

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

REGULAR MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS

JOSE MARTI STEM ACADEMY
1800 Summit Avenue
Union City, New Jersey

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
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 everybody please stand
2 for the pledge.

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4 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)
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6 MS. ROSARIO: This is a regular public
7 meeting of the Union City Board of Commissioners
8 being held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at
9 7:00 p.m. at the Jose Marti STEM Academy at 1800
10 Summit Avenue in Union City.

11 This meeting has been called in
12 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, 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 Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Here.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia is
5 on his way.

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

9 **APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - REGULAR**
10 **MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026.)**

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12 MS. ROSARIO: The first item on the
13 agenda is approval of previous meeting minutes.

14 May I have a motion to approve the
15 previous meeting minutes for the January 20, 2026,
16 Board of Commissioners' meeting?

17 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 item:

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

8 1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF
9 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE
10 CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS.)

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12 MS. ROSARIO: There are two ordinances
13 for introduction. Adoption on first reading
14 authorizes the Municipal Clerk to advertise the
15 ordinance with a notice of the introduction,
16 together with a notice of the time and place when
17 the ordinance will be considered for final
18 passage. The ordinance will be further considered
19 at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be
20 held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Bruce
21 D. Walter Recreation Center at 507 West Street in
22 Union City at 7:00 p.m.

23 The first ordinance is an ordinance
24 amending Chapter 137 of the code of the City of
25 Union City to revise the curfew hours for minors.

1 May I have a motion to introduce?

2 MAYOR STACK: Motion to introduce.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

4 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
5 Stack. Second, Commissioner Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

9 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

13 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

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

18 2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 366
19 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" TO ESTABLISH
20 ENGINEER REVIEW DEPOSITS FOR UTILITY COMPANIES.)

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22 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
23 ordinance amending Chapter 366 entitled "streets
24 and sidewalks" to establish engineer review
25 deposits for utility companies. May I have a

1 motion to introduce?

2 MAYOR STACK: Motion to introduce.

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

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

6 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Fernandez.
7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

10 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: 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 items in total:

18 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

19 (1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

20 (2) Resolution Approving the Payment of
21 Concurring Claims

22 (3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

23 (4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll

24 01/03/2026-01/16/2026

25 (5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

1 01/03/2026-01/16/2026

2 (6) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium
3 Monies Collected At the Tax Sale

4 (7) Resolution Cancelling Taxes on Property
5 Deemed Exempt For 100% Disabled Veteran

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

8 (9) Resolution Authorizing Contract For
9 Accounting Services For the City of Union City For
10 2026

11 (10) Resolution Authorizing Contract For
12 Certified Court Reporting and Stenographer
13 Services For the City of Union City For 2026

14 (11) Resolution Authorizing Contract For Planning
15 Consultant Services For the City of Union City
16 Community Development Agency For 2026

17 (12) Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services
18 Agreement Between the City of Union City and the
19 County of Hudson For Roadway Improvements to
20 Liberty Plaza

21 (13) Resolution to Appoint Craig Kojac As
22 Municipal Court Judge For the City of Union City

23 (14) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
24 Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust
25 Fund By Obtaining a Matching Grant of \$246,000

1 From the County Trust Fund For the Washington Park
2 Fitness Center

3 (15) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
4 Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust
5 Fund By Obtaining a Matching Grant of \$750,000
6 From the County Trust Fund For the Improvements to
7 Ellsworth Park

8 (16) Resolution Endorsing the Hudson County Open
9 Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust
10 Fund By Obtaining a Matching Grant of \$552,525
11 From the County Trust Fund For the Improvements to
12 Jose Marti Park

13 (17) Resolution Authorizing Contracts For
14 Engineering Services - CDA For the City of Union
15 City For 2026

16 (18) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
17 Chlorine & Pool Chemicals - 2026

18 (19) Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Bids For
19 Pools & Spray Grounds Opening, Maintenance and
20 Closing 2026

21 (20) Resolution to Authorize Bidding For
22 Electrician Services For 2026

23 (21) Resolution Reappointing Hector Oseguera,
24 Jr., to Serve As Alternate #2 Member of the Union
25 City Planning Board (2024-2026)

1 (22) Resolution Reappointing Marguerita Gutierrez
2 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment For the City of
3 Union City (Term: February 15, 2026 - February 14,
4 2028)

5 (23) Resolution Authorizing the Emergency
6 Destruction of Damaged and Unsalvageable Archives
7 and Records.)

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9 MS. ROSARIO: There are 23 items on the
10 consent agenda, can you please review each item.
11 If there's an objection, I will remove it and add
12 it to the regular agenda.

