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6 O P E N S E S S I O N
7 Hudson County
Administration Building,
8 Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
9 Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, June 12, 2014
10 6:00 p.m.

11 B E F O R E:
12 JOSE C. MUNOZ, Chairman
ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
13 DOREEN DiDOMENICO, Freeholder
THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
14 E. JUNIOR MALDONADO, Freeholder
WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
15 TILO RIVAS, Freeholder
ANTHONY ROMANO, Freeholder
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17 A L S O P R E S E N T:
18 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
19 DONATO J. BATTISTA, Hudson County Counsel
20 ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
21 WILLIE ORTIZ, County Clerk
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25 Job No. NJ1798441

1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
2 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Present.
3 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
4 Freeholder Dublin. Freeholder Liggio.
5 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.
8 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.
10 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
11 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Here.
12 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here.
14 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
15 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Here.
16 THE CLERK: Please stand for the
17 Pledge of Allegiance.
18 (Flag Salute.)
19 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this
20 meeting has been provided as follows:
21 1. Posting notice of Resolution No.
22 8-1-2014 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third
23 Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City,
24 New Jersey.
25 2. Copies of the above mentioned

1 resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and
2 the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star
3 Ledger.
4 First order of business, L-1, resolution
5 congratulating the St. Peter's Prep Boys Volleyball
6 Team on an outstanding season and winning the 2014
7 Hudson County Boys Volleyball Championship.
8 Whereas, excellence and success in
9 competitive sports such as that achieved by the
10 St. Peter's Prep Volleyball Team requires strenuous
11 practice, team play and team spirit, that is
12 developed and nurtured by dedicated coaching and
13 hard work, and it is fitting and appropriate for
14 this Board to recognize that achievement; and
15 Whereas, the St. Peter's Prep Boys
16 Volleyball team achieved great success during the
17 2014 season, which included an outstanding 28 and 2
18 record from April to June, and an even more
19 impressive 48 and 2 record from March to June, and
20 second place finishes at the Bloomfield Volleyball
21 Tournament and the Livingston Volleyball Tournament;
22 and
23 Whereas, St. Peter's Prep outstanding boys
24 volleyball season also includes winning the 2014
25 Hudson County Boys Volleyball Championship, and an

1 undefeated record in Hudson County. The St. Peter's
2 Prep Marauders finished second in the Star Ledger's
3 Top 20 Volleyball teams ranking, winning the New
4 Jersey State Sectional Volleyball Championship for
5 the North 2 and making the NJSIAA State Volleyball
6 Championship, in which they were edged out by the
7 Southern Regional High School team; and
8 Whereas, the St. Peter's Prep Boys
9 Volleyball Team Players earned numerous accolades
10 for their achievements during the 2014 season
11 including the following: Tyler Lee for the Star
12 Ledger Athlete of the Month for May 1st; Team All
13 Hudson County Co-Player of the Year of Hudson
14 County; and the first in school history to have
15 2,000 plus career assists. Spencer Shickora for
16 First Team All Hudson County Co-Player of the year
17 of Hudson County; and first in school history to
18 have a thousand plus kills. Shayron Taylor for
19 First Team All Hudson County, and Co-Most Improved
20 Player of the Year. Alex Donaleski for Second Team
21 All Hudson County, and Co-Most Improved Player of
22 the Year. Bradley Switala for Second Team All
23 Hudson County, Ben Hurley for Second Team All
24 Hudson, Keillor Beckwith for Second Team All Hudson
25 County, and Tommy McManus for Second Team All Hudson

1 County; and
2 Whereas, these outstanding results
3 reflect a high level of dedication and determination
4 not just by the individual members of the team who
5 worked so hard to achieve this great success, but
6 also by Coach Maurice Washington, who was honored as
7 Coach of the Year for Hudson County.
8 Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board
9 of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County that in
10 conjunction with County Executive Thomas A. DeGise
11 and on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, the
12 Board congratulates the St. Peter's Prep Boys
13 Volleyball Team on its successful 2014 season, and
14 for bringing honor glory and recognition to the
15 County of Hudson; and
16 A copy of this resolution be presented to
17 all the following team members and coaches of the
18 Championship Team. Sean Johnson, Daiquan Cutler,
19 Ryan Hernandez, Christopher Thoms-Bauer, Thomas
20 McManns, Bradley Switala, Spencer Shickora, Alex
21 Donaleski, Griffin Otterbein, Tyler Lee, Richard
22 Larkin, Charlie Forker, David Smith, Ben Hurley,
23 Jesus Ferrer, Keilor Beckwith, Kevin McVeigh,
24 Shayron Taylor, Jake Marciniak.
25 Coaches and staff: Head Coach, Maurice

1 Washington; Manager, Joe Siocha; Assistant Coaches,
2 Arash Safivi, Alex Magallon, Shavonda Robinson and
3 Lorenzo Samin.
4 On the resolution, Freeholder Cifelli.
5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
7 Freeholder Dublin. Freeholder Liggio.
8 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
12 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I'm a proud Prep
13 grad. He called me.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I went to St.
15 Peter's Prep.
16 THE CLERK: I'm reading that straight
17 from the resolution, Freeholder. I apologize.
18 Freeholder O'Dea.
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
23 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
25 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: You never got Rivas.

