

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, July 28, 2026
Commencing at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

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LUCIO P. FERNANDEZ, COMMISSIONER

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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 of the Union City Board of Commissioners
9 being held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
10 at the Jose Marti STEM Academy at 1800 Summit
11 Avenue in Union City.

12 This meeting has been called accordance
13 with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice
14 was forwarded to The Bergen Record and The Star
15 Ledger and has been posted on the bulletin board
16 in City Hall and has made available to the public
17 in the office of the Municipal Clerk.
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19 **ROLL CALL:**
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21 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Grullon is on
22 her way. Commissioner Fernandez had a prior
23 commitment.

24 Commissioner Valdivia.

25 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Here.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Here.

3 MR. SCARINCI: Mayor Stack.

4 MAYOR STACK: Here.

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

8 **APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

9 Meeting of June 30, 2026.)

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11 MS. ROSARIO: The first item is
12 approving the previous meeting minutes for the
13 June 30, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting.
14 May I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

16 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
17 Commissioner Valdivia.

18 MAYOR STACK: Second.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Mayor Stack.
20 Commissioner Valdivia.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

25 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

(1) Resolution Approving the Payment of Claims

(2) Resolution Approving the Payment of Concurring Claims

(3) Resolution Approving the Escrow Refunds

(4) Resolution Approving the City Payroll

07/04/2026 - 07/17/2026

(5) Resolution Approving the Library Payroll

07/04/2026 - 07/17/2026

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

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

(8) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Premium Monies Collect At the Tax Sale

(9) Resolution Authorizing a Contract With Realauktion.Com, LLC, For Electronic Tax Lien Certificate Sale Services For 2026

(10) Resolution Authorizing Contract For the NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund FY2026 - West Street Traffic Signal Improvements Project

(11) Resolution Authorizing Contract For the

1 NJDOT Local Transportation Project Fund 2026 -
2 34th Street and 35th Street Improvements Project
3 (12) Resolution Approving the 2026-2027 Schedule
4 of the Board of Commissioners
5 (13) Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of
6 the City of Union City Approving the 2026-2027
7 Renewal of Liquor License No. 0910-33-117-005
8 Issued to La Herradura Inc. (T/a La Herradura).)
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10 MS. ROSARIO: There are 13 items on the
11 consent agenda. On line one, the Mayor recuses on
12 payments to Chasan, Mallon and Lamparello, and
13 Commissioner Martinetti on payments to Adolfo
14 Lopez.

15 If there is no other objections, Mayor,
16 would you like --

17 MAYOR STACK: We don't have anything on
18 for Park Avenue?

19 MS. ROSARIO: No.

20 MAYOR STACK: I just want to make sure.

21 MS. ROSARIO: No, we don't. Mayor, at
22 this time, would you like to --

23 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
24 on the consent agenda? There are 13 items on the
25 consent agenda, anyone on the consent agenda?

1 Seeing no one on the consent agenda, motion to
2 close the public portion of the consent agenda.

3 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

6 Commissioner Valdivia.

7 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

8 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

9 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

11 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
13 approval all items on the consent agenda?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Motion.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by
16 Commissioner Valdivia.

17 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
19 Martinetti.

20 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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2 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
3 action on the following item:

4 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

5 1. Public hearing on the CY2026
6 budget.)

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8 MS. ROSARIO: There are four items on
9 the regular agenda. One, public hearing on
10 payments to calendar year 2026 budget.

11 Mayor, at this time, can we take public
12 comment on the budget?

13 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
14 at this time on the 2026 budget, that would be on
15 the municipal budget for the City of Union City.
16 Anyone wishing to comment on the budget at this
17 time? I also like to recognize Tammy Zucca, the
18 finance director, is here with us this evening to
19 answer any questions. Anyone wishing to comment
20 on the municipal budget of the City of Union City?
21 Seeing none, I'll make a motion to close.

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

24 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

1 Commissioner Valdivia.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

4 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

5 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

6 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

10 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

11 2. Resolution approving payments to the
12 HCIA - dart charges.)

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14 MS. ROSARIO: Second item resolution
15 approving payments to the Hudson County
16 Improvement Authority, dart charges. Commissioner
17 Martinetti recuses.

18 MAYOR STACK: I'll move it.

19 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.

21 Second, Commissioner Valdivia.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

23 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

24 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Thank you.

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

4 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

5 3. Resolution approving payments to
6 Grace Theatre Workshop, Inc.)
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8 MS. ROSARIO: The third item is
9 resolution approving payments to Grace Theatre
10 Workshop. May I have a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
13 Martinetti. Second?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

15 MS. ROSARIO: By Commissioner Valdivia.
16 Commissioner Valdivia.

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.
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23 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
24 action on the following item:

25 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

1 4. Resolution approving payments to
2 Union City Day Care Program.)

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4 MS. ROSARIO: The fourth item is
5 resolution approving payments to the Union City
6 Day Care Program. Mayor recuses on item four.
7 May I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

10 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner
11 Martinetti. Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

12 Commissioner Valdivia.

13 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

15 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

16 MS. ROSARIO: We're waiting on two and
17 four, we'll do the roll call for approval later.

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

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

22 **1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF**
23 **THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO REVISE**
24 **PARKING PERMIT FEES AND RESTRICTIONS.)**

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1 MS. ROSARIO: I'll move onto the
2 ordinance for hearing and adoption consideration.
3 We have two ordinances, one is an ordinance
4 amending Chapter 16 of the code of the City of
5 Union City to revise parking permit fees and
6 restrictions.