13 Seeing none, may I have a motion --

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

17 Seeing none, motion to close.

18 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

3 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

6 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

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

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

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

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

13 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

14 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

16 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

18 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Commissioner

19 Valdivia is on his way here. He had a family
20 commitment, but he's on the way, I just spoke to
21 him about five minutes ago.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you. Mayor recuses
23 on payment to Chasan, Lamparello and Mallon.

24 Now, we have our liquor license hearing.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. **2216 Bergenline Avenue, LLC**
T/a Centro Bar
2216 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-166-007
Scott D. Finckenauer, Esq.
2. **El Chapin Corp.**
T/a El Cuscatleco Bar & Restaurant
2118 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-075-010
Christopher Campos, Esq.
3. **El Paso Restaurante Corp.**
T/a Taqueria El Paso
3715-17 Bergenline Avenue
091-33-210-006
4. **Pramukh Varni, LLC**
T/a Los Laureles Liquors
4625 Broadway
0910-44-026-014

1 1. 2216 Bergenline Avenue, LLC
2 T/a Centro Bar
3 2216 Bergenline Avenue
4 0910-33-166-007
5 Scott D. Finckenuer, Esq.

6 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Gonzalez, on ABC.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you, good evening.
8 For the record, Ramon Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z,
9 on behalf of the Union City ABC Board. Present,
10 we have our Lieutenant Zeron and Lieutenant
11 Dunlay, who's here.

12 We have three matters. I'd like to
13 address the first one, which is Centro Bar,
14 they're here. They're represented by Mr.
15 Finckenuer. And we have an interpreter in case
16 they need the interpreter.

17 J O S E G O N Z A L E Z, an interpreter of the
18 SPANISH language, after having been duly sworn,
19 did interpret the following testimony:
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21 MR. GONZALEZ: This is a violation of
22 two dates that we've been able to combine.
23 Through the help and the assistance of the police
24 department and their investigation with the
25 participation of Mr. Finckenuer, who represents

1 the license holder, we've been able to reach a
2 resolution. The resolution would be a 25-day
3 consecutive suspension, it's for a brawl that
4 occurred on August 11, 2025, and failure to wear
5 certain bar cards.

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7 (Commissioner Valdivia arrived.)
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9 MR. GONZALEZ: Under the circumstances,
10 we think it's fair and reasonable. I've been told
11 by Mr. Finckenauer that the licensee is going to
12 accept that and they will be closed consecutively
13 starting Sunday, 12 midnight, during the 25 day
14 suspension. As usual, these will not be
15 appealable issues. It will be a 25 straight day
16 suspension that will commence on that date. Mr.
17 Finckenauer, please state your name for the
18 record.

19 MR. FINCKENAUER: Scott Finckenauer,
20 F-I-N-C-K-E-N-A-U-E-R. And everything Mr.
21 Gonzalez said is correct.

22 MAYOR STACK: I'm just curious, going
23 forward what are the plans on having any type of
24 security in the establishment, just to avoid these
25 instances.

1 MR. FINCKENAUER: She does at this point
2 already have security in there. This was kind of
3 a unique situation that started between two other
4 customers in the place, where the establishment
5 was actively trying to break up a confrontation
6 between the two. So I think they do have
7 security, I think that is something that in the
8 future will be better used.

9 MAYOR STACK: And the role of your
10 client, she's the owner of the establishment?

11 MR. FINCKENAUER: That's correct.

12 MAYOR STACK: She's the owner and she
13 works the establishment always?

14 MR. FINCKENAUER: Correct.

15 MAYOR STACK: She's there?

16 MR. FINCKENAUER: Correct.

17 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: I believe the mitigating
19 factors outweigh the aggravating factors in this
20 situation because she's acknowledging that she has
21 to take better responsibility.

22 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I'll make a motion
23 to approve the 25-day suspension.

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

1 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

2 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
3 Martinetti.

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 Thank you very much.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 **2. El Chapin Corp.**
2 **T/a El Cuscatleco Bar & Restaurant**
3 **2118 Bergenline Avenue**
4 **0910-33-075-010**
5 **Christopher Campos, Esq.**

6 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
7 is El Cuscatleco Bar and Restaurant, they're
8 represented by Christopher Campos, he's present
9 here. Please, put your name on the record.

