

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

REGULAR MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF

RECORDED PROCEEDINGS

ROOSEVELT SCHOOL
4507 Hudson Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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1 MS. ROSARIO: Can we please stand for
2 the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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7 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular public
8 meeting the Union City Board of Commissioners
9 being held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at
10 7:00 p.m. at the Roosevelt School at 4507 Hudson
11 Avenue in Union City. This meeting has been
12 called in accordance with the Open Public Meeting
13 Act. Adequate notice of this meeting was
14 forwarded to The Bergen Record, The Star Ledger
15 and has been posted on the bulletin board in City
16 Hall and has been made available to the public in
17 the office of 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 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
8 action on the following item:

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

10 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF
11 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY ENTITLED
12 "ANIMALS" TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS BY
13 RETAIL PET STORES.)

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15 MS. ROSARIO: We have three ordinances
16 for introduction. Adoption on first reading
17 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
18 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
19 together with a notice of the time and place when
20 the ordinance will be considered for the final
21 passage. The ordinance will be further
22 considered at a meeting of the Board of
23 Commissioners to be held on Tuesday, September 23,
24 2025, at the Washington School at 3905 New York
25 Avenue, Union City at 7:00 p.m.

1 The first ordinance is an ordinance
2 amending Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of
3 Union City entitled "Animals" to prohibit the sale
4 of dogs and cats by retail pet stores.

5 May I have a motion to introduce?

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

19 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

24 **2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 366 OF**
25 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO PROHIBIT**

OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.)

MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an ordinance amending Chapter 366 of the Code of the City of Union City to prohibit obstructions in the public right-of-way.

May I have a motion to introduce?

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: Commissioner Martinetti.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

MAYOR STACK: Yes.

(Whereupon, the Board discussed and took

1 action on the following item:

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

3 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNION
4 CITY, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
5 ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1300 MANHATTAN
6 AVENUE, BLOCK 181, LOT 1.01 AND BLOCK 187, LOT 2.)
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8 MS. ROSARIO: The third ordinance is an
9 ordinance of the City of Union City, County of
10 Hudson, State of New Jersey, adopting the
11 redevelopment plan for 1300 Manhattan Avenue,
12 Block 181, Lot 1.01 and Block 187, Lot 2.

13 May I have a motion to introduce?

14 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

7 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

8 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

9 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
10 Concurring Claims

11 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

12 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll
13 08/16/2025-08/29/2025

14 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll
15 08/16/2025-08/29/2025

16 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
17 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale

18 (7) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption
19 Monies to Outside Lienholders

20 (8) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the
21 Memorandum of Understanding With the New Jersey
22 Division of Local Government Services For
23 Transitional Aid Funding For the 2025 Calendar
24 Year

25 (9) Resolution Amending Contract For Labor

1 Counsel Services For the City of Union City For
2 2025

3 (10) Resolution to Revise Resolution #8/6-13
4 Amending Contract For Substitute Municipal Court
5 Prosecutor Services With Norman W. Albert, Esq.
6 For 2025

7 (11) Resolution to Revise Resolution #8/6-14
8 Amending Contract For Chief Municipal Court
9 Prosecutor Services With Legg Law Firm, LLC For
10 2025

11 (12) Resolution Amending Contract For Public
12 Defender Services With Dario, Albert, Metz, Canda,
13 Concannon & Ortiz, LLC For 2025

14 (13) Resolution Authorizing Contract With Dario,
15 Albert, Metz, Canda, Concannon & Ortiz, LLC For
16 Special Counsel Services For 2025

17 (14) Resolution Amending Resolution #8/26-19
18 Authorizing the City of Union City to Apply For
19 and Obtain a Grant From New Jersey Department of
20 Community Affairs

21 (15) Resolution Amending Resolution R#12/17-51
22 Authorizing Contract For Zoning Board of
23 Adjustment Counsel Services For the City of Union
24 City For 2025

25 (16) Resolution to Authorize One (1) Year

1 Extension to Contract With Affordable Cartage, LLC
2 For Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable
3 Collection Services 2025-2026

4 (17) Resolution Authorizing Contract With William
5 J. Guarini, Inc. For City Hall Boiler Improvements
6 Project

7 (18) Resolution of the City of Union City, County
8 of Hudson, State of New Jersey Authorizing the
9 Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement For
10 Property Located At 707 Summit Avenue

