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Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, June 26, 2014
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

JOSE C. MUNOZ, Chairman
ALBERT CIFELLI, Freeholder
DOREEN DiDOMENICO, Freeholder
JEFFREY DUBLIN, Freeholder
THOMAS LIGGIO, Freeholder
E. JUNIOR MALDONADO, Freeholder
WILLIAM O'DEA, Freeholder
TILO RIVAS, Freeholder
ANTHONY ROMANO, Freeholder

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EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
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Job No. NJ1798442

THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
THE CLERK: DiDomenico. Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.
THE CLERK: Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.
THE CLERK: Rivas, absent. Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Here.
THE CLERK: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Flag Salute.)
THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:
1. Posting notice of Resolution No. 8-1-2014 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City, New Jersey.
2. Copies of the above mentioned resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and

the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger.

For the record Freeholder Rivas is present. Mr. Chair, may I have a motion to approve the Minutes of the following meetings: Closed Session, May 6, 2014; Regular Meeting, May 8, 2014; the Departmental Budget, May 20th, 2014; and Regular Meeting of May 22nd, 2014.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Motion.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Second.

THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico. Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Next order of business is laudatories, Laudatory L-1 is entitled --

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Do we have people from Hudson Catholic?

THE CLERK: We do have Mr. Faugno for L-1 here.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Do that one.

THE CLERK: L-1 is entitled commending Robert Faugno on his 54-mile race to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Central, New York, and honoring his sister, Bartolina Faugno. This was sponsor by the Board as a whole. Read it into the record, Mr. Chair, or roll call?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes, read it for the record.

THE CLERK: Whereas, for the second year in a row, the Phi Cappa Alpha Fraternity at Syracuse University was successful in raising funds for wishes by Make-A-Wish Central New York. Hudson County's own Robert Faugno, a student at Syracuse University and a members of the university's Phi Cappa Alpha Fraternity, ran 54 miles on Friday, April 11th, 2014 to fundraise for Make-A-Wish Central, New York. Robert Faugno ran in honor of

his sister, Bartolina's 18 birthday from Syracuse University to the Cornell University Phi Cappa Alpha Fraternity House in Ithaca, New York; and

Whereas, Robert Faugno's sister, Bartolina, became a Make-A-Wish Wish Kid when she suffered from epilepsy and had a brain tumor as a child. After numerous trials of different medications and surgeries, Bartolina, now approaching her 18th birthday, is planning to attend college in Boston in the fall. In an effort to give back to a charity that is near and dear to his entire family and help provide more wishes for children with life-threating illnesses, Robert Faugno hopes to raise $50,000 for Make-A-Wish Central New York; and

Whereas, in preparation for his race on April 11th, 2014, he was coached by Fred Joslyn, training programs manager at Fleet Feet Sports. Faugno also enrolled in the running company's marathon distance training program, and Fleet Feet Sports provided Faugno with appropriate running gear and necessities; and

Whereas, Make-A-Wish is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to granting special wishes to children between the ages of two

and a half and eighteen years of age, who are living with life-threating medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Make-A-Wish has granted nearly 1,500 wishes since its inception. In granting a favorite wish, Make-A-Wish strives to provided the wish child and family with extra special memories of joy and laughter, offering a child a welcome respite from his or her treatment; and

Whereas, last year, Robert Faugno and his Phi Cappa Alpha Brothers celebrated Bartolina's 17 birthday by hosting a bake sale with the help of Faugno sibling, Uncle Buddy Valastro, the star of the TLC reality show Cake Boss, they raised $7,000; and

Whereas, granting wishes is something of a family business for the Faugnos. The Cake Boss team grants more wishes in one year than the New York Jets, Giants, Yankees and Mets combined. Robert's mother and father both work at the bakery in Hoboken, which Buddy Valastro runs, and as a family, they help grant wishes for children with illnesses all over the country.

Now, therefore, be it resolve by the Hudson County Board of Freeholders that this Board

commends Robert Faugno on his 54-mile race to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Central New York, and wishes him and his sister, Bartolina Faugno, much happiness and success in their future endeavors.

For the record, Freeholder DiDomenico is here. Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes. On behalf of the Freeholders, I would like to put a motion to Make-A-Wish Foundation fund to be used for someone

in Hudson County.

THE CLERK: You wanted to do it on this agenda, or make the next one, Freeholder?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I'll make a motion now so that they're here, and we could take a vote on it.

THE CLERK: And what amount?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Five hundred.

THE CLERK: Is there a second?

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Second.

THE CLERK: To grant a wish for a Hudson County child, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado, not present. O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: For the record Freeholder Maldonado also votes yes.

MR. FAUGNO: I just want to say thank you very much. I'm very honored, and it's amazing for you guys to offer the donate a wish for a child that needs it. The Make-A-Wish Foundation is an amazing group of people who do a lot of amazing things. What's great about it is no matter what the illness is, there are a lot of great plans out there, but no matter what the illness is, it just helps kids. I think it's one of the most important things for some of these kids who have these hardships. It's nice even for the day to kind of forget about that.

I'm honored to received this from you guys. Thank you again for your generous donation to make another child receive their wish. I appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause.)

THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, the next item is L-2, but I don't believe I see the coach for the

Hudson Catholic High School Baseball Team. They have been notified by e-mail. Maybe they'll come later.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why don't we vote on it without them.

THE CLERK: Do you wish to have a vote on L-2, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: L-2 is a resolution congratulating the Hudson Catholic High School Baseball Team on a outstanding season and winning the 2014 NJSIAA Star Ledger Non-Public B State Title Championship.

Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

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FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

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FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, the next order of business is additional discussion, or we can proceed to the budget at your discretion.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Anyone wants to discuss anything before? Then we'll do the budget.

THE CLERK: So I'll proceed with the opening of the hearing on the budget amendment.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: This is the time fixed for public hearing on the resolution to amend to the 2014 County Budget, Resolution No. 275-6-2014, moved by Freeholder Cifelli and seconded Freeholder Dublin, and approved by the Board of Freeholders on June 5th, 2014. This resolution was advertised in the Jersey Journal on June 20th, 2014, with a notice for a hearing at this time.

All members of the public are requested to please limit your comments to a reasonable time. Are there any speakers on this resolution?

MR. WAHID: Good evening. Riaz Wahid. Any changes in the numbers? The last I have is 510.

MR. ANTUN: The budget was amended to 512,439,129.25.

MR. WAHID: Okay. Are there any changes in the expenses side after going through all these all hearings, what is cut?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: There were two, Riaz, there were two proposed amendments. One amendment which I proposed, which did not get a sufficient number of votes, which would have cut $2.8 million in round numbers, all in expenses, vacancies and a flat, cross-the-board other expense.

The second resolution which was voted on by the Board after the first one was defeated, was voted on by everyone, was a total change of $2.2 million, of which how much was not expenses, how much of that, Mr. Administrator, was other revenue?

MR. ANTUN: About 275,000.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So approximately 2 million as opposed to 2.8 million in expenses being reduced, by salaries or other.

MR. WAHID: What does it mean for the tax increase to Jersey City and Hoboken?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The Jersey City, the percentage increase went from 6.358 percent to 5.8 percent, a reduction of eight-tenths of one percent. For Hoboken, it went from 14.8 to 14.05, a reduction of three-quarters of one percent. If you want to know the other towns, I can't help you.

MR. ANTUN: Some of them had decreases.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Some had decreases. Kearny has a marginal increase of less than one percent. I don't know what it was before, but I think that was 43-hundredths of one percent. East Newark has a small, small increase, as most of the other towns actually had. Bayonne had a 1.5 decrease. West New York has theirs lowered.

MR. WAHID: On the homeless and family grant, that's just the one time. We had 1.21 million, now it's cut to 865,000, I mean 846,000 at most. Is it going change? It's a big cut. Is it going to change, a couple of the big numbers?

MR. ANTUN: I'm not sure what you're looking at.

MR. WAHID: I have Sheet 7 on the big book.

MR. ANTUN: Oh, that. That helps me.

Give me a second. I'll pull that out.

DIRECTOR FULLER: Cheryl Fuller, Director of the Department of Finance and Administration. Mr. Wahid, I think that you're looking at a full-year 2013. This is six months only in 2014. They wanted to move to a fiscal year from a calendar year, so we will get another six months. We will add the additional funds subsequent to the budget adoption as a budget amendment.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's not all that uncommon. We find ourselves having to amend to include items. Many items obviously come in after July 1, when the State adopts their budget.

MR. ANTUN: In fact, probably at our next meeting, we will probably have about four or five budget amendments to grants.

MR. WAHID: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Any other speakers?

THE CLERK: Mr. Cohen wishes to speak.

MR. COHEN: Phil Cohen, Hoboken. I appreciate how much work it takes to try and make a reduction as a result of this amendment to reduce Hoboken taxes by 0.3 percent, and Jersey City's tax by 0.8 percent, but all of this work is really just

making changes at the margins. Clearly, there are structural issues are going on here that is not okay for tax increases of 14.4 percent for Hoboken residents. This year it is not okay for Jersey City to have increases of 5.8 percent.

These are big hits. People are worried about staying in their homes, whether they could afford to pay the taxes that are given at the County level. In Hoboken residents are paying more to Hudson County than they pay to the City of Hoboken in taxes. So it's the single biggest piece in the Hoboken taxpayers' bill, and it is going up 14.5 percent this year. So that is really shocking information, and that's what is going on here.

And when I was running for office to sit with you, the issue that I was presenting to taxpayers and what people were interested in having done is to have a full independent performance audit done of County operations because the only way that you're going to be able to get these costs under control is not to have three or four or five-percent levy increases year after year because that gets translated in double taxes for Hoboken residents. It's a 5.8-percent increase for Jersey City residents.

So I would like to see in the budget or a consideration of an amendment to include for the funding of an independent performance audit because it's clear that the County believes that it can increase the levy three or four or five-percent year after year as it has done for the last five years, and that's okay, and that's business as usual and it's fine, but it's not. It's not okay.

I think the Freeholders are doing the best they can with information that they've got, but if you had an independent performance audit done, you would find that there are inefficiencies, whether the staffing across the board is being done in the most efficient way, if one person is doing one job as efficiently as possible because you just don't have enough information to make those determinations without having independent performance audits done with those operations.