10 MR. CAMPOS: Good evening, ladies and
11 gentlemen, Christopher Campos on behalf of El
12 Cuscatleco -- well, El Chapin Corp. trading as El
13 Cuscatleco.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: On this situation, we
15 have two incidences that -- two actual occurrences
16 on the same date. One was a brawl that occurred
17 on September 20, 2025, and that also required
18 police investigation and nuisance. Based on the
19 investigation that was done by our police
20 department, and a review of the video, we
21 understand that we had a very strong case. Our
22 recommendation in this one, likewise, since
23 they've not had a violation for two years, it
24 would be 25-day suspension. They've agreed to
25 this, it would be from February 16th through March
 13th. If the owner is here, I don't know if he

1 needs the interpreter?

2 MR. CAMPOS: No.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: That would be our
4 recommendation based on the investigation. And
5 their record had been pretty good up until that
6 point, that's why we're actually agreeing that a
7 25-day suspension would be appropriate.

8 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Campos, did you have
9 anything further?

10 MR. CAMPOS: No, your Honor -- please
11 forgive me, Mayor Stack. He did meet with
12 security, he's implementing some different
13 policies in order to ameliorate some of these
14 situations. And they're very, very sorry that --

15 MAYOR STACK: What we're looking for is
16 that they run a good establishment, no trouble or
17 anything like that, proper security, keep the
18 noise down, just recognize how densely populated
19 we are.

20 MR. CAMPOS: Absolutely.

21 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. I'll
22 make the motion to approve the 25-day suspension.

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

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.
2 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Fernandez.
3 Commissioner Fernandez.
4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.
5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.
6 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.
7 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.
8 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.
9 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.
10 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.
11 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.
12 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Thank you very much.
13 MR. CAMPOS: Thank you.
14 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 **3. El Paso Restaurante Corp.**
2 **T/a Taqueria El Paso**
3 **3715-17 Bergenline Avenue**
4 **091-33-210-006**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Our next matter is number
6 three on the calendar, it is El Paso Restaurant
7 Corporation trading as Taqueria El Paso. The
8 owner is here, he was here the last time. This is
9 for a violation that occurred on October 4, 2025,
10 that was a camera ordinance. When we had the
11 police do their regular general investigation, we
12 found it was only twelve days that had been
13 recorded. To address that and be fair and honest,
14 we had brought them in prior to that and they had
15 a problem with their machine. From the day that
16 they corrected it to the day we did the inspection
17 was twelve days, so it was recording.

18 What I had Detective Dunlay do is
19 actually go there and check to see that the
20 cameras were fully operational and were recording.
21 I just wanted to adjourn the last time so we have
22 enough time to prove that it was 60 days. Am I
23 correct on the 60 days on El Paso, the cameras?

24 LIEUTENANT DUNLAY: Correct.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Now, there was a nuisance
and a brawl that occurred there on the same date,

1 which is why the police had to come. When I
2 review it -- and this is the important thing -- we
3 tell the owners, the licensees, that the cameras
4 can help them. When we were able to look at the
5 camera, this was an individual who was either
6 intoxicated, potentially homeless, we don't know.
7 But he came in, the establishment did not want him
8 there, did not serve him. As a result, they
9 called the police, which is why it generated the
10 actual call. But the cameras showed that they did
11 what they had to do. That's why I stress it's so
12 important to have them, it protects them. If
13 they're not doing anything wrong, those cameras
14 are really there.

15 So based on that, I would request that
16 this matter be dismissed.

17 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. I'll make a
18 motion to dismiss upon Mr. Gonzalez's
19 recommendation.

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

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

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

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

2 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

4 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

8 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Thank you very much.

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1 **4. Pramukh Varni, LLC**
2 **T/a Los Laureles Liquors**
3 **4625 Broadway**
4 **0910-44-026-014**

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The last matter we have
6 is we Los Laureles, they're represented by?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Robert C. Williams
8 appearing on behalf of the licensee. Good
9 evening, everyone.

10 MR. GONZALEZ: Just so the Board is
11 aware, this is a matter that we've had certain
12 quality of life issue complaints in the area.
13 They're located at 47th and Hudson. And we had a
14 lot of complaints of after-hour sales. Here, the
15 cameras did, in fact, reflect that there were
16 violations and there were after-hours sales.

17 We provided the information to counsel.
18 After having the opportunity to speak with him, it
19 could have been a much larger suspension. We feel
20 that a 40-day suspension, we're treating four days
21 as four separate events, not enhancing the
22 penalties, but the same penalty for each event.
23 So it would be 40 days, it's my understanding they
24 agree that they would accept that. There's
25 obviously no appeal on that issue. And they will
 be closing and selling no alcohol after 10:00 once

1 they reopen.