1 THE CLERK: Yes, yes, he said yes.
2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Okay, okay. Yes.
3 THE CLERK: It is hereby certified
4 that at the Regular Meeting of the Board of
5 Freeholders of the County of Hudson held on this
6 day, the 12th Day of June, 2014, the forgoing
7 resolution was adopted with Members voting in the
8 affirmative unanimously.
9 COACH WASHINGTON: To the Board and
10 community, coaching, players, Administration,
11 faculty and fans, I want to thank you all for this
12 great opportunity to acknowledge us. That's most
13 and solely important for the guys just to be
14 acknowledged for their efforts to never go
15 unrecognized and also to be here, it's a huge honor
16 for us completely at Prep. So thank you.
17 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Coach, part of
18 my enthusiasm, as you know my son plays for Ferris,
19 and he individually had a great season, but you guys
20 at Prep had a fantastic season. I'm glad to have
21 been able to support the team by being a fan of
22 St. Peter's down the stretch there. You guys did
23 great. Too bad you couldn't get that last win, but
24 listen, next year, rebuilding, and hopefully, we'll
25 bring the State Championship next year, right?

1 Thank you.
2 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder Romano.
3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: You guys at
4 Prep, if you have to leave for the mass.
5 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Mr. Shine, could
6 you please come up to the podium.
7 THE CLERK: Proclamation
8 congratulating Bill Shine for winning third place in
9 the New Jersey Press Association 2013 Newspaper
10 Photography Competition for his shot in the News
11 Daily for photography, Surrender. June 12, 2014.
12 Congratulations.
13 Next order of business is additional
14 discussion on today's agenda.
15 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I just want to
16 mention before he leaves that Joe and I went to
17 grammar school together, St. Francis many, many
18 years ago.
19 THE CLERK: Your next order of
20 business is additional discussion on today's agenda.
21 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, a couple of
22 items from Tuesday. We've drafted replacement for
23 No. 35 and No. 36, and the replacement was to
24 include the terminology regarding the environmental
25 inspection. It should be a preliminary site

1 assessment. So a change was made on each one of
2 those. Nothing else changed.
3 And then on the two ordinances, one
4 dealing with the standard wage, the other dealing
5 with Economic Development Assistance Standard, which
6 would be I-1 and I-3, we inserted a Whereas clause
7 stating that the County wishes to have this
8 concerned as an expression of policy by County
9 Government and to be a topic of consideration and
10 adoption by other county entities and agencies.
11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm make a motion
12 that we amend Ordinance 1 and 3 to include that
13 Whereas clause.
14 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.
15 THE CLERK: On the motion, Freeholder
16 Cifelli.
17 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
19 Freeholder Dublin. Freeholder Liggio.
20 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
22 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.

1 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
3 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
5 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Here.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico is
7 yes.
8 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, the only
9 new item that we have as a request of the Board, we
10 prepared two separate resolutions to have the public
11 hearing on the amendment to the budget. The only
12 difference between the resolution is the date. One
13 is for June 24th. The other one is for June 26th.
14 Both are at 6 p.m.
15 Just as a recommendation if the Board is
16 willing to consider it, I would recommend that you
17 do the June 24th resolution because it gives you
18 another day to make certain of the budget and things
19 like that. June 24th, you have a public hearing.
20 You can then close the public hearing and not vote
21 on it, if you don't want do to it. Whereas, if you
22 wait until Thursday, there isn't another opportunity
23 for a next meeting.
24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We can close it
25 and vote on it.

1 MR. ANTUN: You can close, then vote
2 on the 26th, or you can close and vote on the 24th,
3 or just move it to the 26th.
4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Not that I
5 disagree, I would rather just do it on the 26th,
6 close and vote. I think we'll get everybody here,
7 like I already know I have something at six o'clock
8 on the 24th, at the Jersey City Library. Junior
9 might want to go to that or Doreen, so you can
10 conduct a hearing, but I would rather just do that
11 same thing.
12 MR. ANTUN: That's my point. As long
13 as you have five Members you can conduct a hearing.
14 You can close the hearing and not take the vote that
15 day. That's my point.
16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'll just stick
17 with what we originally envisioned, with all due
18 respect, conducting a hearing today, closing the
19 hearing and taking the vote.
20 THE CLERK: We need a sponsor and a
21 second.
22 MR. ANTUN: My position was just a
23 suggestion.
24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to move
25 the one on the 26th.

1 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I'll second.
2 THE CLERK: This will be considered
3 on the consent agenda. It will be Resolution No.
4 42.
5 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, that's all
6 of the items that I have.
7 THE CLERK: I have one additional
8 item, which is Resolution No. 43. I will read it by
9 title. Resolution authorizing contribution to the
10 Philippine-American Friendship Parade, PAFCOM,
11 $1,000. May I have a sponsor?
12 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Board as a whole.
13 THE CLERK: That's Resolution No. 43.
14 I'm going to need to run down several resolutions in
15 which Freeholder Dublin, who is in the doctor's
16 office, sponsored or seconded. First would be
17 Resolution No. 4, he motioned. I need a
18 replacement.
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: May I make a
20 simple suggestion, why don't you have Jose to
21 sponsor everything? There's no question whether or
22 not he's either been a sponsor or a second.
23 THE CLERK: So I'm clear and the
24 record is clear, anywhere Freeholder Dublin
25 sponsored or seconded --

1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You're going to
2 substitute Chairman Munoz.
3 THE CLERK: Thank you very much.
4 Additionally, there are replacements for 36 and 35,
5 which are on the dais.
6 According to the policy set by the Board
7 of Freeholders, members of the public are asked to
8 limit their comments to 15 minutes when discussing
9 agenda items and five minutes at the conclusion of
10 the meeting when discussing matters of public
11 interest.
12 At this time the public may address the
13 Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep
14 your comments limited to 15 minutes. Are there any
15 speakers on agenda items only? Are there any other
16 speakers other than who have handed in cards?
17 We'll start with Laura Skolar.
18 MS. SKOLAR: Hi, good evening. Laura
19 Skolar. I'm the president of the Jersey City Parks
20 Coalition, and tonight you are here, part of your
21 agenda is to consider the awards for 2013-2014
22 funding cycle of the Hudson County Open Space Trust
23 Fund. The Parks Coalition has been a recipient of
24 several Open Space grants, and our parks have
25 benefited significantly by those grants.