I believe it's a critical tool that helps you do the best that you can to control the levy from increasing three or four percent. So I appreciate the work that went into this amendment, and I think it's fine that you made an adjustment, but we're talking about adjustments at the margin. We're not talking about dealing with the fundamental

problems.

The City of Jersey City will be able to reduce its levy 1.8 percent this year. The City of Hoboken has reduced the levy over ten percent over the last four years. Why can't Hudson County get its act together? Why can't they control costs? I think if you have a tool like an independent performance auditor's report, not done internally, but have an outside independent performance audit, and if you had that in your budget, and you can get the results of that independent performance audit, then you can make some real structural change in Hudson County because you would have tools that you don't have right now to get the levy flat, to get it flat.

Three or four or five-percent year after year is creating a lot of pain for people in Hudson County. My neighbors are looking at a 14.5-percent tax increase on the biggest piece of the Hoboken taxpayers' bill this year, and it's not fair. It's not fair. People thought I was Republican when I was running for office because I was talking about taxes so much, but the truth is it's about fair, and what is happening in Hoboken and what's happening in Jersey City is not fair. It's not fair that these

citizens are being hit with five-percent tax increases in Jersey City, and it's not fair for the citizens of Hoboken.

So I ask you to seriously consider including in your budget or consideration of an amendment is include funding for an independent performance audit to be done on County operations so that you can get the tax levy flat. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I have a question, Mr. Administrator. We have an audit done every year an independent audit; is that correct?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's not a performance. What is a performance audit? The performance audit analyzes the work that's being performed by individuals for efficiency. It studies the things like how many people perform a particular task, and can that task be performed with less individuals. It's much more detailed at the work performance, while the audit that we get done is simply rectifying dollars in and dollars out.

MR. COHEN: It would also, Freeholder, it would also analyze whether the people that are doing the jobs are at a salary level for the job that's being done. If four people are doing the work of one person, you can compare and see how

other counties staff matter. Also, you can see whether the people who are doing the jobs are doing it at a salary level commensurate for the task they're being asked to do, and this done with an outside auditor, not in-house, to have auditors that are skilled in doing this kind of work, and it's been done in other counties, as it can be done here.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would say for the record that I would strongly support a performance audit. If you want to lay out a long-term plan to deal with costs, you can get that. What we do every year, you look at the budget, and I know that there are hundreds of vacancies, but those vacancies get filled for four months or six months or three months, and I don't understand why they there is not a process where someone has to determine whether or not we need to fill that vacancy. Instead of filling it for six months, we made cuts this year so they'll be filled for three months. Obviously, that filling for three months means that next year you're going to pay for 12 months.

So you know, we're kind of late in the budget process to add money, but I think, you know, I have give the Executive my commitment to push to

start a process to determine how we put together an RFP to go and fund experts and to try to allow them to determine what a really good one costs and to then determine how long one of those take, and hopefully poise ourselves if not this year, for early next year to at least propose that that happen. I think it's done in business all the time, and it's done successfully by a lot of people.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Before you do it, I would find out what counties have recently done it. You alluded to the fact it was done in other counties. I'm curious to find out.

MR. COHEN: Freeholder, Cifelli, I work for a law firm, and one of my clients is an auditing firm, and I've asked them about this discipline and whether that is something that is done regularly because I understand the corporate accounting and corporate audits, but this is an entirely different discipline. I understand that this is something that is commonly done. I'd have to get back to you as to which county.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I would like to see what counties have. I would be interested in finding out.

MR. COHEN: Yeah, because part of my

campaign for Freeholder, this is something that I focused on very seriously to see if the discipline exists and whether it can help us here in Hudson County. The answer I got was, yes, it could.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: One of the first things I suggest we do as part of the process, we have our Clerk write a letter to NACO, and ask NACO if they can provide us information on counties that have had independent performance audits done in the last four or five years, and then provide us in some cases from that, we can even get copies of those audits that were done so we can better educate ourselves as to exactly the type of depth and breadth an independent performance audit can do.

MR. COHEN: Freeholder, with respect to the vacancy issue, I appreciate that, but I think in some ways it may work like a sequester, sort of like a blunt instrument across the board where there may be real needs for a vacancy to get the work done but because you're working across the board and you can't do that with a performance audit. My understanding is you can look at not whether there are vacancies, but whether the jobs that are being done are done as efficiently as they could be.

If you're talking about three vacancies

where it could done by one person, and you've got three people already working there, you can tailor the need to the issue, and having those kinds of tools at your disposal will make you able to make more sensitive decisions as to getting the work done, and not just doing across-the-board cuts. I appreciate it, but I think it would give you a tool that you don't have now.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I think it's a good idea. I don't know from the County's perspective. I know in cases of large cities that have done that, not much difference. A lot of -- a lot of large law enforcement agencies do them also almost on a regular basis because they ensure significant, not only savings but more than savings in departmental efficiently, so they result in 30 percent more manpower or womanpower out on the streets as opposed to behind desks, so I understand.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: And thank you for coming up and expressing the frustration of a lot of the residents in Hoboken and Jersey City. It's such a misunderstanding too. A lot of people just talk about it and make suggestions. Also, we have to find out a way to get the State to look at this because it seems to me that Hoboken and Jersey City

continually get punched for their ratables.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: The municipalities that pay the highest amount of taxes in this program, if they made a ratable for the municipalities, and the municipalities can afford to pay for this amount, we will have to pay more. That would be a way back to because the distribution of taxes, instead of a flat rate for everybody in Hudson County, I think this issue here is trying to find ways to be more efficient and less cost.