2 MAYOR STACK: How many days suspension
3 is that?

4 MR. GONZALEZ: It would be a 40-day
5 suspension.

6 MAYOR STACK: 40 days. Sir, did you
7 have -- Mr. Williams?

8 MR. GONZALEZ: Can we have a moment?

9 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

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11 (Discussion held off the record.)

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13 MR. GONZALEZ: Mayor, I think we're
14 ready to proceed. It's going to be a 40-day
15 suspension. Obviously, there's no alcohol that's
16 going to be sold during that 40-day period. After
17 the 40-day period, they're going to conduct
18 business only where it can be sold statutorily,
19 beer and wine, no alcohol. We will continue to
20 conduct investigations to ensure that this
21 continues in this fashion.

22 Under the circumstances, since there
23 have been no prior violations, we think it would
24 be reasonable.

25 MAYOR STACK: The issue that we were

1 having, just to the attorney, Mr. Williams, the
2 issue that we're having is we're receiving a lot
3 of complaints from residents in the area about a
4 lot of activity late into the night, into the
5 early morning hours. If you could work with us on
6 that, obviously it's a densely populated
7 community, we would certainly appreciate it.

8 LEFT2: I certainly will. I've
9 instructed my client that at 10:00, there's a
10 limit, it's a state law. We have to cooperate. I
11 think he's learned a lesson that he cannot
12 continue doing that. I appreciate counsel's
13 assistance on that and the cooperation of the
14 police department. We want to be a good neighbor,
15 good citizen of the community. And we look
16 forward to reopening after our suspension that's
17 going to start March 1st, 40 consecutive days.
18 And hopefully, we don't have to see you back here
19 again under these circumstances.

20 MAYOR STACK: Very good, thank you. Mr.
21 Gonzalez, did you have anything further?

22 MR. GONZALEZ: No.

23 MAYOR STACK: I'll make a motion to
24 approve the recommendation Mr. Gonzalez has given.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor

1 Stack.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
4 Fernandez.

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.

15 MR. GONZALEZ: That concludes all ABC
16 matters.

17 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez,
18 great job. Thank you.

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

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3 MAYOR STACK: At this time, anyone
4 wishing to comment, please step forward, state
5 your name and address for the record. Mr. Portes,
6 just come right over, please.

7 MR. PORTES: For those of you that don't
8 know me, Fernando Portes, resident of Union City
9 since 2001, I only -- in the all year I live here,
10 I only care about one issue, homeless cat. I'm
11 sorry I have to give you hard time, but this is my
12 big issue.

13 MAYOR STACK: I always enjoy working
14 with you.

15 MR. PORTES: Thank you, thank you, thank
16 you. For those of you that I didn't know before,
17 in 2012, when he started agitating about the cat,
18 the fake that we used to have was Mr. Santini,
19 that use to pretend that the basement of 32nd
20 Street Clinic was a shelter. So we move away from
21 there and right now the current situation is that
22 to some of you credit, we have a TNR program,
23 trap, neuter, and return by which five cat are
24 fixed every week and Union City pay for that and
25 that's good.

1 What I'm here to tell you that that's
2 good, but that's very far from what we need to be.
3 So I come from a third world country, I'm
4 hopefully some of you have been in a third world
5 country and I can tell you if you go to any third
6 world country and you come to Union City, except
7 for the TNR program, it's the same thing. And I'm
8 here to beg you for the people that cannot vote,
9 for the cat that cannot vote, wherever you live,
10 you find a colony homeless cat in your backyard,
11 in your neighborhood, that we need to look -- the
12 example that we need to look for are Secaucus and
13 Jersey City. Secaucus and Jersey City, they both
14 have real no-kill shelter, that does a lot of
15 things. And granted we are working class city, we
16 don't have the tax base that the other city have,
17 that Secaucus have.

18 But I'm here to suggest to you over the
19 next two, three minute, things that we can do to
20 get to where we need to go. To be fair, out of
21 the hundreds of problem that you have to solve, if
22 I ask you, hey, you have to (indiscernible) in
23 Jersey City. So here are six things that can be
24 done quickly to help homeless cat that I can offer
25 you. But I beg you to look in your backyard, look

1 in your block, there's a colony of homeless cat.
2 Number one, Mayor Stack, out of several
3 communication, you told me you cannot post cat
4 flier on the light post, there's an ordinance. We
5 stop doing that. But you mentioned, you told me
6 you're fine if you post inside the Union City
7 school. At your --

8 MAYOR STACK: Any other public
9 buildings.

10 MR. PORTES: Yeah, at your convenience,
11 can you kindly ask of one of your assistant, who
12 are the contact for us to give the color fliers,
13 at our expenses, and we either come and post those
14 flier or giver the flier to someone to post it
15 inside the school or public building.