1 We are one of your biggest advocates. The
2 Trust Fund is really something that we value. We
3 applaud the 4.6 million that is being awarded, but
4 we also acknowledge that it is only a small fraction
5 of the requested 12.7 million that was applied for.
6 Today more than ever, our parks and public spaces
7 are not only used but terribly needed by our
8 residents.
9 When the Parks Coalition started in 2003,
10 we started with three member park groups. We now
11 have 23 member park groups, and we are tonight
12 accepting in another member, who will be coming in
13 as an advocate for Bayside Park. That park was
14 recently renovated by the City of Jersey City to the
15 tune of several million dollars. We feel that the
16 neighborhoods need to take ownership of their parks,
17 protect them and protect the assets of the City.
18 With that being said, we think that this
19 is an important program for every County park here
20 that you guys represent, and we would like to ask
21 that going forward, that the penny tax remain in
22 place, that it not be used as a political bargaining
23 chip. It's too important of a trust fund to be used
24 in that regard. So I would like to request that
25 tonight, and I thank you.

1 THE CLERK: Next, Peter Kelly.
2 MR. KELLY: Yes. Good evening,
3 Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. My name is
4 Peter Kelly. I'm the senior adviser for external
5 affairs for the Carepoint Health System and past
6 president of Carepoint Christ Hospital, and the
7 current chairman of the board of Christ Hospital,
8 and I'm here tonight to address Resolution No. 39,
9 and to clarify for the record the misunderstanding,
10 certainly, on behalf of the body because of this
11 resolution.
12 I know there was a concern about the union
13 negotiations that are going on between Carepoint
14 Christ Hospital right now and the union that
15 represents our nurses. I want to make it clear for
16 the record that Carepoint Christ Hospital has not
17 threatened to lock the nurses out. We certainly
18 reserve our right to lock the nurses out as the
19 nurses reserve the right to strike. At this point
20 in time, neither party has issued an ultimatum that
21 that will happen, and we are confident and we are
22 optimistic that we will reach a resolution.
23 Additionally, we have offered two waive
24 our right to lock the nurses out, if, in fact, the
25 union will waive its right to strike. So one

1 additional factor is that if we allow for a
2 resolution of the long term, we'd love to offer to
3 extend the current contract, the current terms and
4 conditions of the current contract for one year.
5 That will allow time for both parties to reach a
6 resolution. I want to make sure it's clear for this
7 body, and if you have any questions, I'll be very
8 happy to address them.
9 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Mr. Kelly, for
10 the record, there was never any date given to any of
11 union heads about a lockout?
12 MR. KELLY: That is correct.
13 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I suggest that
14 after the meeting, the president of the nurses'
15 association and you just get together because
16 there's obviously a misunderstanding. She stated
17 that to me so maybe you guys can --
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It was stated to
19 me also that there was a date given.
20 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: And that is why
21 they definitely need to address that.
22 MR. KELLY: I will certainly take
23 that guidance. I think we have already chatted and
24 maybe resolved that. Thank you.
25 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: We both don't

1 want to see what happened previously.
2 MR. KELLY: We certainly agree.
3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: There was a
4 sense of urgency on our part to do the resolution
5 because of that. I will give you a kudos for being
6 here, sir, because in other occasions, we asked one
7 of your competitors to have a representative here,
8 and we haven't gotten them. So I congratulations
9 for making the time and effort to be here.
10 MR. KELLY: Thank you.
11 THE CLERK: Shelly Crowe.
12 MS. CROWE: Hello. Thank you for
13 allowing me to speak on the resolution. I have been
14 a registered nurse at Christ Hospital for over 34
15 years. I am on the negotiating team, and
16 Mr. Kelly's statements that there was no threat of
17 lockout is incorrect. He was not there.
18 In fact, the first day of our negotiations
19 we were given a lockout threat. We were told if you
20 gave me a strike ten-days notice, they immediately,
21 immediately would start removing the patients from
22 Christ Hospital and bringing them to their other two
23 hospitals, now they have the option by owning three
24 hospitals, and immediately start laying people off.
25 So when I hear that no threat was given,

1 that is a misunderstanding maybe on Mr. Kelly's
2 part, but he was not sitting at the table. The
3 nurses at Christ Hospital want a fair contract. We
4 did not give them a strike notice. We had told them
5 we had no intention of giving them a strike notice.
6 Our intention is care, to stay at the bedside and
7 care for patients of Jersey City and the surrounding
8 area. In order for us do that, we need a fair
9 contract to give the resources to have staffing so
10 the patient does have a nurse to see them.
11 We need the resources to have equipment.
12 We need the resources for the hospital to supply us
13 with competitive benefits and wages to retain and
14 attract nurses and other health professionals.
15 Without competitive wages and benefits, the nurses
16 and other health professionals are going to leave
17 the County to go where there are better paying jobs
18 with better benefits. Who will suffer in this? The
19 community of the County will suffer.
20 So I want to thank you for your
21 resolution, and I hope this clarifies the matter.
22 Thank you for your consideration.
23 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: One question,
24 Mr. Chairman, for the witness. Was that particular
25 meeting that you had, is that recorded? Is that on