7 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
8 take public comment?

9 MAYOR STACK: Anyone wishing to comment
10 at this time, please step forward, state your name
11 and address for the record. Seeing none, motion
12 to close.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by Mayor
15 Stack. Second, Commissioner Martinetti.

16 Commissioner Valdivia.

17 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

18 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

21 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

22 MS. ROSARIO: May I have a motion to
23 adopt?

24 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Motion made by

1 Commissioner Martinetti.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

3 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
4 Valdivia.

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

15 **2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16**
16 **ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO AUTHORIZE THE**
17 **TOWING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET**
18 **IN VIOLATION OF §16-3.11 OF THE UNION CITY**
19 **MUNICIPAL CODE.)**

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21 MS. ROSARIO: The second ordinance is an
22 ordinance amending Chapter 16 entitled "vehicles
23 and traffic" to authorize the towing of commercial
24 vehicles parked on the street in violation of
25 §16-3.11 of the Union City Municipal Code.

1 Mayor, at this time, would you like to
2 take public comment?

3 MAYOR STACK: So this something that's
4 very important, this is commercial vehicles being
5 left on the street in the overnight hours, taking
6 up parking spaces. We've had some cases where
7 commercial vehicles have blocked an intersection
8 and they had to be -- there was blocking -- this
9 will allow the police department not only to
10 ticket it, but also to tow it, when it's a public
11 safety hazard. Any of these commercial vehicles
12 that are being left on the street also impedes the
13 parking situation in the City.

14 Anyone wishing to comment on this
15 ordinance at this time, please step forward, state
16 your name and address for the record? Seeing
17 none, motion to close.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

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

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

6 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

7 MAYOR STACK: Second.

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

11 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

12 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

13 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

14 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

15 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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LIQUOR LICENSE HEARINGS:

1. El Cobre Lounge, LLC
T/a El Cobre Lounge Restaurant
4413-4415 Bergenline Avenue
0910-33-208-011
(Ciro Mederos, Esq.)
2. Jose Miguel Sanchez
T/a International Mini Market
425 8th Street
0910-43-023-013
3. Salvadorian Bar & Restaurant, Inc.
T/a EL Centro Americano Bar & Restaurant
4212 New York Avenue
0910-33-051-006
4. LAR Corp.
T/a La Roca Bar
2115 West Street
0910-33-182-005
5. **Transfer application**
Person-to-person and place-to-place
0910-33-080-009
Mil Amores Inc.
T/a El Paso 2
4709-11 Bergenline Avenue
(Ivan Paneque, Esq.)

1 1. El Cobre Lounge, LLC
2 T/a El Cobre Lounge Restaurant
3 4413-4415 Bergenline Avenue
 0910-33-208-011
 (Ciro Mederos, Esq.)

4 MS. ROSARIO: Now, we have our liquor
5 license hearings. Mr. Gonzalez.

6 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you. For the
7 record, Ramon Gonzalez, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z, on behalf
8 of the Union City ABC board, good evening.

9 Today, we have several matters. The
10 first matter we have is El Cobre Lounge, LLC,
11 they're located at 4413-15 Bergenline Avenue and
12 are present here, they're represented by Mr.
13 Mederos.

14 MR. MEDEROS: Good evening, Board. For
15 the record, Ciro Mederos, M-E-D-E-R-O-S, on behalf
16 of the licensee. They are present, standing to my
17 left is Mr. Torres, the principal of the
18 establishment.

19 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Torres, you're the
20 owner of the establishment and --

22 L U I S T O R R E S, after having been duly
23 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

25 | MR. MEDEROS: Just state your name again

1 for the record.

2 MR. TORRES: Luis Torres.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Commissioners, this case
4 has a lot of history, obviously, you can see it
5 goes back to March of this year. To make
6 everybody aware, we've done a lot of
7 investigation, the police department has been
8 involved, the Hudson County prosecutor's office has
9 been involved. We've reviewed many tapes that
10 were available to us to see what's going on.

11 Based on our investigation and with
12 discussions with Mr. Mederos, we have reached a
13 resolution where there will be a 60-day
14 suspension, that suspension will be held in
15 abeyance. If there's a violation within one year,
16 there's an automatic 60-day suspension without
17 appeal, plus any additional violation that may
18 exist. They will continue closing at 12:00, I
19 think that was the most important thing that they
20 did to show good faith when they appeared here
21 immediately, that was one of the conditions that
22 we were concerned with, they've complied.

23 During that period of time since they
24 first appeared to today, they've actually had no
25 violations and I think that goes a long way. I

1 think it's a reasonable resolution under the
2 circumstances. In the future, if they want to
3 make application, everyone is welcome to do it,
4 but it's got to be clear it would be a 60-day
5 suspension in addition to anything that happens as
6 a result of the new violation.