16 MAYOR STACK: And post it on the City's
17 website.

18 MR. PORTES: Okay. That would be great,
19 so you'll --

20 MAYOR STACK: Just email that to me, if
21 you can, it would make it easier.

22 MR. PORTES: I will email that. The
23 second part having feeding -- having fed homeless
24 cats for 13 straight years, I'm sure that every
25 cat that you can find, when we feed cat, we find

1 almost weekly problems with some homeowners that
2 just don't want us to feed, not in the property,
3 but in the public, in the street. And I suggest,
4 Mayor Stack, some language that we can use because
5 with your recommendation, we have to work with
6 thousands of homeowners and we have to work with
7 hundreds of cat lovers. And we have to find a way
8 to be -- to satisfy the two group.

9 So I suggest that I can email to you an
10 ordinance that you could issue and that way it
11 could be win-win for everyone because the police
12 won't have to be called. Look for my name, I'm
13 sure you'll find that there are more than 30
14 police report that people call the police against
15 me. I know they (indiscernible) like that, but
16 that's a waste of police money because every time
17 someone call the police against me, two police
18 officers come, and then they --

19 MAYOR STACK: We even spoke and I can
20 give you locations and parks, public properties
21 where you can feed the cats there. But you know
22 as well as I do if you're going feed a cat, you
23 place the food down, it should be picked up in an
24 hour or two, not to leave the food there all day.
25 It's dangerous for the cats, number one. Number

1 two, it's no good, get an infestation rats,
2 raccoons, skunks, et cetera. I'll work with you,
3 like we did on one of the parks, we gave you the
4 key.

5 MR. PORTES: Yeah, absolutely. To your
6 credit, you gave us the key. But the same people
7 that we tried to avoid getting conflict with, even
8 feeding inside the park, which we do every day, we
9 have to call the police again.

10 MAYOR STACK: If you can -- being that
11 the time is up, if you can forward me tomorrow a
12 copy of the ordinance, whatever you have, and I'll
13 set up a time to meet with you. I can't do it
14 this week, but I'll set up next week.

15 MR. PORTES: Okay, okay.

16 MAYOR STACK: Then bring that in with
17 you.

18 MR. PORTES: How many more minutes do I
19 have?

20 MAYOR STACK: It expired. Like we've
21 done many times, come in and see me, I'll sit with
22 you. If you could forward everything to me
23 tonight and tomorrow, I'll read it. Then I'll
24 have Rosa call you to set up an appointment.

25 MR. PORTES: Thank you for your time.

1 MAYOR STACK: You got it, any time.
2 Thank you, Mr. Portes.

3 Anyone else wishing to speak at this
4 time, please state your name and address for the
5 record.

6 MR. MITCHELL: Brian Stack, Raymond
7 Mitchell, as you know. I got three different
8 stories here, Brian Stack. The nursing home said
9 it was a natural death, I have strangled pictures
10 of his face, and then Esther Suarez says he dies
11 of Covid, my father, so which one is it? You sent
12 those letters, right, a year after? What happened
13 to those letters, Brian Stack, that you were going
14 to investigate? Where's Lilibeth? Can you answer
15 it?

16 I'm waiting for you, Brian Stack. Were
17 you there March 30, 2020? Huh? Did you
18 premeditate that murder of my father, strangled?
19 Huh? It's a yes or no answer, Brian Stack, you
20 have to say not one word, you could nod your head,
21 yes or no.

22 Tell everybody how you kicked me out of
23 Trenton, too, when I was speaking. Tell
24 everybody, come on, Brian Stack. Don't be a sneak
25 now. Come on, show who you are, don't be a sneak

1 now, go after people's families, right. That's
2 all you did in Bergen County, what you do, right?
3 Setting people up, is that what you do, Brian
4 Stack, behind people's back?

5 I'm waiting for you, Brian Stack, in
6 front of everybody, the whole world. We're right
7 here, live. Come on, tell everybody. Were you
8 the tough guy that went into that room, Brian
9 Stack, and strangled my father? Because somebody
10 had to. I have strangle marks.

11 What happened with Esther Suarez?
12 100 percent, right, she saw homicide, then she
13 retires, didn't give me an autopsy or nothing.
14 I'm still waiting for it. You're the only one
15 that could obstruct me all the way up, Mr.
16 Judiciary Chairman. Laugh all you want. You
17 think it's a joke. Laugh all you want. You put a
18 lot of people involved, all your public servants,
19 right. Oh, Ms. Sherrill is going to protect you
20 now right, the federal prosecutor, the
21 congresswoman. Desperate Brian Stack had to get
22 her in for some reason, Ms. Sherrill, teammate.