11 (19) Resolution Rejecting Bids For 2025 Sidewalk
12 Repair Program (Phase II) and Authorizing the
13 Advertisement For the Receipt of Bids (2nd
14 Occasion)

15 (20) Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Bids
16 For the NJDOT LAIF 2025 45th Street, 44th Street
17 and 39th Street Improvements Project

18 (21) Resolution Authorizing Submission of Grant
19 Application For the 2026 NJDOT Local
20 Transportation Projects Fund For the Union City
21 Construction Management Project

22 (22) Resolution Authorizing Submission of Grant
23 Application For the NJDEP 2025 Natural Climate
24 Solutions Grant Program For 2026 Tree Planting
25 Improvements Project

1 (23) Resolution to Accept the City of Union City
2 Urban Enterprise Zone Five-Year Strategic Zone
3 Development Plan and Zone Boundaries Modifications

4 (24) Resolution Appointing Karen Lazo to the Union
5 City Rent Stabilization Board 2024-2029

6 (25) Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of
7 the City of Union City Approving the 2025-2026
8 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-176-011
9 Issued to Hamilton Fork & Knife, LLC (T/a Arre
10 Sinaloa)

11 (26) Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of
12 the City of Union City Approving the 2025-2026
13 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-047-005
14 Issued to Ceviche Time, LLC (T/a Ceviche Time By
15 Marcelo).)

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17 MS. ROSARIO: There are 26 items on the
18 consent agenda, can you please take a moment to
19 review all items. If someone has an item that
20 they'd like to reconsider, we can remove it from
21 the consent agenda and put it on the regular
22 agenda.

23 If no one has an objection, we will
24 continue and proceed.

25 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment

1 on the consent agenda, please step forward, state
2 your name and address for the record.

3 Seeing no one on the consent agenda,
4 I'll make a motion to close the comment period on
5 the consent agenda.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
8 Stack. Second, Commissioner Valdivia.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

12 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
23 Valdivia. Second?

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

14 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

15 1. Resolution amending municipal budget
16 CY2025.)

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18 MS. ROSARIO: There are two items on the
19 regular agenda.

20 The first item is resolution amending
21 municipal budget calendar year 2025.

22 May I have a motion to approve item one
23 on the regular agenda?

24 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor

1 Stack.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
4 Martinetti.

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 item:

18 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

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

1 May I have a motion to approve item two
2 on the regular agenda.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Motion, Commissioner
5 Valdivia.

6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Second, Commissioner
8 Grullon. And Commissioner Fernandez will recuse
9 from this item also.

10 Commissioner Grullon.

11 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: 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:

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

20 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 244 OF**
21 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE THE**
22 **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VACANT LOTS.)**

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24 MS. ROSARIO: The next item is we have
25 an ordinance for hearing and adoption

1 consideration. The first item is an ordinance
2 amending Chapter 244 of the Code of the City of
3 Union City to revise the registration requirements
4 for vacant lots.

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

7 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to
8 comment on this ordinance at this time, please
9 step forward.

10 This is just about the registration of
11 vacant lots in the City, so the lots are
12 maintained and kept clean. Whether it be
13 throughout the winter time, shoveling the exterior
14 of the lots where a public sidewalk would be or
15 maintaining any other months, keep it free of
16 weeds and garbage. Anyone wishing to comment on
17 this ordinance, please step forward.

18 Seeing none, I make a motion to close
19 the public comment period.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
22 Stack. Second, Commissioner Valdivia.

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 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

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

13 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

18 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

22 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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3 MS. ROSARIO: At this time, Mayor, would
4 you like to take public comment?

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

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hi, good evening.
11 This is general public comment?

12 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is Arielle
14 (inaudible), I am a resident in Hudson County, in
15 the neighborhood (inaudible) in Jersey City, 225
16 Grand Street. I'm also a policy specialist for
17 Humane World for Animals.

18 I think I heard at the top of the
19 meeting, you mentioned an ordinance considering
20 prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats, I think
21 that's the --

22 MAYOR STACK: I don't know if there's
23 anything there, if you can just raise your voice
24 up. Thank you.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So my name is Arielle

1 (inaudible) I live and ride in Jersey City. I'm
2 also a public policy specialist for Humane World
3 for Animals. I know at the last meeting, you
4 heard from some of our partners and my colleague
5 on the ordinance to prohibit the sale of dogs and
6 cats in pet stores. So I don't want to repeat all
7 of those topics, but I want to thank you for your
8 attention to this issue and taking it into
9 consideration, and also offer myself as a resource
10 as you move forward to take action.