7 I've spoken to and presented that to Mr.
8 Mederos and I believe he's accepted that on behalf
9 of his client.

10 MR. MEDEROS: That is correct, Mayor and
11 Board, I did have a chance to speak to Mr. Torres.
12 As Mr. Gonzalez said, this has history. I'm
13 always told to lower my voice, today I'm speaking
14 too low. This has history. And throughout that
15 history, I have engaged Mr. Torres in a lot of
16 discussions. So my discussion with him today was
17 just a culmination of many hours discussing this.
18 And based on that, both him and I felt it would be
19 a reasonable and fair resolution. I would just
20 like to add that the minute that it was suggested
21 that he close earlier to show good faith, he
22 consented right away. And it happened to be,
23 unluckily for him, right before the World Cup,
24 which meant he closed early for two hours during
25 the World Cup at a great financial cost to him.

1 He did it to show good faith and to show the City
2 that he wants to run a good establishment, safe
3 establishment, and he's willing to work with the
4 Board and the City to that end.

5 So I would concur with Mr. Gonzalez and
6 respectfully request that the Board accept it.

7 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: That would be my
9 recommendation. Basically, if it was a criminal
10 matter, and obviously the decision is always up to
11 the Board, but it's equivalent of giving somebody
12 the jail keys to the cell to them. It's only them
13 that can ruin their license in the future with
14 this condition that we're putting on with this
15 offer that we're making. So if they truly want to
16 be good neighbors, I don't think I would want to
17 see them back here because it's a second chance.

18 MAYOR STACK: Sure. Just one thing, I
19 just want to make clear, and if it could be
20 translated for me, I would appreciate it, I just
21 want to make crystal clear that even if --

22 MR. GONZALEZ: He speaks English.

23 MAYOR STACK: Okay. Even if there's an
24 argument or a disagreement, you need to be the
25 first one that calls the police department. And

1 I'm not saying you covered anything up, I'm not
2 saying that at all. But if the music is that loud
3 that you can't hear a disagreement between
4 somebody, then the music needs to be lower. But I
5 just want to be clear you have to be the one that
6 calls the police because that's who we're going to
7 look at in the future. If you do have a
8 disagreement, if there is a fight in the
9 establishment, going outside is not enough, it's
10 got to be that the owner of the bar, the manager
11 of the bar, every single employee knows from you,
12 these employees and any new employees, that you
13 call the police. You pick up the phone and call
14 865-1111 and let the police know you have a
15 disturbance. And let the police department come
16 there and handle it. We'll look at who calls the
17 police, we can find out who was the person that
18 called the police. You as the owner, as the
19 manager, your employees is going make a huge
20 difference. That's the only thing I'm asking,
21 okay.

22 And just obviously keep the music down,
23 make sure there's always a manager there, if
24 you're not there as the owner. I understand you
25 can't be there the whole amount of time, but just

1 to make sure so we safeguard inside the
2 establishment and when people leave the
3 establishment. If you see any type of
4 disagreements, any type of arguments, I know how
5 it is, things happen. But you be the first one
6 that calls, that's all we ask. Thank you very
7 much. You understood what I said, right?

8 MR. TORRES: Yes.

9 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. I
10 appreciate that. Thank you, Ciro, thank you, Ray.

11 MR. MEDEROS: Thank you, Mayor, Board.

12 MAYOR STACK: I'll move the
13 recommendation, 60 days in abeyance and closing at
14 12 midnight.

15 Also let the record reflect Commissioner
16 Wendy Gullon has now joined us.

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

19 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

20 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
21 Martinetti.

22 Commissioner Valdivia.

23 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

25 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

1 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

2 MAYOR STACK: Yes, thank you very much.

3 MR. MEDEROS: Thank you, Mayor.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 2. Jose Miguel Sanchez
2 T/a International Mini Market
3 425 8th Street
4 0910-43-023-013

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is Jose
6 Miguel Sanchez, International Mini Market.

7 J O S E G O N Z A L E Z, an interpreter of the
8 SPANISH language, after having been duly sworn or
9 affirmed, did interpret the following testimony:

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11 J O S E M I G U E L S A N C H E Z, after
12 having been duly sworn or affirmed, did testify as
13 follows through the interpreter:

14
15 MR. GONZALEZ: Please state your name.

16 MR. SANCHEZ: Jose Miguel Sanchez.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: Mr. Sanchez, are you the
18 owner of International Mini Market?

19 MR. SANCHEZ: Yes.

20 MR. GONZALEZ: And we have an
21 interpreter because you had difficulty last time.
22 So you know you were charged with a paper
23 violation. Today, you had the opportunity to
24 bring that, we reviewed all the papers, and based
25 on that, the recommendation is that the matter be

1 dismissed with a warning. Do you understand that?

2 MR. SANCHEZ: Yes.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: You understand that you
4 have to have your paperwork in order when the
5 police do their investigation?

6 MR. SANCHEZ: Yes.

7 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. That would be my
8 recommendation. He brought everything, we
9 reviewed it. It was a little jumbled, he's
10 corrected it. But I wanted the interpreter here
11 so that there's an understanding that it's a
12 warning, a dismissal with a warning. So if you
13 come back again, it's a subsequent offense.

14 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. I'll
15 make a motion to dismiss.

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

18 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
20 Valdivia.

21 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. Have a good night.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 3. Salvadorian Bar & Restaurant, Inc.
2 T/a EL Centro Americano Bar & Restaurant
3 4212 New York Avenue
4 0910-33-051-006

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is
6 Salvadorian Bar and Restaurant, 4212 New York
7 Avenue.

8 M A R I A D e M E R E S , after having been duly
9 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows through
10 the interpreter:

11 MS. DeMERES: Maria DeMeres.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: Maria, are you the owner
13 of Salvadorian Bar and Restaurant liquor license?
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15 MS. DeMERES: Yes.