The problem is a problem because if you're a successful community, they punish you. You have to pay more taxes. Now, on the other side in the County those other communities, how are you going to hit them with the high tax increase? So Freeholder Cifelli suggested at one of the meetings a global tax rate and at the time, that was a good position. It's an issue I think we need to hit head-on because it is problematic for everyone.

MR. COHEN: I don't think it's realistic to think that we're going to change the State legislative formula, but I do think it's realistic to have a flat levy come out of Hudson County, and if we don't do that, than Hoboken and Jersey City will get a disproportionate benefit

instead of having a disproportionate hit with the formula that we have right now.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Where I come from, West New York, people are losing their houses. Right now, we're getting a decrease because of the problem. So what if we get a ten-percent increase? We can't afford it.

MR. COHEN: What I'm saying would not affect the formula at all. My proposal would be just to see if we could have a performance audit to have a leaner County operation.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: My suggestion is to work within the system for a property tax credit. The property taxation system in the state is archaic. It's based upon the concept that all the wealth is in real estate. All wealth is in real estate. That's not true. It's assumed it's bricks and mortar. So it's a very archaic system. Again, Mr. Chairman said, and I appreciate it. This system had been around a long time. It's difficult to get that change. The system itself is archaic. It doesn't make any sense, but that's the system we're dealing with. Suggestions like yours can be productive in that sense, but the system still stinks.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Another issue is the question as we're passing the budget, and this affects the County, they're giving tax abatements for property right on the waterfront for 30 years. They paid upfront all the taxes that they had to pay. They can take that money that they have in the budget for the municipality. Now, the problem is the property is prime, and they don't need a tax abatement right on the waterfront. Everybody wants to build there because everybody wants come from New York and live in this property now, and they can pay full tax.

So the municipalities keep doing this because that's a way for them to bring in revenue to fixe the holes that they have instead of looking for ways to cut taxes and cut expenses. The reason we don't cut expenses is because they need the money for the population. So it is a political issue as well as the people, you know, in all of the elections in the municipalities, such a small percentage of people come out to vote. It's embarrassing when those are that people that are making the decisions.

In West New York, we had only 20 percent or 15. I think the total was less than 2,000 people

came out to vote in a municipality that has 8,000 registered Democrats. So when you see that they don't want to get informed, then you know, then these decisions are bad decisions that they need to be made. So at this point, it's up to the voters to come out and vote. Thank you.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on the budget amendment? Motion to close by Freeholder O'Dea. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

MR. RONIAN: I see one here to raise taxes, and some have an income of taxpayer, and that would be nice. There is 10,000, maybe 25,000 with you on the partition. It's 6,000 per year or 100,000 per year. I see that's a licensed position, why? Because the property, myself, how do you come up with both?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We are talking about the budget, sir.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Can you speak specifically about the budget?

MR. RONIAN: I see that is $672 for payment. I suggest that the tax should be connected to the cost of living, and the cost of living is three percent per year or less. It's no sense to write three percent per year on a cost that's

$100,000 per year or more. It should be equal for everybody; $2,500, is easy to acquire food for a living, which is because in common population, economic, immigration and other rights. So this $672,000 number that you had, it's not very justified. It's a simple position.

Insurance, insurance to me, three and a half percent, it's expensive because insurance companies, which is making 200 in the county, this is business of the second crime, which is appropriate to rate the business in 1925, or later, and myself, I think insurance company is for the car for the $600, but I don't know insurance companies every month on the paying insurance 2,000 or 2,500. So there is a big difference between Progressive or Automobile Association, $2,000 difference on the somebody's insurance.

So you should be selective to buy insurance or to simply make self-insurance because it's very few accidents for your cars in this County, and you have self-insurance for the cost of your insurance and the cost of payment by the company. I suggest self-insurance.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Sir, we are self-insured.

MR. RONIAN: What is the line 2,000?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Which line item are you talking about? Give a specific line item number can so the Administrator can respond.

MR. RONIAN: Insurance, 2,455,000.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's health insurance. That's health insurance. You're talking about health insurance.

MR. RONIAN: Health insurance should be cut off for persons after 65 years old. After the 65 years old, everybody has insurance.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The federal government will pay for it, right.

MR. RONIAN: So go to the regulation, is what you have, the cost of regulation, it's crazy. Let me go, but it's several thousand employees, which can make companies jump for free because they can't get all that time on the next payment.

Health and Human Service, 1,308,000, what services? Nobody gets services. It should be some number because when it comes to the family, it becomes a collective service, collect one company's money, and another company for an other state, and they deliver. I see some people's insurance to make

a living, collecting two or three million.

Correction, corrections business, what you need to know some information that for some reasons if you got it, saving is preserved, as well as saving for the prisoner something more operable. They can tell us and make criminal service. And Mister, I don't know what is his name is. He's Spanish. It's very easy to cover. It's not to just air conditioning because we have service in the wintertime and the summer.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Do you have a question?