1 record? Are there records to that meeting?
2 MS. CROWE: Minutes, there are
3 minutes. There are written minutes.
4 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Is possible
5 for us to see? I don't doubt Mr. Kelly's honesty
6 coming here. Maybe someone made that statement at
7 the meeting. I would like to be able to see some
8 documentation as to that, if possible.
9 MS. CROWE: I presently don't have
10 the minutes on me, but we do have someone else that
11 does.
12 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: When you get a
13 copy, you can provide them to us.
14 MS. CROWE: Sure.
15 THE CLERK: Ann Toomey.
16 MR. KELLY: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I
17 think that --
18 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We are not going to
19 start --
20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I have to tell
21 you, this is a public hearing. It's not a debate.
22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Everybody has to
23 state their reason, state what they believe in.
24 We're a body of law that makes a resolution that was
25 put by Freeholders on the Board because they believe

1 in supporting whatever resolution. In the public
2 session, you can have another five minutes to say
3 whatever on the public issue.
4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Come back. You're
5 right. Come back at the public portion and try to
6 clarify something at that time. You get one bite at
7 the apple.
8 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Let me explain
9 something. We have a lot of union issues. There's
10 different unions in this County. If we start
11 allowing this to happen, then everybody is going to
12 be coming, and public meetings are where you're
13 going to discuss the issue, and you know, we have
14 other matters to handle today.
15 MR. KELLY: I understand. That was
16 not my intent all. I would ask that the Board urge
17 both parties to negotiate in good faith. That's my
18 only comment.
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We did that at a
20 prior meeting. We actually passed that at a prior
21 meeting.
22 MR. KELLY: Thank you.
23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you get a copy
24 of that resolution from the prior meeting that both
25 parties negotiate in good faith?

1 MS. TOOMEY: I am Ann Toomey. I am
2 president of the APA union representing nurses at
3 Christ Hospital. I am a nurse myself. I just want
4 to thank you for passing the resolution or
5 considering the resolution for tonight, as well as
6 the resolution that you did a few weeks ago. It is
7 unprecedented for a hospital to threaten right up
8 front to lock the nurses out. We can debate whether
9 that threat was given or not, but it was on three
10 separate occasions.
11 What we're saying to you is that you need
12 to keep informed, and we're glad that you are. We
13 are fighting for the nurses and safe staffing and to
14 keep the experienced nurses. We're having a hard
15 time, the hospital is having a hard keeping nurses
16 there, and so we don't need threats. Our request
17 was that we attend mediation, and that is the
18 atmosphere which we're trying to negotiate.
19 We take this resolution seriously. We
20 took the resolution the last time seriously. We are
21 committed to bargain in good faith. We hope in the
22 future we'll report a good resolution to the
23 contract negotiations.
24 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Thank you.
25 THE CLERK: Kevin Brown.

1 MR. BROWN: I'm going to be very
2 brief. My name is Kevin Brown. I'm a vice
3 president of the Local 32BJ International Union. I
4 just want to comment tonight about the first reading
5 of the proposed ordinance that would require County
6 contracts for security and janitorial services, that
7 those workers be paid the same wage and benefits as
8 any in the private sector. We have the security
9 officer in all the private buildings as well as
10 janitors and other employees in the County. So this
11 ordinance, if it passes, it requires the same wage
12 to be given to those workers, which we think is
13 tremendous.
14 Additionally, it requires if there is
15 public subsidy given by the County to a developer,
16 that those same wages and benefits be paid, which we
17 also think is tremendous. The County shouldn't
18 subsidize poverty. Workers need a living wage and
19 health care. They need to be able to survive so
20 this County can thrive. And lastly, we also
21 recommend something by law that County-related
22 entities follow suit and pass the same policy. I
23 don't want to belabor it, but I just want to thank
24 you for considering this for first reading tonight.
25 If there are any questions, I'm here to answer.

1 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Thank you.
2 MR. TAYARI: Good evening. I am
3 Kabili Tayari. I first wanted to say that I'm very
4 glad that you have put this Resolution 37 on the
5 books. It sounds like the same experience that was
6 going on at the Medical Center. You know, I want to
7 say that I find Mr. Kelly to be a good man. I've
8 known him for a long time. What Mr. Kelly doesn't
9 know is the hospital is a corporation, and while he
10 is trying to do the right thing, I want you to be
11 aware of the corporate mentality that is going on in
12 health care.
13 And saying that, I see that you have
14 Resolution 17. I think it is giving the Medical
15 Center some money. Please stay close to that. They
16 have a contract, but if you would talk to those
17 workers, I'm sure they will tell you it's not fair.
18 They lost lunchtime. They lost vacation time. They
19 lost a lot of things that was rammed down their
20 throat. Please continue to talk to those persons.
21 I say that to you as a member of the board of
22 directors, the board of trustees of the Jersey City
23 Medical Center, and it's something that we should
24 all be concerned about.
25 In regards to agenda Items, either I or

1 1-1, 1-2 and 1-3, I'm assuming from Mr. Kevin that
2 that is what Mr. Brown is talking about. Mr. Brown
3 and I spoke about this earlier during the
4 Freeholders' campaign. It's definitely a good
5 thing, and I applaud you for taking such a stand,
6 because as a deputy mayor and former president of a
7 local, these are the kind of things as public
8 officials we need to take a concerned stand on.
9 In regards to supporting Item 37, I think
10 this is the PLA. I support PLAs a thousand percent.
11 As I have said Mr. Crowe and Mr. Kellerher, there is
12 a serious concern that a majority of the long-term
13 unemployed construction workers are African
14 Americans and Latinos. Once they lose that
15 opportunity to work, because they can't pay their
16 dues, they lose their benefits, and they begin to
17 lose their houses, and their children have to drop
18 out of college, or whatever the case may be.
19 So we need to have positives in these
20 cases in regards to the PLA, that they address the
21 long-term unemployed construction workers because we
22 need to create apprenticeships, which is very
23 important. We need to make sure that the long-term
24 construction worker is protected.
25 Also, I strongly support 7, 39, and as I