16 MR. GONZALEZ: We're HERE today because
17 we have another violation of bar cards. As a
18 first penalty, what we have here is generally a
19 ten-day suspension. Since it would be the first
20 penalty that she's had with bar cards and it was
21 an issue with the books, she's corrected that the
22 bar card is something that is explained, we give
23 classes, it's got to be worn at all times. It
24 would be my recommendation that it would be a
25 five-day suspension.

1 MAYOR STACK: Was there any comment or
2 any?

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Do you agree to that?

4 MS. DeMERES: Yes.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Do you understand you
6 don't have to accept this, you could have a trial?

7 MS. DeMERES: Yes, it's okay.

8 MR. GONZALEZ: You could have an
9 attorney if you want.

10 MS. DeMERES: No.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay.

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

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

16 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
18 Valdivia.

19 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.

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MAYOR STACK: Yes.

MR. GONZALEZ: Thank you.

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1 4. LAR Corp.
2 T/a La Roca Bar
3 2115 West Street
4 0910-33-182-005

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter is La
6 Roca Bar, they're located at 2115 West Street.

7 L U I S A C A S T R O , after having been duly
8 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

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10 MS. CASTRO: Luisa Castro.

11 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Castro, what is your
12 position at La Roca Bar?

13 MS. CASTRO: Manager.

14 MR. GONZALEZ: Okay. Is the owner here
15 present?

16 MS. CASTRO: Yes.

17 MR. GONZALEZ: I want her to come up.

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19 M S. S A N T A N A , after having been duly
20 sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows:

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22 MS. SANTANA: Santana.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Ms. Santana, are you the
24 owner of the liquor license that's working La Roca
25 Bar?

1 MS. SANTANA: Yes.

2 MR. GONZALEZ: Do you need an
3 interpreter?

4 MS. SANTANA: No.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: The violations that we
6 have here are once again we have bar card issues
7 and the E-141A form that was not complete. To be
8 consistent with everybody and be fair, it is a
9 first violation, they've been actually very
10 helpful during other investigations with the
11 police department. What we would recommend
12 instead of it being the first offense penalty of
13 ten days, we would recommend a five-day
14 suspension. They're taking the steps to correct
15 the paper violation and the bar cards. I think
16 because they've been very cooperative when we
17 needed their investigation with videos for other
18 violations that have occurred in the area, a
19 five-day suspension would be adequate.

20 Now, you understand you don't have to
21 accept my recommendation, my recommendation is
22 just a recommendation, it would have to be
23 approved by them?

24 MS. SANTANA: Okay.

25 MR. GONZALEZ: Do you understand further

1 if you wanted to have a trial, you could have a
2 trial. If you wanted to adjourn this to get a
3 lawyer, you could do that also.

4 MS. SANTANA: No.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: You're okay with this?
6 That would be my recommendation, that a five-day
7 suspension on the paper violation and the bar
8 card.

9 MAYOR STACK: Do you fully understand
10 Mr. Gonzalez, what he's recommending is a five-day
11 suspension?

12 MS. SANTANA: Yes.

13 MAYOR STACK: Okay. You don't want an
14 attorney?

15 MS. SANTANA: No.

16 MAYOR STACK: Okay. I'll make a motion
17 to approve a five-day suspension.

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

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
22 Valdivia.

23 Commissioner Gullon.

24 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

25 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

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COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

MAYOR STACK: Yes. Thank you very much.

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1 **5. Transfer application**
2 **Person-to-person and place-to-place**

3 0910-33-080-009

4 Mil Amores Inc.

5 T/a El Paso 2

6 4709-11 Bergenline Avenue

7 (Ivan Paneque, Esq.)

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9 MR. GONZALEZ: The next matter we have
10 is a continuation of Mil Amores, Inc., they're
11 located at 4709-11 Bergenline Avenue. They're
12 represented by Mr. Paneque, who I see present.
13 Just so the Board is aware, this was an
14 adjournment so that there could be some
15 investigation done. And also to allow Mr. Paneque
16 to make a further presentation.

17 As it goes from what I've presented, I
18 have presented what the recommendation of the
19 police department is and also presented the proofs
20 about the area and the difficulties that we have
21 in that area. So I think the only thing that
22 would be left is any additional comments that Mr.
23 Paneque would like to make on behalf of his
24 client.

25 MR. PANEQUE: Good evening, Mayor Stack
and Members of the Board, my partner was here the
last time. She has had surgery, she also happens
to be my wife, that's why I'm here today. But I'm

1 fairly familiar with what happened in the past,
2 I'm familiar with the concerns of the Board and of
3 the Mayor. I'm going to try to address each one
4 of those concerns and also state the situation
5 that my clients are in, perhaps it may or may not
6 sway the Board.

7 So one of the concerns that the Board
8 had, the City had, was that perhaps my client
9 didn't have enough experience, he does operate
10 another restaurant bar -- it's not restaurant bar,
11 it's a restaurant with a liquor license over on
12 38th Street. So lack of experience was one of the
13 items which was brought forth.

14 There was some mention made about a
15 parking deck being nearby, I assume that there was
16 some concern as to spillage from this
17 establishment on 8th Street into that parking
18 deck. And then there was a suggestion that they
19 hire a manager and that was the second time that
20 they were before the Board, there was a manager
21 that came in.