MR. RONIAN: I'm surprised that debt service is going to climb to a thousand, six hundred.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator, did the debt service change in the amendment?

MR. ANTUN: No.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You can speak on the amendment to the budget, not the whole budget. The budget hearing on the entire budget was held last month. You have to limit the comments to the items only in the budget amendment. Do you have a copy of the actual amendment? There was a public hearing last month when all those items were

discussed at great length. Now we're limited to only the changes that have been proposed of that $2.2 million in cuts.

MR. RONIAN: You know something? It's not up to the taxpayer. Something's up that you do this. Myself, I'm sorry to say that thousands and thousands of people, you need to get your numbers down. Thank you very much.

THE CLERK: For the record we need your name. Oh, you want to write your name. Sir, I cannot read this handwriting. What is this name?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Any other speakers on the budget?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion to close the public hearing on the budget.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chair.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You can address that later.

THE CLERK: I need a record of his name. Who made the motion to close the hearing?

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Freeholder O'Dea. Second.

THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
THE CLERK: Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, to close the hearing.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: The hearing is closed. Mr. Chairman, if the Board wishes to proceed with No. 1, the adoption of the budget. I need to read the budget summary for the record.

Be it resolved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and

authorization of the amount of Item 2 below, in parenthetical, $309,843,753.11, for County to be raised by taxation and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

Summary of Revenues, General Revenues, Surplus Anticipated, $21,500,000; Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated, $181,095,376.14; Receipts from Delinquent Taxes, not provided.

Amount to be raised by taxation for County purposes, Item 6, Sheet 9, $309,843,753.11; Total General Revenues, $512,439,129.25.

Summary of Appropriations, General Appropriations; A and B, Operations including Contingent, $415,250,604.93; C, Capital Improvements, $29,334,184.76; D, Total Debt Service, $27,293,429.71; E, Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures, County, $40,560,890.85; Judgments, $100; G, Cash Deficit, zero. Total Genral Appropriation, $512,439,129.25.

I'll proceed with the roll call, adoption of the County's budget for 2014, as amended. Proceed, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
THE CLERK: Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: No.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: No.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: No. My vote is not an attack on the current Administration. It's based on the failed formula. This County by the State puts elected official such as us in a position to make it very hard to make a difficult, impossible decision. My decision is with Hoboken and Jersey City saddled with this serious tax burden due to this current formula. I commend this Freeholder Board, my colleagues, the Administration and the County Exec for having made cuts and trying to keep the budget within the reason to not make services

cut to dangerous levels.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I vote yes.

THE CLERK: Six in the affirmative, three in the negative, the budget is adopted.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Just for the record, you know, we went through an extensive budget hearing process this year, which I think is a good step in the right direction. We probably came up with more reductions than we've come up in any year before. Obviously, at the end of the day, some of us thought it wasn't enough. But I pointed out that if this process is, one, a 12-month-a-year process, we should be able to cut more or save more or find more efficiencies in government, and two, concepts and ideas like independent performance audits are a reality that we need to look at.

We're not going to be able to long-term, we all talk about eliminating waste. There always is waste, but if politicians try to be the ones to identify the waste, it's becomes a political issue. If you bring in someone who's got no ax to grind or no predisposition in favor or against any individuals or any services and how those services are delivered, we at least will get a road map.

That may not always be the pleasant road map, but right now, we don't have a road map.

Right now each year we struggle. We struggle with the budget we get. We have promised a year ago when four towns got whacked with increases, we said we were going to start in the fall. We didn't start in the fall. We didn't start until the spring. We as a Board bear some responsibility for that. We can't look the public in the eye and tell them we are going to start in October to look at how next year's money's spent. The best way to save money is to agree not to spend it before the year begins.

So I think that we as a Board have an obligation working with Administration to sincerely begin next year budget's process in October, and I believe that the Administration will work in a cooperative manner to create a process that those types of budget hearings and budget discussions can be held in earnest where we can have a better opportunity. You can't eliminate a position that gets filled in February when you don't start looking at vacant positions until April.

So I commend, and in some cases, this has been a challenging year for a number of Members of

the Board. Quite frankly, when you're fighting for your life, it's difficult to go to all the budget hearings. I can't criticize anyone for that. We won't have that issue next year, but it's the single more important thing that we as a Board do. It should take a lot of our time. It should take a lot of rolling up your sleeve, asking questions, looking at things.

We still continue to try to grapple, talk about how to get new revenue. Every county in the state of New Jersey that has had tax-abated properties that gets five percent of revenue should thank this Freeholder Board. It was this Freeholder Board many years ago that stood up and got the State legislature to at least give us five percent of payment that are in the tax abatements.

There are other things that we can do, but it's a process that we don't end this budget process today, and we don't wait until next March or April to start next year's budget process. It has to become part of an ongoing process, and I think part of that process is to seriously look and analyze what does an independent performance audit cost, what other the counties or cities of comparable sizes throughout the United States have done and

what is there to prove the savings of it. Have the savings more than outweighed the cost, and then make a tough decision as to how to proceed with some of them.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: I want commend you and the Board for having budget hearings at different locales and educating the public on a lot of different things and increasing public knowledge on the actual operation of government. We take it for granted because a lot of people don't understand the word "Freeholder."