23 Don't nod your head. Come on, Brian
24 Stack, did you put your hands on my neck in
25 Schuetzen Park, Brian Stack? Yes or no, tell

1 everybody, come on, don't hide it.

2 And what happened in court? I let it
3 go, right? I let it go. I shook your hand, let
4 it go and left. Now, all of a sudden, the
5 pandemic, in Hackensack Meridian, the North Bergen
6 Harborage, Hudson Regional, right? Did you plot
7 that one on the taxpayer dollars and all the
8 resources? Who came up with that plan, Mr. Brian
9 Stack?

10 Come on, Mr. Brian Stack, talk. I'm
11 right here in front of you. You have a problem
12 with me, you could come right here, I'm right here
13 in front of everybody. Do your thing, come on,
14 Brian Stack, don't sneak people. Don't hire
15 people to go after people. We don't think we know
16 your pattern? Going into everybody's stuff?

17 What you did to my brother in Bergen
18 County and his children. Is that -- is George
19 Savino, you know him, Antonovich? Who did you --
20 who -- come on, Brian Stack. This ain't going
21 away. I called Sherrill's office already,
22 everybody, still, all the way up the chain, the
23 watch dogs, everybody. Brian got everybody in his
24 pocket, huh? Tough guy Brian can't even tell me.
25 What happened with those letters, Brian, that you

1 sent out? How come nobody is investigating?
2 Those fabricated letters, right? The wrong
3 nursing home was on there, right?

4 Come on, Brian, come on, think about
5 that day, March 30, 2020, where were you at 2:30
6 in the morning? Huh? Who was there? Come on,
7 Brian, you could say it because you're the only
8 one that had a problem with, nobody else. Nobody
9 else had a problem with Brian Stack. Come on,
10 Brian, you could talk, come on, tell everybody,
11 come on, don't be sneaky about it.

12 Come on, Brian, hold that tantrum, come
13 on. Come on, ooh, yeah, Brian, make those faces.
14 You're a disgrace to our country, Brian Stack, and
15 you know you are. You don't deserve to sit there
16 as a mayor, a senator, or judiciary with your
17 behavior.

18 What kind of man are you, Mr. Brian
19 Stack? You could do things behind people's back,
20 right, and go after people, go after people's
21 families.

22 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
23 comments. Next speaker. Anyone else wishing to
24 comment at this time, please step forward, state
25 your name and address for the record.

1 MR. PORRINO: My name is Jose Porrino, I
2 want to (indiscernible) three topics.

3 First topic is I spent seven hours in
4 Philadelphia today, my section that I park in,
5 which is handicapped, I cleaned out seven times
6 during the snow storm. I came back, about a half
7 hour, the whole parking space with loaded with
8 snow again. What happened to the department that
9 run around, that you sent out to clean out parking
10 spaces? Because I do --

11 (Audience interruption.)

12 MR. PORRINO: That's what we did. You
13 sent out a list to clean out the sections, one of
14 them sections and the list is not out, now why
15 people are not out.

16 Secondly, you're indicating that you
17 have no funds, but you're lying, new vans, new
18 loaders, new sweepers, new cars. But you have no
19 money for clean up. You clean all the schools,
20 that's the only section you cleaned. Everybody
21 else is suffering, shoveling constantly, while you
22 have your little easy way in and out.

23 Now, another thing, you know what I'm
24 saying, everybody in Union City appreciates what
25 you did for the homeless people, but you have to

1 be aware what's going on and what's happening.
2 The other day, walking in the back, I was parked I
3 almost stepped on a half --

4 (Audience interruption.)

5 MR. PORRINO: There's needles, crack
6 pipes out there, what are you going do about that?
7 Can you answer that question? What are you going
8 to do? You ain't going to answer. So one of our
9 kids steps on a hypothetical (sic) needle, what
10 are you going do? You got your mouth and
11 everything. You said you take care of everything,
12 what are you taking care of? Yourself? Your
13 pockets? That's the only thing you're taking care
14 of.

15 You just send letters. Do me a favor,
16 stop sending people to my house, knocking on
17 doors, asking for signatures for you. I'm not
18 signing nothing for you and nobody in my house is
19 signing nothing for you. You ain't worth the time
20 and the date, okay, that's called loitering, just
21 like you say it's loitering, disturbing the peace.
22 I have a disabled child at my house and you got
23 constantly people knocking on my door, every half
24 hour to an hour for a signature that you're not
25 going to get. Stop sending them to my house.