22 And there was also mention made as to
23 the occupancy of the establishment on 48th Street,
24 the number of seats at the bar. We have a couple
25 things. My client has prepared diagrams, which I

1 can present, if we could pass them forward, so you
2 get a clear picture of the set up and also the
3 menu for this establishment. So my client
4 basically rented or took over what was previously
5 La Papusa Bar at 48th Street, bar restaurant, I
6 use the term restaurant loosely because it was
7 primarily a liquor establishment.

8 My client wants to assure the City, the
9 Board and the Mayor, that the type of
10 establishment which he is seeking to run at this
11 location, it's not a bar that serves food. It is
12 primarily a restaurant where individuals will go
13 and have a drink with their dinner. This is much
14 different than what was there before when it was
15 La Papusa. I think it was more of a bar
16 atmosphere. So my client is well aware of the
17 concerns of the City and is trying to not only
18 appease the City, but work with the City in order
19 to address the concerns.

20 Certainly, I'm reminded of growing up on
21 22nd Street and Central Avenue where there was a
22 bar on every corner. And we would wake up in the
23 morning to broken glass all over the place, bar
24 fights, and we appreciate that this not what Union
25 City is nowadays. So, again, the menu that I

1 presented is -- basically shows that at the
2 present time, it's a restaurant. My client's
3 concern is that he's just not cutting it, expense
4 wise, selling only food. This is a very large
5 establishment. At the present time, the
6 occupancy, the capacity for this place is around
7 200 -- it's not around it is 275, it's rated for
8 275 people. My client as you can see from --

9 MAYOR STACK: What's the occupancy?

10 MR. PANEQUE: 275 is what's allowed,
11 this is a very large establishment. I had my
12 client prepare and submit the diagrams because if
13 you count the number of tables and even if you
14 count the number of chairs around the bar -- and
15 by the way, the number of stools around the bar
16 here is not indicative of the actual number. The
17 first floor has six bar stools and the second
18 floor has five bar stools. So in total, between
19 bar stools and chairs and tables, there's 137,
20 there's seating for 137 individuals. So that's
21 way below what the establishment is allowed --
22 would be allowed to have.

23 Moving on to the cost of running this,
24 my client is currently paying, between rent and
25 utilities, over \$180,000 per year. This is just

1 rent and utilities. On top of that, in salary and
2 he has about 15 employees between both
3 establishments, so there's half of those employees
4 in one establishment, half at this establishment.
5 And salaries, he pays about \$275,000 a year, so
6 he's paying about \$275,000 a year in salary,
7 \$180,000 in rent and utilities, that's before he
8 can even get to the point where he's making a
9 profit. At this point, he's not making a profit.

10 If this license is not -- the transfer
11 is not allowed, he's basically going to have to
12 close up shop. Beyond that, between both
13 establishments, he employs 14 to 15 Union City
14 residents, which depends on the success of both
15 businesses in order to feed their families.

16 The other establishment, he's owned for
17 about nine years, about a year and a half of that
18 has been with a liquor license. And as the City
19 is aware, it hasn't been without hiccups. There's
20 been issues in the other establishment, some of
21 them were license violations. From what I gather,
22 I didn't represent them, but they weren't major
23 violations. It was paper violations, camera
24 violations, they've gone beyond what was possibly
25 expected from them. For example, the other

1 establishment, instead of having the cameras for
2 60 days, they have them for 90 days. And at the
3 same time, while I say it hasn't been perfect, I
4 think that some or a lot of weight has to be
5 placed on how they've responded when issues have
6 come up. As an attorney, at times, I represent
7 individuals that have washed their hands of a
8 problem, basically wait until the end, then they
9 hire an attorney and try to resolve it. My
10 clients have been forthcoming, they've resolved
11 issues right away. I believe that they went to
12 the City and explained how they had addressed an
13 issue at the other restaurant that had to do with
14 sanitation and cleaning of the restaurant.

15 My client is also willing to consider,
16 if the City thinks that for a period of time it
17 would be better to maybe not have it open until
18 12, they're willing to consider maybe closing at
19 11. Again, they're at their wits' end because
20 unless this license is transferred, they're going
21 to have to close shop, they just can't make it.
22 When you have other establishments a block away,
23 two blocks away, that somebody can go sit down and
24 have a meal, somebody can go have liquor with
25 their meal. And I would also venture to say that

1 some of those other establishments are primarily
2 bars. My client's establishment is a restaurant
3 that is looking to serve liquor. I'm sorry --

4 MAYOR STACK: But in all fairness, Mr.
5 Paneque, some of those places have been there long
6 before I was born.

7 MR. PANEQUE: I understand.

8 MAYOR STACK: So it's not that we
9 approved those places.

10 MR. PANEQUE: I understand, but I'm not
11 saying -- I'm aware, Mayor. Judge -- I feel like
12 I'm in court.

13 The other thing which I believe this
14 establishment has going for it, which is positive,
15 is there are no tenants above it. It's basically
16 a standalone commercial establishment that, you
17 know, there's no people above it that would
18 potentially complain.