11 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. We appreciate
12 that. And it was on for introduction, which it
13 was voted unanimously. And it's something we
14 support very deeply. We appreciate the help.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you, Mayor
16 Stack, and to the Board of Commissioners. And I
17 will be here afterwards if anyone wants to talk
18 further about it.

19 MAYOR STACK: I'll make sure Hilda gets
20 you a copy of what was introduced this evening.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you so much.

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for coming this
23 evening.

24 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
25 time, please step forward, state your name and

1 address for the record.

2 Seeing no others, I make a motion to
3 close public comment.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor 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: Commissioner Martinetti.

14 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. **El Idolo, LLC t/a Coromoto**
4215 Park Avenue
0910-33-111-008
(Robert Mayerovic, Esq.)
2. **Azucar Club, Inc. T/a Azucar Club**
421 43rd Street
0910-33-033-007
(Mario Blanch, Esq.)
3. **El Paso Restaurante Corp. T/a Taqueria El Paso**
3715-17 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-210-006
4. **Hamilton Fork & Knife, LLC t/a Arre Sinaloa**
4605 Park Avenue
0910-33-176-010
5. **Shriji II, LLC t/a La Esperanza Grocery**
800 New York Avenue
0910-43-203-005
6. **Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant, LLC**
T/a Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant
1711 Manhattan Avenue
0910-33-188-005
7. **Bambinas Bar & Restaurant, LLC**
T/a Milagros Bar & Restaurant
2906 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-040-009

- 1 1. El Idolo, LLC t/a Coromoto
2 4215 Park Avenue
3 0910-33-111-008
(Robert Mayerovic, Esq.)

4 MAYOR STACK: Yes. The portion of the
5 meeting right now is liquor hearings. Everyone is
6 welcome to say. This portion of the meeting will
7 be the liquor hearings. Mr. Gonzalez, please.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you. Good evening,
9 Mayor and Commissioners, Ramon Gonzalez,
10 G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, on behalf of the Union City ABC
11 prosecutor. Today we have several matters, many
12 that were resolved.

13 First matter I'd like to have before the
14 Board would be El Idolo, who's represented by Mr.
15 Mayerovic, and the owner is also here, the
16 manager, if we could ask them to come up. Just so
17 the record is clear, we have reached a resolution
18 on this, but it's as a result of one, two, three,
19 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine paper
20 violations, some of them not being the first time.
21 But having the benefit of Mr. Mayerovic being
22 involved and we had a plea meeting hearing on
23 this, we've reached a resolution. And we believe
24 Mr. Mayerovic, on their behalf, has been working
25 to correct all the issues. We would be

1 recommending a 14-day suspension with the
2 condition that a new application would have to be
3 submitted within a two-week period. Mr.
4 Mayerovic?

5 MR. MAYEROVIC: That's my understanding.
6 We identified for Mr. Gonzalez a period beginning
7 on September 29th and running until October 12, a
8 14-day period. We are working to deal with the
9 licensing issue. There may be some delay, we're
10 waiting for some documents from Trenton, the tax
11 department.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: That's correct.

13 MR. MAYEROVIC: So that would be the
14 only delay, but we are working on it.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: I think if they've taken
16 corrective measures, 14 days would be appropriate.
17 We do not want to see them back here, we don't
18 want to see anybody back here. But we think under
19 the circumstances, 14 days would be appropriate.

20 MAYOR STACK: Motion to approve.

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

23 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
25 Grullon.

1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

4 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

10 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

12 MR. MAYEROVIC: Thank you, Mayor. Thank
13 you, Commissioners.

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1 2. Azucar Club, Inc. T/a Azucar Club
2 421 43rd Street
3 0910-33-033-007

4 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
5 is Azucar Club, Inc. I am just respectfully
6 requesting this matter be adjourned, it's somewhat
7 complicated. There's more investigation that I
8 would like to conduct on it. Once I complete
9 that, I think I may be able to have it for the
10 next meeting, but I'll let the clerk know ahead of
11 time. So that one, I just request it be adjourned.