I know some of the mayors I put them on the spot. There's supposed to be a bill to change it so people know who their County Commissioners are and the County budget. As Bill said, it is our biggest task, and I think the formula is archaic. I think people need to understand what are the services that we provide. There are so many services that the County provides to municipalities such as Hoboken. It has to put it out there more. People need to know that so many things in this budget are part of shared services.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Any other comments?

THE CLERK: The budget is adopted. So now we proceed with additional discussion on

today's agenda. Should with proceed? We have two additional items from the Board while we wait.

The first item, first item for the Board's consideration is a resolution authorizing contribution to the Hudson County Schools of Technology Foundation, $500. It's No. 28 if there is a sponsor.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Board as a whole.

THE CLERK: Next item from the Board is a resolution authorizing contribution to the Dominican American Parade of Hudson County, Inc., $1,000. If sponsored if would be No. 29.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: I will sponsor.

THE CLERK: Who was the second Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Freeholder Dublin.

THE CLERK: I have no additional items, Mr. Chair. Please note there is a replacement on No. 20. The title was corrected. It was distributed already. If there is no additional discussion from the Administration, we can proceed with public participation.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: According to the policy set by the Board of Freeholders, members of the

public are asked to limit their comments to 15 minutes when discussing agenda items and five minutes at the conclusion of the meeting when discussing matters of public interest.

At this time the public may address the Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep your comments limited to 15 minutes. On agenda items, Mr. Chair, I have three speakers who have asked to approach the dais together at your discretion, Kevin Brown, Absalom Latchman, and Alvascar Vasquez.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion then that we, because I think they're here to speak on Ordinance A-1, A-2 and A-3.

MR. BROWN: That is correct.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion that we defer from the resolutions to Ordinance A-1, A-2 and A-3.

THE CLERK: You want to proceed with the public hearings?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, I do. I assume you'll speak on 1.

THE CLERK: O'Dea and Dublin to go out of order on A-1, 2 and 3.

Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
THE CLERK: Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So this is going to be public hearing on A-1.
THE CLERK: Proceed? Ordinance A-1 is entitled An Ordinance amending Article 17 of the Hudson County Administrative Code to mandate standard minimum hourly rates of pay, paid time off and health insurance benefits for certain Non-County employees providing services to the County to be

known as the "County Contractor Standard Compensation Provisions Ordinance."

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

We will now proceed with speakers on this ordinance. Please state your name.

MR. BROWN: My name is Kevin Brown, and this ordinance affects the janitors and security officers who work in County-contracted facilities or in subsidized developments of the County, and I recommend that it be passed as well in County-associated entities.

So we thought it made sense to hear from a janitor who works in a County-related facility, and a security officer who works in a County-related facility. So first we'll hear from the security officer.

MR. LATCHMAN: Good evening, Members of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders. My name is Absalom Latchman. I work as a campus security

officer at the Hudson County Community College, and it's my job to make security on campus. I do this every day. When there were security positions open at the community college three years, I thought this is going to be a good job with good wages and benefits.

Well, I was wrong. There are security officers that do the same work that I do who get better wages and benefits. I work at Hudson County Community College as a security office and make low wages. I do not have health insurance or a set schedule. How can I pay rent or feed my family if shifts are constantly changed, hours decreased? I have not been give a shift in the past three weeks.

I am sixty-two years old. I have an open heart surgery. I am a hard working man. I don't have health insurance or a job that I can depend on. My age just shouldn't be a detriment. I'm tired of hoping that things will change and get better. I constantly take have to take a loan to pay my medication or to put food on the table. Just like my co-workers before the contract, we have made low wages and have to provide for families.

We deserve more. We deserve to be treated equally and to be paid the same for the same work

and not to be treated like a second-class citizen. If this ordinance was to pass and Hudson County Community College apply those same standards, it will mean I could feed my family this week, buy my medication. It would mean that my work was valued and appreciated because I work hard for what I earned. I hope that by sharing with you all a little bit of my story, I can help you decide to vote in favor of this ordinance. My family and my co-workers depends on it. Thank you for your time.

MR. VASQUEZ: Good evening, Hudson County Board of Freeholders. My name is Alvascar Vasquez, and I work as a cleaner at the community college. I work hard to make sure that the college is clean so that students and the faculty have a nice environment to work.

I have lived for precious six years in Jersey City; before that, in Union City. I am married and my wife is currently pregnant with our first child. We pay 1,200 in rent and other expenses. My wife works a minimum wage job, and so I am able to put food on the table. Somehow we manage to get by.

In cleaning, the private sector doesn't see what I do, doesn't see on a daily basis how I'm

going to put food on the table or how am I going to pay the rent at home. They don't have the same concerns because for the same work, they make sustaining wages and benefits. Where I work full time to support my family with a paycheck I get every two weeks, I need to debate which bills I can pay and which one we need to wait. Same work, different pay.

My wife is due in the fall, and we are going to have our first child. Like everybody, we want to be able to give our children what we never had, give them everything they need to succeed, but I'm not sure how we'll be able to do that. When my wife gives birth, she will no longer be able to work. It will be my responsibility to be able to work for the family and pay for medicine, we don't have health insurance, and try to make enough. We don't have the need to leave Jersey City.