19 I have here with me -- the last time we
20 were here, there was another individual, Gabriel,
21 who was one of the managers. Fidel Casianos is
22 the other individual she would be bringing in and
23 they would work in tandem. Mr. Casianos has
24 extensive experience in running bars and
25 restaurants. He's worked in a number of

1 municipalities, in other states, too. So it's not
2 as if they're not addressing the City's concerns,
3 they want to try to get everything straight in
4 order to appease the City's concerns. Mr.
5 Casianos --

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7 F I D E L C A S I A N O S, after having been
8 duly sworn or affirmed, did testify as follows
9 through the interpreter:

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11 MR. CASIANOS: Fidel Casianos.

12 MR. PANEQUE: Mr. Casianos, you have
13 experience operating bars/restaurants?

14 MR. CASIANOS: Yes.

15 MR. PANEQUE: And how many bar or
16 restaurants have you been involved with?

17 MR. CASIANOS: In New Jersey, four.

18 MR. PANEQUE: And during what time
19 period has that been?

20 MR. CASIANOS: Three years.

21 MR. PANEQUE: And in what capacity do
22 you function or what are your services with regard
23 to that?

24 MR. CASIANOS: Principally -- you mean
25 financially? Just to serve the cocktails and the

1 liquors, how to manage the tips. The person who
2 consumes, so that they don't get too drunk, it's a
3 control. Because it's a restaurant bar and not a
4 bar restaurant. That's my expertise, restaurant
5 bar.

6 MR. PANEQUE: So would it be fair to say
7 you function in a managerial capacity?

8 MR. CASIANOS: Yes, basically. Helping
9 for the manager -- I help the manager.

10 MR. PANEQUE: But are you a manager?

11 MR. CASIANOS: Basically, yes.

12 MR. PANEQUE: Thank you. So this
13 individual would be -- I know one of the concerns
14 was getting professionals involved. My client --

15 MAYOR STACK: How many years experience
16 do you have?

17 MR. CASIANOS: In restaurants, I have
18 six, in a restaurant bar, three.

19 MAYOR STACK: And how old are you, sir?

20 MR. CASIANOS: 24.

21 MAYOR STACK: 24 years old, very good.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. PANEQUE: My client is also, as I
24 indicated, willing to consider any other
25 suggestions that the City would have in order to

1 possibly get this. Again, they're extremely
2 nervous about this, they've dedicated a lot of
3 effort, a lot of money to get this going, and
4 they're about to lose it all, so it's a very
5 difficult situation. And that's not to minimize
6 the City's concerns, but I truly feel that we have
7 individuals here that are willing to listen to the
8 City, listen to the concerns and try to work with
9 the City in order to make this not only work for
10 them business wise, but also to not create
11 problems for the City. Thank you.

12 MAYOR STACK: Thank you very much. The
13 issue that we have is that they own an
14 establishment now, and I know they only have a
15 liquor license, I think, you mentioned for a year
16 and a half. The lack of experience that they have
17 is evident. They were here at prior hearings, I
18 know you weren't here at the time, your partner
19 was. They brought in a different manager, he
20 didn't even know how many bar stools were in the
21 establishment. He didn't know how much the
22 occupancy load, neither did anyone else in the
23 group. They seem like a good family, they seem
24 like they're well intentioned. But having said
25 that, having a liquor license, as you know, is a

1 privilege. I want to help this family, I know
2 that they employ residents in Union City. That's
3 the last thing we want to do is hurt anyone from
4 Union City or anybody that has a job.

5 But we also have thousands upon
6 thousands of people that call that neighborhood
7 home and that's the issue. In that immediate area
8 alone, we have at least ten liquor establishments
9 in that immediate area, number one. Number two,
10 when you look at how densely populated the
11 neighborhood is, I know they own the place, I know
12 they own a restaurant right now, it's only been a
13 short period of time, again, that they've had a
14 liquor license. The experience level -- and we
15 questioned them at a prior meeting, obviously
16 wasn't there. Who was going to be managing it,
17 you can't split yourself into two as the owner,
18 who would be managing the establishment?

19 This is a much bigger establishment and
20 the one they own on 37th or 38th, between 37th and
21 38th on Bergenline Avenue. This is 275, an
22 occupancy load that's been put on the record now.
23 You're obviously going to have tables, you're
24 going to have a small bar. We finally got the
25 number at the bar, you're going to have dancing,

1 you're going to have music, which is understood.

2 But having said that, if you're relying
3 on liquor to make your business, that's mistake
4 number one. I know many good food establishments
5 in Union City, outside of Union City, that have a
6 good product in food and people come back and come
7 back again and bring their own bottle. To say I
8 need a liquor license to make this run shows me
9 it's not about food, it's about liquor -- and I
10 understand that, I understand that may be the
11 model that works for him.

12 I don't feel with the level of
13 experience they have going into this type of an
14 establishment at this size. I would be derelict
15 in my duties -- and I'll let the Commissioners
16 speak for themselves -- if I allowed this to take
17 place with the lack of experience that's here.

18 Secondly, it's been less than stellar,
19 the establishment that they manage right now at
20 3717, I believe it is, Bergenline Avenue. I would
21 strongly focus on maintaining the restaurant. How
22 long is the restaurant open at 4709? Is it open
23 right now?

24 MR. PANEQUE: It's open, Mayor Stack, it
25 is opened. They're serving food.

1 MAYOR STACK: How long has this been
2 ownership?

3 MR. PANEQUE: Possibly about a year.

4 MAYOR STACK: About a year.

5 MR. CASIANOS: Around a year.

6 MR. PANEQUE: A year. So they
7 basically -- I don't mean to interrupt, they
8 basically entered into a lease, they did
9 everything. And then they applied for the -- we
10 were actually in the process to buy a different
11 liquor license, but that didn't work out. They
12 opened that thinking that the other one was going
13 to work out, they basically carried it, but it's
14 not operating at a -- they're basically losing
15 money.

