
25 police, they secured the -- they didn't just

1 throw the entire incident out to the street, they
2 separated the parties and waited for the police to
3 arrive. When the police arrived, they got
4 everyone's information and they provided, without
5 any hesitation, video surveillance footage and all
6 the information we wanted for regular inspections.

7 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Lieutenant.
8 Upon the representation of Mr. Gonzalez and
9 Lieutenant Dunlay, I'll move it.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
13 Martinetti.

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: That concludes the ABC
25 hearings.

1 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much, Mr.
2 Gonzalez.

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

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6 MAYOR STACK: At this time, if there's
7 any member of the public with any comment? Anyone
8 wishing to comment at this time? Please step to
9 the podium.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are we on public
11 speaking time?

12 MAYOR STACK: It's the public comment
13 period.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Am I recognized?

15 MR. SCARINCI: Time is running.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you. So the
17 reason why I'm here, Mayor Brian Stack, is simply
18 because my friend Vinny received charges through
19 the mail from what we believe to be one of your
20 security guards. And it will be the second time
21 your security guards that you hire went virally
22 nationally across America. The one woman here
23 today tried to go hands-on with Leroy Truth, by
24 violating our First Amendment, tried to wand me
25 and I gave no consent. Obviously, the security

1 guard is used to having without its way with
2 members of the public without their consent. That
3 alone should be investigated. But the security
4 guard here today went viral nationally for tagging
5 trash from Naughty by Nature and another security
6 guard filed charges on my friend Vinny right over
7 there, frivolous charges. And after my friend
8 Vinny beats the case, we're going to file a tort
9 claim on Union City for filing these frivolous
10 charges against critics of the government.

11 The security guard was -- that filed
12 charges on Vinny was, quite frankly, an asshole.
13 He was talking about my sister, he was talking
14 about my mother. There were times I caught him on
15 camera doing so, but there were times when he
16 would say things to educate us and try to use
17 fighting words. He even threatened my friend
18 Vinny over there. If you watch the video, he got
19 right into his face in a threatening altercation.
20 Why wasn't he charged by Union City police
21 officers? I'm sure they saw the video, Detective,
22 you saw the video, why hasn't the security guard
23 been charged, just walks right up to members of
24 the public and threatens them aggressively?
25 Absolutely disgusting.

1 Brian Stack, look at me when I'm talking
2 to you. The guy can't even look at us when we're
3 talking to him. Brian Stack, I'm trying to have a
4 conversation with you and you're just writing
5 bullshit down on a notepad. They're all --

6 (Unreportable conversation in the
7 audience.)

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right. So I come
9 here to have a conversation with you, Mayor Brian
10 Stack. You don't want to have a conversation with
11 us, you don't even have the courtesy to say it's
12 public comment, please make your statements, you
13 can't even do that. You're just sitting down
14 pretending like you're writing some bullshit or
15 reading some bullshit. He's doing that to
16 aggravate us. You've been going after Leroy
17 Truth, your security guards are scum bags, you're
18 a scum bag. You can't even look at me when I'm
19 talking to you, you're not a man. Men look at
20 each other when we have a conversation. Would you
21 like, after this meeting, that we have go out for
22 a cup of coffee and have a conversation? You owe
23 us that much since we come to this public meeting
24 at the appropriate time, place, and manner, to
25 meet the members of the government and look, he's

1 just looking at his papers like an asshole.

2 You're an asshole.

3 Your law firm's a bunch of assholes,
4 Scarinci Hollenbeck. Is that Donald Scarinci
5 sitting right there? So your best friend, Bob
6 Menendez got caught with gold bars at his home.
7 Do you have any gold bars at your home? It's a
8 great question, we're going to be sending the FBI,
9 I'm going to be contacting Donald Trump. Donald
10 Trump is going to be up your ass the same way I
11 heard Donald Trump has been sending ICE agents
12 here to Union City. We're also going to send Elon
13 Musk's DOGE to come down on you, Mayor Brian P.
14 Stack, because you're a piece of shit. You're
15 corrupt, you've been stealing money from the State
16 of New Jersey for quite a long time now.

17 And would you like to look at me my last
18 20 seconds? You scum bag, would you like to look
19 at me, 16 seconds left to look at me. Just a
20 piece of shit. Yeah. And go fuck yourself,
21 Scarinci.