12 MAYOR STACK: Motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.

15 Second by Commissioner Martinetti.

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.

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1 3. El Paso Restaurante Corp. T/a Taqueria El Paso
2 3715-17 Bergenline Avenue
3 0910-33-210-006

4 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
5 is El Paso Restaurant Corp., they're here. Just
6 so the Mayor and the Commissioners are aware, this
7 is a new restaurant that has been in existence,
8 but was granted a liquor license not too long ago,
9 they're located at 3715 Bergenline Avenue. They
10 also did attend a plea meeting and one of the
11 issues that were there had to do with paper
12 violations. The paper violations, I mean all the
13 documents that they're supposed to be having
14 present and in accordance. We give everybody the
15 opportunity to submit that at the plea hearing to
16 see if, in fact, maybe there was something that
17 was missing and if it's now complete.

18 On that date, which was last Thursday,
19 with the assistance of Sergeant Zeron and
20 Lieutenant Dunlay, they did provide to us all the
21 paperwork and documents. Based on that
22 circumstance, it would be my recommendation that
23 these matters can be dismissed with a warning.
24 Not only do you have to have the papers, they have
25 to be complete. They were reviewed. They have
 them here, I see, because we did review them. And

1 under the circumstance, since they're new and they
2 have corrected the situation, that's what our
3 recommendation would be on this. So it would be a
4 dismissal with a warning.

5 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Mr. Gonzalez, the
6 only thing I would like to say is that the one
7 thing I'm concerned about is when I passed the
8 establishment in the summertime and I let it go so
9 far, sometimes there's stuff outside, sometimes
10 there's a lot of stuff outside on the sidewalk.
11 If you can keep up against the business, and
12 absolutely no music outside, and the sidewalk has
13 to be kept clear and kept clean. We just invested
14 millions upon millions of dollars on Bergenline
15 Avenue, we just want to make sure --

16 MR. GONZALEZ: I have to agree.

17 MAYOR STACK: -- also importantly, the
18 music.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: I have to agree with you,
20 Mayor, because that was one of the issues.
21 Although it's not a violation, that was brought
22 forward. When we were there, we had the meeting,
23 I know that's a big concern because I walk the
24 streets, I know the places, I know what's going
25 on. And with the police department and the

1 aggressive investigations that we've been doing,
2 that also was one of my concerns. And I did tell
3 this young man that we don't want that, we're not
4 going to tolerate it. If it becomes a nuisance,
5 that would be a charge.

6 MAYOR STACK: Please. Most importantly,
7 I appreciate that. Thank you very much.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Please give your name for
9 the record.

10 MR. TEPETITLA: Arturo Tepetitla.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: And you're the owner?

12 MR. TEPETITLA: Um-hum.

13 MR. GONZALEZ: So I would request that
14 under the circumstances it be dismissed with a
15 warning.

16 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
18 Second?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: The yes.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
4 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
5 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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1 4. Hamilton Fork & Knife, LLC t/a Arre Sinaloa
2 4605 Park Avenue
3 0910-33-176-01

4 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
5 is Hamilton Fork and Knife, LLC. Could you just
6 please state your name for the record, so they can
7 hear you.

8 MS. FELIX: My name is Yanin Felix.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: And, Ms. Felix, you're
10 the owner of Hamilton Fork and Knife?

11 MS. FELIX: I am.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. We're here today
13 because there's one, two, three, four violations.
14 The one most importantly is the camera ordinance
15 that was in violation, it was short 18 days.
16 Under the circumstances, we would recommend a
17 10-day suspension on that alone. And they have
18 three paper violations. They did come in and they
19 brought the proofs on the paper violations, so I
20 think that they're pretty much in compliance with
21 that.

22 And the camera issue, they've explained
23 to me that there was a company that they had
24 contracted that would not do the 60 days. They
25 fired them, have a new company, and now it's in
26 compliance. I did say to them that I would be

1 recommending just a three-day suspension with a
2 condition that we do a subsequent inspection,
3 maybe in about a month to, in fact, show that the
4 cameras are working for the 60 days.

5 So under the circumstances, I have
6 extended an offer of a three-day violation and
7 you've agreed to that?

8 MS. FELIX: Yeah, I am.

9 MAYOR STACK: Do you have anything
10 further you would like to say?

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Is there anything you
12 would like to say?