16 MAYOR STACK: And if you look at the
17 license that -- did they purchase the license or
18 they're in the process of purchasing?

19 MR. PANEQUE: This license?

20 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

21 MR. PANEQUE: It has not been purchased,
22 we're under contract.

23 MAYOR STACK: If you look at the
24 extensive record that this license has, and I'm
25 sure you have, it's extensive. And there's been a

1 lot of issues at this location. We've had -- the
2 police department has been there a number of
3 times. I couldn't tell you the number of times,
4 if we look back in the call log, noise complaints.
5 I understand he didn't own it, but what we dealt
6 with at that location.

7 Plus when you look, you have a liquor
8 establishment at 4818 Bergenline, 4607 Bergenline,
9 4601 Bergenline, 4546 Bergenline, 4538 Bergenline,
10 4418 Bergenline, 4417 Bergenline, 4413-4415
11 Bergenline, 4416-4424 Bergenline Avenue. We have
12 a religious establishment that is not too far,
13 right around the block. We have a mosque that's
14 less than a block away, which is a religious
15 institution with a day care.

16 And you look at the record that goes
17 back of this license, a brawl, a brawl with
18 intoxicated customers, outdoor area, outside
19 seating that was not permitted, sale of inside a
20 violation of the governor's orders, sale of
21 alcohol outdoor. Just the number of noise
22 complaints, urinating in the parking lot, fights
23 in the parking lot, fights outside. I would get
24 complaints as far away as 509 47th Street, as far
25 away as Cottage Place. You mentioned you lived on

1 22nd and Central, we're not looking to go back to
2 a bar atmosphere --

3 MR. PANEQUE: Certainly, that's not
4 something which any of us want. I remember as a
5 kid waking up --

6 MAYOR STACK: Sure.

7 MR. PANEQUE: -- there were fights, we
8 had a bar on 22nd and Central, we had two on 24th
9 Street, but we had another one on 26th. These are
10 primarily bars. So we do appreciate what the City
11 is trying to do, and has accomplished, quite
12 frankly.

13 MAYOR STACK: Then you look, we have
14 problems with music at 3717 Bergenline Avenue, we
15 have problems with cleanliness, we have problems
16 with the sidewalks that were put in. Just
17 problems going along. And I can't in good
18 conscience support the transfer of a license.

19 I think they need to focus on one
20 establishment, they have the privilege of owning a
21 license for a year and a half, as you mentioned.
22 I think the focus should be there, get more
23 experience there. We can entertain an application
24 in the future if they have another establishment
25 or this establishment. But right now, I mean I'm

1 inclined -- I'll leave up to the Commissioners,
2 I'm inclined to deny the transfer.

3 MR. PANEQUE: Can I just add,
4 respectfully, the establishment that they have
5 presently set up with tables, it's nowhere near
6 the capacity of 275.

7 MAYOR STACK: Right.

8 MR. PANEQUE: They're operating at a
9 much lower capacity because they don't want to
10 have that big of an operation. They're looking,
11 again, to do a restaurant where somebody can sit
12 down and have a drink with their meal, not even
13 walk in and go to the bar and sit down. With five
14 and six stools, that's not what this is conducive
15 towards.

16 MAYOR STACK: I know. But you and I
17 both know you could be bring drinking at every
18 table. Once the license is given, they're free to
19 serve drinks at the table, which is understood.
20 The focus has to be on food. I have a
21 responsibility to children, to residents that live
22 in that area, about noise control, about the
23 quality of life. We have a number of issues right
24 now between 47th and 49th, that we an officer
25 dedicated on a walking post up there, something

1 like 16, 18 hours a day, sometimes even 24 hours a
2 day. We stop vendors from selling on the street
3 in that neighborhood, specifically between 47th
4 and 49th because of the issues that we were having
5 with quality of life.

6 People are going to turn around and say
7 if they're trying to clean up the quality of life
8 and we just got rid of one establishment that was
9 causing it, why are they bringing in another one?
10 And on top of it, the lack of experience.

11 And, again, I have nothing against your
12 client. They seem like a hard working family. I
13 would focus on one establishment right now, build
14 up your food, build up your customer base,
15 advertise, whatever it takes to build that up,
16 focus on that first before we jump to another one
17 this quickly.

18 MR. PANEQUE: If my client was willing
19 to perhaps close earlier, would that perhaps sway
20 the City and address some of the concerns, maybe
21 not open to midnight, close 11, 10:30.

22 MAYOR STACK: I mean that --

23 MR. PANEQUE: Again, I don't mean to --
24 I hate to repeat myself, they're just at their
25 wits' end, they're about to lose everything they

1 put in.

2 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Paneque, then they're
3 going to be back here saying we're closing at
4 10:30, in a year, we're not making it, we need to
5 go to 2:00 and then what? Then I move the license
6 there, with the same reasons I mentioned about the
7 lack of experience, I'm moving it there and that's
8 the issue that we have.