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So I'm Full Court
24 Press, YouTube channel Full Court Press and I'm
25 here to address you directly. Please don't look

1 at me.

2 MR. SCARINCI: Please state your name
3 for the record.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Full Court Press, like
5 basketball.

6 MR. SCARINCI: That's your name?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's my moniker.

8 MR. SCARINCI: That's what?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's my moniker.
10 I'm happy to give up my Fourth Amendment right to
11 exercise my First.

12 MR. SCARINCI: Your Fifth --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Am I recognized?

14 MR. SCARINCI: You mean your Fifth
15 Amendment right?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, my Fifth Amendment
17 right is the right to remain silent. Can you
18 start my time, I'm ready.

19 MR. SCARINCI: You started.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm going to start
21 speaking, you're asking questions. So I'd like my
22 time --

23 MR. SCARINCI: Continue. And you're
24 speaking without stating your name or your address
25 for purposes of the record.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So what?

2 MR. SCARINCI: Okay, go ahead.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: He was right about
4 you, but I'm -- I don't have the flare that he
5 has. All right. So I'll try to do this fast.

6 Brian, let's drop the pretense. You
7 like to stand in front of people and paint
8 yourself as the underdog, a fearless fighter
9 against political machine bosses that want to take
10 you down. You claim that powerful forces are
11 working against you and that you're the victim of
12 some grand conspiracy. But let's set the record
13 straight. The only political boss in this state
14 is you. You're the machine. You're the only
15 machine in New Jersey politics. You're not
16 fighting corruption, you are the corruption.

17 For years, you've controlled Union City
18 like a personal kingdom, consolidating your power
19 make old school political bosses jealous. You run
20 elections where opposition is either crushed
21 before it can take hold or scared into silence.
22 You turn city resources into your own campaign
23 using taxpayer funded jobs and programs to buy
24 loyalty. And you just control people with favors,
25 you control with fear because you're a wolf in

1 sheep's clothing. You wrap yourself (unclear) as
2 a public servant, but beneath that disguise
3 (unclear), you're nothing more than a predator
4 feeding off the people who (unclear). You corner
5 them -- you come to them with a smile, offering
6 help, offering kindness, (unclear) poison. You
7 hand out food, gifts, and favors with one hand
8 while you (unclear) who refuses to kneel before
9 you.

10 Let's talk about how you buy the media.
11 Let's talk about how you pay local media outlets
12 to attack your opponents. Let's talk about how
13 Hudson Post has become nothing more than your
14 personal propaganda machine publishing hit pieces
15 on your political opponents and anyone who dares
16 to challenge you. Let's not forget Union City
17 First, which you use for personal attacks to smear
18 reputations and to flood the public with lies.
19 All of it funded by you, all of it designed to
20 destroy the (unclear) of those who speak out.

21 This is a spear campaign bought and paid
22 for by the most powerful man in New Jersey. You
23 claim to be harassed, where's the proof? But I
24 can show you proof, real proof of the crimes
25 committed against Leroy and all of us. From day

1 one, we've been the ones under attack. From day
2 one, your people have been the aggressors. From
3 day one, you've allowed and not only allowed,
4 demanded your loyalists (unclear) while you
5 pretend to have clean hands. (Unclear)
6 manipulated the very people you claim to serve.
7 When the cameras are on, you're benevolent
8 (unclear), the man who hands out turkeys at
9 thanksgiving and hands out school supplies to
10 children. Behind closed doors, when no one is
11 watching, you rule with an iron fist. You punish
12 those who dare to challenge you. You send your
13 political operatives to intimidate anyone who
14 speaks against you and if they don't fall in line,
15 you make sure they regret it.

16 Even now, look around, you have all
17 these cameras rolling. You have a police captain
18 sitting right here. You have whatever high
19 powered law firms, you secretly (unclear) from the
20 shadows trying to find some legal loophole, some
21 excuse to punish us for speaking out against you,
22 for exposing the truth you so desperately want to
23 keep (unclear).