1 said earlier, also 40 and 41. Under Item 7, the
2 Open Space Fund, which the Jersey City residents
3 have fought so hard to make sure we get our fair
4 share, we need more, but thank you for the 1.4. We
5 need more, and Laura is absolutely correct. And in
6 Jersey City, we always say that it seems as though
7 when we get south of Montgomery Street, that things
8 begin to decline. So we think that it's very good
9 for the County along with the City. Lincoln Park is
10 south of Montgomery Street. When we mean "south,"
11 you know what I mean. You know exactly what I'm
12 talking about. So we're very happy that the joint
13 partnership is going to make that park a real park
14 of the future.
15 Again, like I said I definitely applaud
16 you on what you're doing at Christ Hospital. I know
17 firsthand these things in health care, and kudos,
18 kudos to what you did with St. Peter's Prep tonight
19 to Coach Washington and Joe Siocha, who I have known
20 for a long time. He really is serving. May we all
21 continue to move forward.
22 THE CLERK: May I have a motion to
23 approve all of the items listed on the consent
24 agenda?
25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: So moved.

1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second.
2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
3 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
5 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
7 Freeholder Liggio.
8 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abstain on 17.
13 Abstain on 27. Aye on the rest.
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
15 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
17 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
19 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: We have six ordinances
21 for introduction. I'll read them by title.
22 Ordinance No. 1, an ordinance amending Article 17 of
23 the Hudson County Administrative Code to mandate
24 standard minimum hourly rates of pay --
25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm sorry. Can I

1 abstain on 10 also?
2 THE CLERK: Paid time off and health
3 insurance benefits for certain Non-County Employees
4 providing services to the County to be known as the
5 "County Contractor Standard Compensation Provisions
6 Ordinance."
7 On Ordinance 1, Freeholder Cifelli.
8 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
10 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
12 Freeholder Liggio.
13 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
15 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
19 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
21 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
23 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 2, An
25 ordinance amending Ordinance No. 101-2-2014, Article

1 17, of the Hudson County Administrative Code to
2 mandate minimum hourly rates of pay, vacation,
3 benefits and health insurance benefits for certain
4 Non-County Employees providing services to the
5 County and exempting certain service providers to be
6 treated under the "County Contractor Standard
7 Compensation Provisions Ordinance" and the "Economic
8 Development Financial Assistance Standard
9 Compensation Provisions Ordinance."
10 On Ordinance No. 2, Freeholder Cifelli.
11 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
12 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
13 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
15 Freeholder Liggio.
16 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
18 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
22 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
24 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

1 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 3, an
3 ordinance amending Article 17 of the Hudson County
4 Administrative Code to mandate standard minimum
5 hourly rates of pay, paid time off and health
6 insurance benefits for certain Non-County employees
7 of certain entities receiving Economic Development
8 Financial Assistance from the County to be known as
9 "Economic Development Financial Assistance Standard
10 Compensation Provisions Ordinance." Affordable
11 housing projects are exempt from this ordinance.
12 On Ordinance No 3, Freeholder Cifelli.
13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
15 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
17 Freeholder Liggio.
18 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
20 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
24 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.

1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 4, an
5 ordinance of the County of Hudson, New Jersey,
6 providing for 2014 various road and bridge
7 improvements by and in the County of Hudson and
8 appropriating $9,003,798, including Federal and
9 State grants expected to be received in the amount
10 of $7,483,798, therefor, and providing for the
11 issuance of $1,495,500 in bonds or notes of County
12 of Hudson to finance the same.
13 On Ordinance No 4, Freeholder Cifelli.
14 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
15 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
16 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
18 Freeholder Liggio.
19 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
25 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
2 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
3 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
4 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 5, amending
6 Chapter 200, Article 24 of the Administrative Code
7 to provide for the installation of and operation of
8 traffic signal controls in the cities of Jersey
9 City, Union City and the Township of North Bergen on
10 a portion of Union Turnpike and Paterson Plank
11 Road/South Wing Viaduct, County-owned roadways.
12 On Ordinance No. 5, Freeholder Cifelli.
13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
14 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
15 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
17 Freeholder Liggio.
18 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
20 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
24 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.

1 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
3 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: On Ordinance No. 6, an
5 ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 27, of the
6 Administrative Code to establish traffic calming
7 devices on a portion of Union Turnpike in North
8 Bergen, a County-owned roadway.
9 Freeholder Cifelli.
10 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
12 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
13 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
14 Freeholder Liggio.
15 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
16 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
17 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
18 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
21 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
23 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
25 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

1 THE CLERK: We have ordinance for
2 second reading and public hearing, Ordinance No. 1,
3 an ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11, of
4 the Administrative Code to establish a reserved
5 handicap parking space on John F. Kennedy Boulevard,
6 Jersey City, for Charles D. Hall.
7 This is the time fixed for public hearing
8 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
9 meeting of May 22nd, 2014, advertised as required by
10 law together with the notice of Hearing for this
11 time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's
12 Bulletin Board and made available to the general
13 public.
14 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
15 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to
16 close.
17 THE CLERK: All in favor?
18 (The Board votes unanimously to close
19 the Hearing.)
20 On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.
21 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
23 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
25 Freeholder Liggio.

1 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
7 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
9 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
11 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
12 THE CLERK: Ordinance No. 2, Mr.
13 Chairperson, is an ordinance amending Chapter 200,
14 Article 8.11, of the Administrative Code to
15 establish a reserved handicap parking space on John
16 F. Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne, for Jean Borowicz.
17 This is the time fixed for public hearing
18 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
19 meeting of May 22nd, 2014, advertised as required by
20 law together with the notice of Hearing for this
21 time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's
22 Bulletin Board and made available to the general
23 public.
24 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
25 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion.