I will hardly see them since I will need to work two jobs or else move away from the city for which I have lived for years. I make enough for me to take care of my wife and child, pay for rent and put food on the table if you help pass the wage ordinance at the community college. That will drastically change. My wife and child will have a

better life. We will be able to continue to live in the city we love. We will know that our work is appreciated and valued because we will be doing the same work but not getting paid less.

I hope by listening to my story can help you see the need for this ordinance, and thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Thank you.

MR. BROWN: So just to conclude, this ordinance, if adopted, would apply to direct --

THE CLERK: Sir, your name.

MR. BROWN: My name is Kevin Brown. I am the State Director of 32-BJ, the Service Employees International Union Vice President. We have 10,000 members here in New Jersey, janitors, mostly janitors, security officers and some residential members. So I appreciate the opportunity to testify today. We don't want to take too much of your time as well as the public's time, but with 15.7 percent of Hudson County residents living below the poverty line today, we think it's urgent that this be adopted.

The County contractor applies it, the County-subsidized development applies it, and the same standard that are in the public -- in the

private sector would apply to the public sector. So we're not asking for the public sector to be better. We are asking it just to come up to the level that want attained for working people who perform security and custodial services in Hudson County.

So I very much thank you for your time. We have testimony that if you would accept it, I would like submit our full testimony by building on existing legislation, adopting this legislation, we think it's the best interest of working people and families in Hudson County. I very much appreciate Freeholders and the Freeholder President for your time and attention today. Thank you.

THE CLERK: Are there any additional speakers this ordinance?

MR. WAHID: Line 22 --

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: A-1, A-2 and A-3.

MR. WAHID: Okay. How many contractors are like that in Hudson County? How many independent contractors like that that are independent of a company, right?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we can't put a number on it because it could change. What it is is the County, this is just for the County. Other ordinances would impact, for instance, if the Hudson

Improvement Authority provided a -- I'll use s simple one. If the County of Hudson provided a 108 loan to a developer, who developed an office building in Harrison, as a condition of that 108 loan from the County, that developer would also have to agree to comply with this ordinance when it related to their maintenance and their security.

If the County provided a loan guarantee on a bond instrument for a development project with the County or grant dollars for infrastructure related to the development project in the County, that developer would then be bound by part of it. So as this ordinance relates to the County itself, the County itself actually, a little piece that we do do, Mr. Administrator, we outsource some of it?

MR. WAHID: Yes.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we have one of those contracts. We in-house currently handle security and most of our maintenance, correct?

MR. ANTUN: Yes.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we do have a portion of that's outsourced? That's for us. The other parts of it relates to grants, et cetera, that we give out. We carve that as an exception for affordable housing.

MR. BATTISTA: Your comments are addressing all three.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm trying to address all three of them. The other part of it is, obviously, there are other things that we need when we get into allocation of dollars and appropriation. The other thing it does is it recommends that the other three autonomous entities, the Schools of Technology, the County college, and the County Improvement Authority, adopt similar ordinances.

In past cases where we have adopted living wage laws and other ordinances aimed at increasing wages, benefits, et cetera, one of which Kevin was very instrumental in helping us draft a couple years ago, those other entities ultimately also adopted them. So while we don't have the authority to compel them to do it, obviously, we control funds to them if they fail to comply. So the ordinance just includes a clause recommending that they also adopt that.

MR. WAHID: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on A-1.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to close.

THE CLERK: Is there a second?

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Second.

THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would like, obviously, I vote yes, and I would like to say that I'm very proud to be the sponsor of these ordinances. I'm also grateful to the Executive for his support of these ordinance also. This is a good example of the legislative branch and the executive branch working in concert to address an issue that we see.

THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: A-2 is entitled An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 101-2-2014, Article 17, of the Hudson County Administrative Code to mandate minimum hourly rates of pay, vacation benefits and health insurance benefits for certain Non-County employees providing services to the County, and exempting certain service providers to be treated under the County Contractor Standard Compensation Provisions Ordinance," and the "Economic Development Financial Assistance Standard Compensation Provisions Ordinance."

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

Are there any speakers on this ordinance?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Motion to close by Freeholder Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Dublin.

THE CLERK: All in favor?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Ordinance A-3 is

entitled, An Ordinance amending Article 17 of the Hudson County Administrative Code to mandate standard minimum hourly rates of pay, paid time off and health insurance benefits for certain Non-County employees of certain entities receiving economic development financial assistance from the County to be known as "Economic Development Financial Assistance Standard Compensation Provisions Ordinance," open parenthesis, affordable housing projects are exempt from this ordinance, close parenthesis.

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

Are there any speakers on this ordinance?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Motion by Freeholder Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Romano.

THE CLERK: All in favor, opposed?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption,

Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, we were at the public comment portion --

(Applause.)

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, we were on the public comment portion on the agenda, and I would like to ask one more time if there are any speakers on agenda items. If not, we'll proceed

with the consent agenda.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Any speakers, agenda items?

THE CLERK: There appear to be none --

MR. WAHID: Just on 22, what is this? You know, what happened on this 22, that's the default against the Caravella Construction. What exactly did we default?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They didn't do it, and now we're getting rid of them. We're going to go out and bid again.