24 What does that say about you? Doesn't
25 that tell the real story, that we're not breaking

1 any laws. For over a year now, we've been sitting
2 right here, calling out (unclear) your corruption,
3 and despite all our efforts, you haven't been able
4 to make a single charge stick because we're not
5 doing anything illegal. We're exercising our
6 rights and that's what really threatens you, isn't
7 it? Not some imaginary political machine, not
8 some fabricated (unclear) but American freedom
9 itself, you hate it, you despise it. Because
10 freedom exposes you. It pulls back the curtain
11 and forces people to see the real Brian Stack, the
12 one who rules with fear, intimidation, and
13 backroom deals.

14 And so instead of answering the
15 (unclear) for your corruption, instead of standing
16 up like a real leader, you do everything in your
17 power to silence us, to shut us up, to send us
18 away. So you can continue running the City like
19 your own personal dictatorship.

20 As for those of you sitting around,
21 you're enabling him, everyone single one of you,
22 you sit here silent and complicit, and not even
23 (unclear) like the dictatorship. And that
24 includes you, Captain, your his enforcer. Every
25 time you threaten us with a summons for simply

1 speaking, every time you try to control where we
2 stand, how we talk, what volume our voices
3 (unclear), you're enforcing his pettiness. You're
4 carrying out his retaliation, (unclear) to protect
5 him (unclear) his corruption.

6 MR. SCARINCI: Okay, thank you very
7 much. Next. Is there anybody else?

8 Please state your name and address.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not going to state
10 my name for the record.

11 MR. SCARINCI: So you're the third
12 anonymous speaker --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: At the last meeting --

14 MR. SCARINCI: Do you have an address?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- I was here --

16 MR. SCARINCI: Do you have an address?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are you interrupting
18 me?

19 MR. SCARINCI: I'm trying to --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not required to --

21 MR. SCARINCI: An address?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: For the (unclear)

23 MR. SCARINCI: An address?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

25 MR. SCARINCI: So you're anonymous,

1 you're speaking anonymously.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Whatever you say I am.
3 At the last meeting, as I was leaving, there was a
4 security guard that was, I would say, being rude
5 to a member of the public. I asked him for his
6 name and he said his name was daddy. I said to
7 him, is that what your wife calls you at night,
8 it's kind of funny. He got in my face and inches
9 away and I felt threatened, intimidated. And I
10 just think it's like maybe another tactic to
11 silence participation at these meetings, you know,
12 try and intimidate people.

13 So now I'm being charged with
14 harassment. I actually didn't find out through
15 the Union City Police Department or anything like
16 that, I was contacted via text message by a lawyer
17 saying I'm being charged with harassment, while I
18 did nothing. There was a police officer present,
19 I really don't know why I had to call it to his
20 attention when he was right there in the room.

21 I feel like next meeting, I need to
22 bring my own security, which means all of us
23 probably have enough money to have our own
24 security guards with us, that might be beneficial
25 because you guys have security guards and police

1 officers. And every time we come to these
2 meetings, it's either an officer or a security
3 guard that actually is breaking the law. We're
4 not going to stop coming here, we're really not.

5 You're going to ask for my name and
6 address every single time, guess what? You're not
7 fucking getting it. Whatever you put on your
8 piece of paper, whether it's anonymous or
9 whatever, I don't give a fuck what you put on that
10 piece of paper, all right. I'm allowed to be
11 anonymous or whatever or not saying anything.

12 It was very rude of you to talk over
13 Full Court Press. You guys spent a minute going
14 back and forth, that wasn't his time, that was
15 your conversation. I'm glad you're actually
16 giving me the courtesy and looking at me while I'm
17 talking to you. While mayor Brian Stack just sits
18 there and shuffles through his paperwork.

19 The way these meetings are run are
20 really unacceptable. You have a PA system
21 actually behind you, it's the PVA system and you
22 can't even use it. I bring my own so you guys can
23 hear me, to make sure you hear me. I bet it's
24 loud and clear up there, isn't it? Loud and
25 clear. That's what we want, to be heard. Because

1 we are the people. And it's so crazy that there's
2 this big dictatorship, you know. Brian Stack
3 can't be voted out, why is that? He's buying his
4 place. Isn't that crazy? Isn't that crazy?

5 He knows Phil Murphy, I guess they're
6 buddies, he knows McGreevy. I guess it's all
7 about who you know. It's the same on my job, too,
8 it's all about who you know. You know, so are we
9 going let security run the meetings? Tell people
10 where they can be and where they can't be? We're
11 going to have the cops do that, too? We have to
12 give up our Fourth Amendment right to express our
13 First Amendment right in these meetings? Is that
14 what we have to do? Thanks for your time.