1 You still ain't going to say nothing?
2 It's funny on how you sit there and you
3 indicate -- I want to bring up this topic, if you
4 can hear me clearly, you indicate that I'm a paid
5 activist from Nick Sacco, but you're the same guy
6 that was standing by Sacco's side. If I do
7 recall, I believe was in the early 2000s, wasn't
8 it you calling Sacco, begging Sacco to take you
9 back because they were going to kick you to the
10 curb? Remember that? Yeah, you laugh. So you
11 say I get paid by Sacco, prove it. Prove that I
12 get paid by Sacco, that I'm an activist from
13 Sacco. Prove that.

14 Where's the lists to help the senior
15 citizens, Brian? When I was there, I used to get
16 three, four, five pages of senior citizens lists
17 to go help them out, handicapped and everything,
18 what are you doing? Where's the money going to?

19 This is why I come out and say what I
20 say to prove to you the garbage that you are and
21 the garbage that you always will be. You was a
22 standup guy at one point. Now you got these guys
23 sitting here doing your dirty work and have
24 everybody doing your dirty work.

25 MAYOR STACK: Thank you. Thank you for

1 your comments. Next speaker.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What comment, clown.

3 MR. SNOW: Good evening, Commissioners,
4 I'm David Snow of The Exposure Report. Tonight, I
5 want to talk about recent events right here in
6 Hudson County, where we watch something deeply
7 unsettling unfold, citizens being snatched up in
8 public places. Not because they committed crimes,
9 not because they were disorderly, but simply
10 because they existed in the wrong place at the
11 wrong time in front of the wrong people. People
12 violently kidnapped in full view of others by
13 quote/unquote law enforcement. Surrounded,
14 seized, removed with force and authority. People
15 made to disappear from public spaces and sent a
16 clear message, you don't belong here.

17 When you hear that description, you may
18 think I'm talking about ICE, you may think I'm
19 describing federal agents acting under a president
20 who ran his agenda, America First, I'm not. I'm
21 talking about certain members of the Union City
22 Police Department and their loyalty not to the
23 Constitution, but to Brian Stack. Because the
24 tactics look familiar under Donald Trump, America
25 First wasn't just a slogan, it became a permission

1 slip. Permission to remove people, permission to
2 intimidate, permission to decide who belongs and
3 who doesn't.

4 Here, we hear Union City First,
5 different words, same instinct. When a leader
6 puts first on the banner, what they're really
7 saying is that everyone else comes second,
8 especially those who question power. Citizens
9 snatched up in public places to send a message.
10 Presence treated as provocation, visibility
11 treated as defiance. Not because laws were
12 broken, because power felt challenged or even
13 perceived to be challenged. That is not the
14 public safety. That's intimidation.

15 Nationally, enforcement agencies will
16 use the (indiscernible) under America First.
17 Locally, we're watching the same playbook under
18 Union City First. ICE snatches people up in
19 public places to assert control. Here, citizen
20 journalists are snatched up in public places to
21 assert control. ICE tells people they don't
22 belong; here, people are told go back to North
23 Bergen, to Connecticut, go back to Long Island.
24 Different geography, same message: You don't
25 belong.

1 So when there is no condemnation of ICE,
2 which I heard your little speech, which you're
3 really soft on it, no real statement, no
4 resolution, no public stand. It raises an obvious
5 question: How do you condemn tactics you
6 recognize? How do you denounce methods you rely
7 on? How do you distance yourself from behavior
8 you practice, just closer to home? Different
9 uniforms, different buildings, same tactics.

10 Union City is not a private brand, it's
11 a public city. And Union City First must never
12 mean the Constitution second. So I'll ask
13 clearly, publicly and on the record, Brian Stack,
14 do you support ICE? Yes or no. Because you made
15 excuses about how limited what we could do, while
16 other mayors from nearby towns and cities, were
17 condemning ICE and your constituency is largely an
18 immigrant population. So, again, I'll ask you:
19 Do you support ICE, yes or no? Because you
20 haven't condemned them. That's my question, thank
21 you.

22 MAYOR STACK: Anyone else wishing to
23 comment at this time, please step forward, state
24 your name and address for the record.

25 MR. SALINAS: Good evening, my name is

1 Randy Salinas. I appear today in my full and
2 proper capacity as a member of the We the People,
3 as an employer of the public servants here today.
4 I am domiciled on the land and soil of the New
5 Jersey Republic, a state citizen, and a member of
6 the body politic of one of the 50 sovereign states
7 of the United States Republic.