1 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to
2 close.
3 THE CLERK: All in favor?
4 (The Board votes unanimously to close
5 the Hearing.)
6 On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.
7 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
9 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
11 Freeholder Liggio.
12 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
13 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
14 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
15 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
18 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
20 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
22 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: The third ordinance for
24 adoption is amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11, of
25 the Administrative Code to establish a reserved

1 handicap parking space on John F. Kennedy Boulevard,
2 Jersey City, for Merine Bouabdel.
3 This is the time fixed for public hearing
4 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
5 meeting of May 22nd, 2014, advertised as required by
6 law together with the notice of Hearing for this
7 time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's
8 Bulletin Board and made available to the general
9 public.
10 Are there any speakers on this ordinance?
11 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to
12 close.
13 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Second.
14
15 THE CLERK: All in favor?
16 (The Board votes unanimously to close
17 the Hearing.)
18 On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.
19 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
20 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
21 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
23 Freeholder Liggio.
24 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.

1 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
5 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Freeholder Romano.
7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
9 CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: Open Space Hearing. This
11 is the time fixed for the public hearing on the 2014
12 Hudson County Open Space Recreation and Historic
13 Preservation Trust allocation. It was advertised on
14 May 9, 2014, in the Jersey Journal as provided by
15 law for a hearing at this time. It had been posted
16 on the Freeholder's bulletin board and made
17 available to the general public. The public meeting
18 notice states as follows:
19 As required by the State of New Jersey in
20 N.J.S.A. 40:12-15, et seq., the Hudson County Board
21 of Chosen Freeholders will conduct a public hearing
22 on the proposed allocation of the Open Space Trust
23 for the funding year of 2014, on Thursday, June 12,
24 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Freeholder Chambers, 567
25 Pavonia Avenue, Third Floor, Jersey City, New

1 Jersey, at which time, public comment will be taken.
2 The notice supercedes in its entirety the prior
3 notice regarding proposed allocations of the Hudson
4 County Open Space Trust Find, which was published
5 April 17, 2014, in accordance with N.J.S.A.
6 40:12-50.3(d), the County of Hudson is proposing the
7 following funding allocation totaling $4,606,424 for
8 Hudson County Open Space Recreation and Historic
9 Preservation Trust allocation.
10 Open Space Acquisition Project, none.
11 Parks and Recreation Improvement Projects
12 totaling $4,482,424 as follows:
13 Town of Harrison, $269,450 for the
14 Harrison Public Library.
15 Hackensack Riverkeeper, $10,474 for the
16 Hackensack River Paddle Trail, Signage.
17 Town of Guttenberg, $300,000 for
18 Guttenberg Community Center.
19 Town of Guttenberg, $300,000 for
20 Guttenberg Community Center, Rooftop Playground.
21 City of Hoboken, 500,000 for the Hoboken
22 Cove & Boathouse.
23 City of Jersey City, $1 million for the
24 Berry Lane Phase III.
25 Town of Kearny, $175,000 for Riverbank

1 Park Dog Run.
2 Town of Secaucus, $250,000 for the Mill
3 Creek Park Shelter Viewsheds.
4 City of Union City, $500,000 for Ellworths
5 Park.
6 Town of Weehawken, 277,500 for Arricale
7 Field Park.
8 City of Jersey City, $400,000 for Caven
9 Point.
10 Township of North Bergen, $500,000 for
11 76th Street Little League Field.
12 And Historic Preservation Projects
13 totaling $124,000 as follows:
14 Hoboken Free Library, $124,000 for the
15 Hoboken Public Library. The commencement date of
16 this project is on or about August 14, 2013, and the
17 anticipated completion date for the proposed project
18 by or about August 12, 2014.
19 Are there any speakers or public comments
20 on the Open Space Trust Fund Allocation?
21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to
22 close.
23 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second.
24 THE CLERK: All in favor?
25 (The Board votes unanimously to close

1 the Hearing.)
2 THE CLERK: That concludes the items
3 of business on today's agenda. Are there any
4 comments from the Freeholders on the business of the
5 Board? Are there any comments from the Chief of
6 Staff to the County Executive?
7 MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.
8 THE CLERK: This is the time for
9 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of
10 public interest. Please remember to limit your
11 comments to five minutes.
12 Kabili Tayari.
13 MR. TAYARI: First of all to the
14 persons on the Board of Freeholders who will not be
15 returning, thank you for your public service. Too
16 often we take time out to attack and very seldom do
17 we say thank you because it's hard to serve. It
18 really is. Those of us who are in public service
19 and have been, definitely recognize it's hard.
20 Again, we thank you.
21 On the hiring of one of our former
22 colleagues, a young woman that I know very well,
23 that's Ms. Darice Toon, you have definitely received
24 another diamond in your treasure chest. You know,
25 that was a great thing. Definitely, I want to say

1 that.
2 During the campaign of the Board, Earl
3 Morgan wrote two stories on a disparity study that I
4 was very much involved in, took the leadership
5 around and making sure that we had it complete.
6 People like Bill Gaughan and others on the City
7 Council rolled up their sleeves with the help of the
8 City Council, job well done. It was asked during
9 the Lincoln High School discussion whether or not
10 the County would consider any disparity study, and I
11 thought about, and that seemed like a good idea.
12 Let me say Frank Thompson is doing a great
13 job, but that has nothing to do with inequity.
14 There's a difference between equity and contracts
15 that you're able to deal because there is an amount
16 of money that set aside to do that. Members of the
17 Board of Freeholders, particularly to the new ones
18 who are coming on board, this needs to be a serious
19 discussion with the Administration. It cost us
20 $558,000. Let me applaud the City Council, who
21 helped us raise it from the developers and
22 corporations and contractors because they have a
23 responsibility to help make sure that such a study
24 is done.
25 So you're talking about $9 million, I