15 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

16 MR. TRUTH: Hello, everyone. Hello,
17 corrupt Mayor Stack.

18 MR. SCARINCI: Please state your name
19 for the record.

20 MR. TRUTH: And dirty, dirty Donald
21 Scarinci, the alleged corrupt lawyer.

22 MR. SCARINCI: Please state your name
23 for the record.

24 MR. TRUTH: I'll just say this for my
25 audience, Leroy Truth of Leroy Truth

1 Investigations. That wasn't for you, Donald.

2 Now, Mayor Stack, why did you pay the
3 Hud Post, James De Los Santos \$5,000? That's just
4 one piece that we know. You know the answer to
5 that. Now, this is extremely serious, everyone
6 needs to hear this. I received over the last two
7 weeks -- almost two weeks, since March 5th,
8 allegations that a Union City high school teacher
9 was caught having sex with a male student in her
10 classroom, in your school, Mayor Brian Stack,
11 Union City schools. And allegedly it has not been
12 reported to the police, to the whatever place,
13 DYFS. So, people, if that's true, you didn't
14 report breaking the law. Do you care, Mayor
15 Stack, that allegedly a high school teacher had
16 sex with a student in the high school? I know why
17 you don't care because you threaten women. We've
18 heard it, this is not alleged. You threaten
19 women. There's an example in your voice.

20 (Recording being played.)

21 MR. TRUTH: Mayor Stack, you said to a
22 woman, "you don't know my temper". Those are your
23 words. You threatened a woman, Mayor Stack. So
24 is that why you allegedly encourage teachers to
25 have sex in Union City? Is that why you protect

1 people like alleged rapist Sergio deRojas, retired
2 lieutenant of Union City Police Department? Is
3 that why, Mayor Stack, that you had the Union City
4 Board of Education hire the alleged rapist, Sergio
5 deRojas, as the new safety coordinator of the
6 Union City public schools? I'll give you ten
7 seconds to answer that, Mayor and Senator Stack,
8 and head of the judiciary Stack.

9 He doesn't answer. So you can answer if
10 you say it is wrong to sexually assault and rape a
11 woman, I'll give you that, is it wrong, Senator
12 Stack? I (unclear) that.

13 Now, I stand before you tonight also to
14 expose yet another disgraced, corrupt political
15 puppet, a master lurking in the shadows of New
16 Jersey politics. That would be none other than
17 Donald Scarinci, attorney of Scarinci and
18 Hollenbeck, a place that has been accused of
19 sexual harassment, where there was a newspaper
20 article, Donald, that you know came out, that said
21 that allegedly there are -- your lawyers having
22 sex with secretaries in a special smush room that
23 people can hear in the lobby.

24 You have sexual harassment allegations
25 against you and your law firm, allegedly. Now,

1 you spend decades, allegedly, (unclear) extorting
2 and selling out the people of New Jersey for your
3 own personal gain. Now, who is Donald Scarinci in
4 my last 50 seconds? He's the best friend of
5 (unclear) and alleged co-conspirator of disgraced
6 former U.S. Senator Bob Menendez. Scarinci is the
7 man who (unclear) dark corners of New Jersey
8 corrupt political machine, pulling strings and
9 making allegedly dirty deals. And if you think
10 for a second that Brian Stack isn't taking notes
11 from him, you're gravely mistaken.

12 What about the Xanadu American Dream
13 scheme? Donald Scarinci was deeply involved in
14 one of New Jersey's biggest corruption ridden
15 development disasters, the Xanadu, which is now
16 the American Dream project. In 2002, at a secret
17 meeting, Donald Scarinci, allegedly, along with
18 (unclear) demanded a \$35,000 a month retainer.
19 What do you have to say, Donald? Do you confess
20 now? Will you ask we the people forgiveness for
21 your alleged corruption?

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

23 MR. SCARINCI: Thank you for your
24 comments.

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ADJOURNMENT :

MAYOR STACK: Seeing no others to comment, motion to close public comment and adjourn the meeting.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor Stack.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner Fernandez.

All in favor?

(Whereupon, all Board Members indicate in the affirmative.)

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.)

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