8 I'm here giving notice and demanding
9 answers. I do not consent to being misidentified,
10 misclassified, or administratively presumed to be
11 a so-called citizen of the United States, as that
12 term is used on the federal and territorial
13 statutes, including those operating under the
14 federal jurisdiction described in 28 U.S.C.
15 section 3002, subsection 14. I am not domiciled
16 in the District of Columbia, I do not reside in a
17 federal, municipal, or British territory. I do
18 not operate as a franchise, corporate entity,
19 vessel or legal fiction. I am lawfully executed
20 and recorded these declarations establishing my
21 political and private status, which remain
22 un rebutted.

23 Now, Mr. Mayor and Senator Brian Stack,
24 I want to address something larger because this
25 issue does not exist in a vacuum. It is evident

1 that government is no longer working for the
2 people, and it hasn't been truthfully for over 150
3 years. The level of corruption we see here in
4 Hudson County, New Jersey, is not an anomaly. It
5 is a reflection of a system that is corrupted
6 nationwide, from local governments to state
7 (indiscernible) to federal agencies to the courts
8 themselves. If governments were functioning as
9 intended, people would not need to challenge
10 jurisdiction to be left alone. We do not -- we
11 would not be dredged under endless regulations,
12 taxes, fines, and administrative enforcement that
13 violates our natural rights.

14 The Supreme Court has already spoken
15 clearly on our natural rights. In *Murdock v.*
16 *Pennsylvania*, 319 U.S. 105, the Court ruled that
17 no state may convert a right into a privilege and
18 require a license or fee. Rights do not come from
19 government and they cannot be taxed, licensed, or
20 regulated out of existence. In *Shuttlesworth v.*
21 *Birmingham*, 373 U.S. 262, the Court held that when
22 a government enacts a licensing scheme that turns
23 a constitutional right into a privilege subject to
24 arbitrary approval, that scheme is
25 unconstitutional and the people cannot be punished

1 for exercising the right itself. Yet, every day,
2 we see rights treated as permissions, licenses
3 demanded where rights already exist, fees imposed
4 for the exercise of freedom, and enforcement
5 carried out as though the Constitution were
6 optional.

7 So I ask: Why are rights treated as
8 privileges? Why do law enforcement agencies
9 enforce statutes and policies that directly
10 violate due process, the right to travel, and the
11 Constitution? Why does the government treat the
12 Constitution as if it were optional? Why are we,
13 the people, treated as subjects instead of the
14 source of all local authority? Why do politicians
15 and judges refuse to openly address the
16 unconstitutional defense of the 14th Amendments?
17 Article 5 of the Constitution lays out the only
18 and lawful method to amendment. And yet the 14th
19 Amendment was ratified under conditions that many
20 constitutional scholars, historians, and courts
21 have acknowledged were irregular, coerced, or
22 incomplete. Why is that conversation forbidden?
23 Why is it treated as an untouchable? Why do
24 judges shut it down without analysis, without
25 hearings, without evidence? Simply declaring it

1 is settled or refusing to prove it. Why do
2 politicians who swear an oath to support and
3 defend the Constitution act as if it no longer
4 restrains them. And why do courts operate as
5 administrative tribunals instead of courts of law?

6 The founders of this country anticipated
7 this exact moment. The Declaration of
8 Independence states plainly that "when in the
9 course of human events, it becomes necessary for
10 one people to dissolve the political bands which
11 have connected them with another and to assume the
12 among the powers of the earth, the separate and
13 equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of
14 Nature's God entitle them", and justification must
15 be given.

16 It is further declared -- it further
17 declares that all men are created equal, and that
18 they are endowed by their Creator with certain
19 unalienable rights. And that among them -- these
20 are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

21 It's this that we secure these rights,
22 governments institutionalized among men, just
23 powers from the consent of the government. And
24 most importantly, it states that whenever any form
25 of government becomes disruptive of these ends, it

1 is the right of the people to alter or abolish it
2 and to institutionalize new government.

3 I am standing here today because I
4 strongly feel that we're at this point when
5 government --

6 MAYOR STACK: Thank you, sir.

7 MR. SALINAS: -- consents --

8 MAYOR STACK: Thank you for your
9 comments.

10 Anyone else wishing to comment at this
11 time? Seeing no other, I make a motion to close
12 the public portion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
15 Stack, second by Commissioner Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon.

19 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

1 **ADJOURNMENT :**

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

5 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

6 MAYOR STACK: Second.

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

9 All in favor?

10 (All Board Members indicate in the
11 affirmative.)

12 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you.

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14 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
15 7:42 p.m.)

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