1 think, worth of road work and bridges. There is
2 much, much more that you spend on purchasing
3 agreements and other kinds of contracts and legal
4 agreements, and there are many, many residents of
5 the City -- I mean, of this County, a majority of
6 whom are Latino, you know, who are not getting their
7 fair share of the millions and millions of dollars.
8 I mean on things like bond work.
9 So I just want to close and say that those
10 of you who will be returning, please consider that.
11 Share that with your new colleagues, again, to take
12 on that dialogue with your Chief of Staff and the
13 County Exec so that we can move the County in a very
14 progressive manner. I want to applaud those of you
15 who will be returning. Kudos, kudos, kudo, and to
16 you, I'm not going to be informal, Freeholder
17 Anthony Romano, God bless you, sir. Thank you.
18 THE CLERK: Virgina Miller.
19 MS. MILLER: Good evening. I was
20 taken aback because I was here this evening to honor
21 my Freeholder. I was asked by the seniors to come
22 and honor him tonight at this meeting. So I guess I
23 will have to come back to the next meeting because I
24 didn't know he wasn't going to be here.
25 But also to my dear friend, Stick Romano,

1 Congratulations. Congratulations to all of you that
2 won. But Stick, you did it.
3 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: The people did
4 it.
5 MS. MILLER: And with your mayor and
6 our mayor backing someone else. God bless you. I
7 love it and you keep doing it. And to my other
8 Freeholder that I love, Freeholder DiDomenico, I'm
9 just caught aback that you did not run this time,
10 but you gave it back to the good ole boys, and we
11 haven't that in a long time. So we're going to miss
12 you as a female Freeholder, but I wish you well in
13 whatever your endeavors will be.
14 And congratulations to all of you that
15 won, my good friend, Junior Maldonado. I'm a little
16 upset with my new Freeholder because he's not a part
17 of my community, and he's only been here for two
18 years. I looked around tonight if to see if he was
19 here. He should be at every Freeholder meeting. He
20 has six months to learn what is going on in our
21 City. There was about three of us that went up by
22 where he lived in the Beacon one day, just to see
23 what was going on with the new renovations with the
24 Medical Center, and we were told that if we didn't
25 live there in the luxury condos that we had to leave

1 the premises, if we weren't visiting someone.
2 So I met him one day. They were
3 introducing him to me, and I asked him, Did he know
4 where Windward Parkway and Ocean Avenue was. That's
5 where I live. He looked at me like I was crazy. So
6 he does not know anything about Jersey City, and
7 most of you that know me, you know that I will be on
8 his back each and every day, even if I have to do a
9 petition to get him removed from the Freeholders'
10 Board because he doesn't have a clue about our
11 community.
12 But I congratulate all of you, and I guess
13 I have to come back to honor my Freeholder, who has
14 done a wonderful job in our community, and the
15 seniors love him to death. We could always go into
16 his backyard and sit and eat hot dogs and
17 hamburgers, and his fellowship where we could sit on
18 the steps of his front porch. We can't do that at
19 the Beacon, and I hope you know my man who I blame,
20 God bless the dead, Glen Cunningham, for that
21 because when he came from the Marines, he was
22 brought to Glen. Glen was upset with Congressman
23 Menendez, so he decided he was going to run him
24 against Menendez knowing that he wouldn't win. But
25 he was put under Joe Calderone and Virginia Miller

1 and that's me, and God bless the dead, Bobby
2 Jackson, and we ended up teaching him about Jersey
3 City politics.
4 But he has been on a power kick. He
5 controls the Board of Ed, he controls the City
6 Council, and in January, he will control the
7 Freeholders' Board. Thank you.
8 THE CLERK: There being no further --
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Whoa, you have to
10 ask if there are anymore public speakers.
11 MRS. CERANO: I'm representing
12 Hoboken Public Library Board of Trustees, and I want
13 to thank the Hudson County Board of Freeholders for
14 granting us a $124,000 grant. We have a lot going
15 on at our library right now. Our building is 117
16 year old and in need of renovation. We have
17 started, but we weren't able to do the extra work.
18 This will now enable us to do it. Thank you.
19 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: If I may for the
20 benefit of my colleagues, Mrs. Cerano is a very
21 dedicated activist in Hoboken, as the head of the
22 library and also, her family is one of the oldest
23 legendary families in the City of Hoboken, the
24 McFeeleys. So there's history and a love of
25 community, and Joanne, thank you for coming.

1 MR. ROSARIO: I would like to
2 formally introduce myself, Alexander Rosario, III,
3 the president of PBA Local 109. So I came here to
4 formally introduce myself to the panel, and I look
5 forward having some communication with you guys.
6 Thank you.
7 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: PBA, Hoboken, New
8 Jersey; proud to say one of my students.
9 MR. ROSARIO: Thank you for your
10 time.
11 THE CLERK: Are there any other
12 speakers?
13 MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack.
14 First of all, I don't want to say goodbye all the
15 Freeholders. You guys have six more months on this
16 Board together. Work hard and continue to keep the
17 County going strong, outright and forthwith.
18 I would like to just ask a couple
19 questions. Number one, we all know that Governor
20 Christie and the pension funds are having problems.
21 I believe 30 various unions throughout the state are
22 planning lawsuits against the State. As a member of
23 Local 2306, Hudson County Welfare and Social
24 Services Division, we just joined that lawsuit
25 possibility, and we would like the Freeholder Board