13 MAYOR STACK: About this? I'll make a
14 motion to approve.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
16 Second?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

22 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.
5 MS. FELIX: Thank you.

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1 5. Shriji II, LLC t/a La Esperanza Grocery
2 800 New York Avenue
3 0910-43-203-005

4 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
5 is La Esperanza Grocery, they're located at 800
6 New York Avenue. And the owner's here. Could you
7 please state your name for the record?

8 MR. KUNADIA: Sanjay Kunadia.

9 MR. GONZALEZ: I have recommended that
10 we have a five-day suspension on this matter.
11 This is not the first time we're here on the
12 employee list and having the bar cards that are
13 required. I know they're a grocery, but since it
14 is not the first violation and we did give him
15 opportunities on the last few times, just a
16 warning and a condition, under the circumstances,
17 I would be recommending, because if it's a second
18 offense within a two-year period, it would be a
19 five-day suspension, which I explained that means
20 that there's no alcohol -- no beer, warm beer,
21 allowed in the location and accessibility. I have
22 explained, very detailed, no beer can be sold by
23 somebody who is not licensed, who does not have a
24 bar card. And if he accepts the five days, all
25 the alcohol has to be taken away. Obviously, we

1 don't close anybody that has a grocery. But I did
2 extend that offer to him and I want to make sure
3 you're in agreement with that?

4 MR. KUNADIA: Yes.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: You understand anybody
6 that works, even if you step out for a minute,
7 nobody can sell if they're not with a bar card?

8 MR. KUNADIA: Yes.

9 MAYOR STACK: And this is the second
10 offense?

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes.

12 MAYOR STACK: Is that what we normally
13 do on a second offense?

14 MR. GONZALEZ: It is. If there was more
15 penalties other than paper violations, I probably
16 would have gone for maybe a 20-day suspension.
17 But since it was just an issue where he had to
18 step out as an emergency and the individual who
19 sold a six pack of beer, which would have been in
20 compliance had he just gone and gotten his bar
21 card. So I think under the circumstances,
22 five days would be appropriate. I'm not going to
23 go with a warning on this.

24 MAYOR STACK: Sir, do you have anything
25 you want to add?

1 MR. KUNADIA: No, it's fine. I'm going
2 to work on the pocket ID for the employee.

3 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
5 Second?

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 MS. ROSARIO: 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.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 6. Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant, LLC
2 T/a Manhattan Bar & Grill Restaurant
3 1711 Manhattan Avenue
4 0910-33-188-005

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
6 is Manhattan Bar and Grill.

7 MS. LAZO: My name is Armida Lazo.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Now, Ms. Lazo is not new
9 to this, she's been here for a long time. She's
10 actually taken a lot of steps to correct the
11 problems. But on the 20th of April, there was an
12 incident involving police activity requirement and
13 investigation and a brawl, which although she
14 attempted to take care of it -- and I probably
15 would have maybe just dismissed this had she
16 called the police, because she did the right
17 thing, but she didn't call the police. And we
18 impress on the people that they need to call the
19 police. We're not going to be charging them if
20 they didn't commit an issue and they're in full
21 compliance.

22 Under the situation that we have here,
23 since she has not had a violation in eight years,
24 it's almost like resetting the clock. I don't
25 want to punish somebody for the past when it's
 that far back. Had she called the police, I

1 probably would have been moving to dismiss this.
2 But under the circumstances, I think three days
3 would be appropriate and that's what I'm
4 recommending.

5 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Did you have
6 anything you wanted to add?

7 MS. LAZO: No.

8 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
10 Second?

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: Thank you.

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1 7. Bambinas Bar & Restaurant, LLC
2 T/a Milagros Bar & Restaurant
3 2906 Bergenline Avenue
4 0910-33-040-009

5 MR. GONZALEZ: And the last matter we
6 have, number seven, which is Milagros Bar and
7 Restaurant. I have spoken with her. I think it
8 would be more appropriate if I'm given a little
9 more opportunity and I would request that that be
10 adjourned just for today.

11 MAYOR STACK: Absolutely. I make a
12 motion.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
14 Second?

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

16 MS. ROSARIO: 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.

 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 MR. GONZALEZ: That completes the
2 hearings, thank you.

3 MAYOR STACK: Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT :

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

MAYOR STACK: Motion.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: All in favor?

(All Board Members indicate in the affirmative.)

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.)

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