9 MR. PANEQUE: But it would give us a
10 trial period to see how they function, how they
11 operated, not only with food, but with a liquor
12 license, during that year. Then we would have a
13 very good basis to say, no, you messed up because
14 you did X-Y-Z, we got more complaints. Or they
15 may surprise us and come back and say you run a
16 clean establishment, you've done everything right,
17 and you've been an asset to the City, to the
18 community.

19 So that's, you know, that's -- they're
20 not here saying it's our way, we want it. They're
21 willing to work with the City in order to get this
22 done.

23 MAYOR STACK: Right. In order to get
24 the transfer of the license over, right, I
25 understand that. Everybody is going to come in

1 and tell you how this is going to be a restaurant,
2 how we're going to close at 10:30 until they get
3 it. They're back in here and they're appealing
4 it.

5 Let me just say something. Does your
6 client own any other licenses besides -- any other
7 type of business license in the City of Union
8 City?

9 MR. PANEQUE: It's my understanding that
10 he owns food trucks or carts, not really truck --
11 trailers that cook food.

12 MAYOR STACK: Where are they in Union
13 City? Where are they located?

14 MR. PANEQUE: One of them is on 30 --
15 don't quote me 35th, 36th, one of them is on 31st
16 and one of them is near the 1st Street park.

17 MAYOR STACK: Mr. Paneque, ask your
18 client how many times we've asked him not to leave
19 the cart on the street on 36th and Bergenline
20 overnight? That the police went there, summonsed
21 it, they towed it. They've spoken to him, I can't
22 tell you how many times. Why did they ask him to
23 move it? Not because of the aesthetics because a
24 fire truck couldn't turn the corner.

25 When we talk about cooperation, I look

1 at somebody's track record in the City and how
2 they operate other businesses. I only came to
3 realize this within the last week, that he had
4 owned those licenses. I cannot believe the
5 audacity when somebody is summonsed, somebody is
6 towed, and somebody is told you cannot leave it
7 there for a matter of public safety, which meant a
8 fire truck being able to turn that corner. The
9 police have gone there, police supervisors have
10 gone there and spoken to them, and a complete
11 disregard.

12 And that's the same thing -- I just want
13 to ask because this shows a track record of how
14 somebody is going to act with a professional
15 license. And that bothers me because we've asked
16 cooperation that everybody remove the vendor carts
17 off the street at night. It's not fair to
18 residents in the City when they're parked in a
19 parking spot and it's taking up the parking spots
20 over night. Paterson Plank Road and New York
21 Avenue, I stopped there twice myself and said I'm
22 asking you please not to leave this here in the
23 over night and I basically got laughed at by the
24 gentleman that was operating it. I'm not sure if
25 it's anybody who's here, but I can tell you it

1 happened to me, not only to the police department,
2 but it happened to me.

3 So we come here saying we're about
4 cooperation, how easy would it be to take your
5 vending carts and move them off the street at 9:00
6 at night or stay there until midnight, in the over
7 night. How easy would that be? Now you want a
8 liquor license for 275 people? I would think
9 twice about that.

10 I'm going to make a motion -- anybody
11 from the public have a comment on this application
12 at this time?

13 MR. PANEQUE: Mr. Mayor --

14 MAYOR STACK: I'm going to make a motion
15 to deny.

16 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Second.

17 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.
18 Second by Commissioner Grullon.

19 MR. PANEQUE: There's one more comment
20 that somebody wanted --

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 MAYOR STACK: Yes. Thank you very much,
3 everyone.

4 MR. GONZALEZ: Yes, I'm sorry. There
5 was one more I was going to put on, but I didn't.
6 That concludes all ABC matters.

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

3 **REGULAR AGENDA:**

4 2. Resolution approving payments to the
5 HCIA - dart charges.)

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7 MS. ROSARIO: We have to go back to the
8 regular agenda.

9 So the resolution approving payment to
10 the HCIA.

11 Commissioner Martinetti recuses. May I
12 have a motion to approve.

13 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

14 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

15 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.

16 Second by Commissioner Valdivia.

17 Commissioner Gullon.

18 COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

19 MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

21 MS. ROSARIO: Mayor Stack.

22 MAYOR STACK: Yes.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Resolution approving payments to the Union City Day Care Program.)

MS. ROSARIO: The next one is to approve payment to the Union City Day Care Program.

May I have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Motion.

MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Commissioner Martinetti.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner Valdivia and the Mayor is recusing.

Commissioner Grullon.

COMMISSIONER GRULLON: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Valdivia.

COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Yes.

MS. ROSARIO: Commissioner Martinetti.

COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Yes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

MS. ROSARIO: Mayor, would you like to take public comment?

MAYOR STACK: Sure. Anyone wishing to

1 comment at this time, please step forward, state
2 your name and address for the record? Seeing no
3 one at this time, I'll make the motion to close.

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

6 COMMISSIONER VALDIVIA: Second.

7 MS. ROSARIO: Second by Commissioner
8 Valdivia.

9 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 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

22 MAYOR STACK: Motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MARTINETTI: Second.

24 MS. ROSARIO: Motion by Mayor Stack.

25 Second by Commissioner Martinetti. All in favor?

1 (All Board Members indicate in the
2 affirmative.)

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4 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at
5 5:52 p.m.)
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Brian P. Stack
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Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Samantha Blake, Esq.,
Corporation Counsel

C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony and proceedings as taken stenographically by me at the time, place, and on the date hereinbefore set forth.

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