1 to try to help us out, not only my local, but every
2 local union member in the County that works hard for
3 this County daily in and out, whether they're police
4 officers, social service worker, food stamp workers,
5 whether they be maintenance people or jail employees
6 or whatever.
7 We all seem to be making less and less
8 money as we go along because more and more money is
9 being taken out of our checks daily. I would like
10 the Freeholders maybe at the next meeting or
11 something draw up a resolution or some kind of
12 acknowledgment to the fact what our Governor is
13 doing to the members of our various unions and
14 constituents. We all know times are rough and all,
15 but when the checks are lower and lower every two
16 weeks, and our bills are going higher and higher,
17 something has got to be done.
18 The $1.8 billion that he's trying to take
19 out again from the pension fund, I believe the last
20 person put maybe a couple billion into the fund was
21 our former Governor Corzine. Something has got to
22 be done. I'd appreciate if the Freeholders help us
23 reach out along with other guys to get notification
24 to our State legislators and Assembly people, our
25 State Senators from the area, and try to get us a

1 little assistance and push a little further down in
2 Trenton.
3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Rich, one second.
4 Can you reach out to a couple unions we can draft
5 the resolution for the next meeting. Shoot me an
6 e-mail.
7 MR. McCORMACK: No problem. Also, I
8 just had a couple questions about the new gym that's
9 supposed on being built on Third Street at the
10 VoTech School. Are there any updates on those two
11 items?
12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You mean the gym
13 at County Prep?
14 MR. McCORMACK: Yeah.
15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is anybody from
16 the CEO. Can you answer question? You weren't
17 paying attention.
18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was actually
19 answering an e-mail.
20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He want to know
21 what is the status and time line on the new
22 gymnasium at County Prep.
23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And bids going out
24 for the pilings within the next 45 days. We expect
25 the pilings to be started sometime in October, also

1 to complete utilities which I imagine it would be
2 done in the spring. I imagine the bids on the
3 entire gym project should be out late fall. We're
4 looking to move in on September 1 of '16 year. The
5 estimated time of completion right now is May of
6 '16, which gives us some time for the installation
7 of furniture, furnishings and equipment. That's the
8 time line we are dealing with.
9 The actual new building in Secaucus is
10 still at the Department of Education, their finance
11 and buildings committee, which we're going back and
12 forth with our architects and their management team.
13 I think the question is on different items, about
14 50, 60 items that they have, not big items. I mean,
15 they're very exact about measurements and offices
16 and locker rooms and things like that, student
17 counts and classrooms and administrative counts and
18 offices.
19 So those type of things are going back.
20 We have preliminary approval on several hundred
21 thousand. We're waiting. This may take 60 or 90
22 days. That's the update on that. Again, we have no
23 final approval to go forward. We have to come
24 before the Freeholders again, and we're hoping to
25 have that before the end of the summer.

1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You mean coming
2 before us for funding?
3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. We're waiting
4 for approval from the Board of Education to go to
5 the next step, and in meantime, I'm meeting with
6 other entities, attorneys, finance people, to see
7 how else it could be funded. The hope is that the
8 county would have to put in no contribution at all.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can we do one
10 thing? As you explore these other potential funding
11 sources and finance sources, can we be kept abreast
12 if you spent money in trying to see what those
13 funding sources are? I wouldn't want to see a
14 hundred or two hundred or more thousand on someone
15 with an idea to get you $25 million without at least
16 vetting it first. I kind of do this pretty well for
17 a living, and I can probably tell you $25 million,
18 Mr. Administrator, do you remember a few years ago,
19 somebody wanted to do it? All I had to do was run
20 the numbers on the census tract to tell you you
21 would be chasing your tail. There is nothing
22 against that person. That person is actually good
23 at what they do. It wasn't going to make sense.
24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're dealing with
25 the same thing, Freeholder. I deal with

1 professionals, you know, potential grants and
2 federal funds.
3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Folks, if they
4 really believe in it, they structure a contract with
5 success guide.
6 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Can I ask that
7 maybe through the Administrator, submit a
8 preliminary report that he can forward it to us?
9 This is going to be a major project for the County.
10 We would like to be kept abreast.
11 MR. BURGOS: Once we have the final
12 word from Trenton, we'll start to move quickly. So
13 we'll certainly update you as quick as we know it.
14 Thank you.
15 MR. McCORMACK: Okay. Thank you,
16 Mr. Burgos. For clarification purposes, we're
17 talking about the gym being for the spring of '16,
18 and the school going through all the conflict or
19 whatever interest, the Town of Secaucus, at end of
20 the summer will start the ball rolling on that?
21 MR. BURGOS: Yes.
22 MR. McCORMACK: Thank you very much
23 for your time.
24 MR. BARNES: I had no intention to
25 speak. It's my first time at a Freeholder meeting,

1 however I'm here to speak on the Open Space Grant.
2 I to want thank the Freeholders that were involved.
3 It's for the soccer field in Jersey City for a bunch
4 of kids who like the artificial turf. The ones who
5 represent Jersey City, Freeholder Romano, Freeholder
6 Maldonado and Mr. O'Dea, thank you very much.
7 I also want to thank the people that
8 helped. It's the first time submitting a grant.
9 Massiel did a fantastic job. I also want to thank
10 the people that are behind the scenes helping us all
11 get this thing done.
12 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Good job,
13 Massiel.
14 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I would like
15 to thank you for reevaluating and helping them with
16 his first application. We appreciate that. Thank
17 you.
18 THE CLERK: Are there any other
19 speakers?
20 FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion.
21 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.
22 THE CLERK: All in favor? We are
23 adjourned.
24 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
25 concluded at 7:21 p.m.)

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