MR. BATTISTA: In order to go out to bonding company, there's a bond that was posted in connection with the contract. It went into default, and they did not perform to the terms of the contract, and that is done. There's already been communications with the bonding company, and in order for us to put ourselves in the right, we have to default them.

MR. WAHID: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Proceed.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Any other speakers?

THE CLERK: There are no additional

speakers.

MR. McCORMACK: Wait a minute. Good evening. Richard McCormack. I want to comment on the Item No. 25 and 27. I brought this to the attention of the Freeholder Board two weeks ago in regard to the pension funding. I'm sorry to see that a judge ruled in favor of our fearless Governor, and where he's supposed to be putting the $1.68 billion into the system, it's less than half, $68 million going into the pension fund. I find this a disgrace.

I really appreciate the Freeholder Board for supporting me in honor of my union, AFSCME Local 2306. We thank you for your consideration on this proposal and resolution, and we need to really get onto our State Legislators from our local areas, Senators, Mr. Brian Stack and Senator Cunningham. We need our assembly people from North Hudson, all the way down the Bayonne line. This is a terrible thing that's going on in the State.

It all started way back. He was supposed to put in money into the system, and it feels like pension is getting buried out, burnt out for unnecessary reasons. I think that this is a disgrace. I'm sure that many of you sitting on this

Board will agree with me on that. I don't know where this judge came from and decided to give the Governor the right to do half of what he's supposed to be putting in rather than the whole thing. Thank you very much.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Thank you. Well said, Richie.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on agenda items only? Motion to approve all items listed on the consent agenda by Freeholder Maldonado. Second by Freeholder Romano; 28 and 29 were added; 20 was replaced.

Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abstain on 16B.

THE CLERK: B as in boy?

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. Abstain on 29. Aye on the rest.

THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Abstain on 29. Aye on the rest.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Yes on all.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: We have two ordinances for introduction. The first ordinance is entitled An Ordinance amending the Hudson County District Solid Waste Management Plan, incorporating a contract with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for Solid Waste Disposal for the period of January 1, 2014 to June 30th, 2016.

On introduction, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: The second ordinance for introduction is entitled An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 560-12-009, and amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11 of the Administrative Code to eliminate the reserved handicap parking space at 1225 John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Bayonne for Ismael A. Henriquez, due to a change of address.
Freeholder Cifelli.
FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: We will now proceed with the second reading of Ordinance is A-4, 5 and 6. A-4 is entitled An Ordinance of the County of Hudson, New Jersey, providing for 2014 various road and bridge improvements by and in the County of Hudson and appropriating $9,003,798, including Federal and State grants expected to be received in the amount of $7,483,798 therefor, and providing for the issuance of $1,495,500 in bonds or notes of the County of Hudson to finance the same.

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this

time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

Are there any speakers on this ordinance?

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion to close.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Second.

THE CLERK: All in favor?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: A-5 is entitled An Ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 24, of the Administrative Code to provide for the installation and operation of traffic signal controls in the cities of Jersey City, Union City and Township of North Bergen, on a portion of Union Turnpike on Paterson Plank Road, South Wing Viaduct, County-owned roadways.

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

Are there any speakers on this ordinance? Maldonado and Rivas. All in fair, opposed?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Dublin.
FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
THE CLERK: Liggio.
FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Maldonado.
FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
THE CLERK: O'Dea.
FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
THE CLERK: Rivas.
FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
THE CLERK: Romano.
FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.
THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.
CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.
THE CLERK: Ordinance A-6 is entitled An Ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 27, of the Administrative Code to establish traffic-calming devices on a portion of Union Turnpike in North Bergen, a County-owned roadway.

This is the time fixed for public hearing on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting of June 12th, 2014, advertised as required

by law together with the notice of Hearing for this time. It has been posted on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board and made available to the general public.

Are there any speakers on this ordinance? Maldonado and Dublin. All in favor, opposed?

(The Board votes unanimously to close the Hearing.)

The Hearing is closed. On final adoption, Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Dublin.

FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

THE CLERK: Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Yes.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, that concludes the items of business on today's agenda. Are there any comments from Freeholders on the business of the Board?

Shall I proceed with matters of public interest?

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Are there any comments from the Chief of Staff to the County Executive?

MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.

THE CLERK: This is the time for anyone present to address the Board on any matter of public interest. Please remember to limit your comments to five minutes. Are there any speakers on any matters of public interest?

MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack. I just want to say next week we'll be celebrating our nation's birthday. I know there's a lot of celebrations in the area and all. Myself, I just want to wish everybody a happy and heathy, safe 4th of July. Thank you.

THE CLERK: Please remember to limit your comments to five minutes. State your name

again.

MR. RONIAN: Sudliven Ronian. I have information, maybe not exactly the County would think beyond the County but private company. There have be some state or out of state in order to reduce payment of tax, municipal tax and state tax, so maybe this County give some information from money from the court, and all of the business to the County. It's a way of tax reduction.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Sir, you have five minutes.

MR. RONIAN: What interests come to my property ownership to invest in. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Any other questions?

MR. HUBBARD: Ron Hubbard. I just have a question on the Department of Recreation and the Parks Department. The Downtown Jersey City Pool between Johnson and VanHorn, there's a lack of life guards and security.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: This is a municipal issue. We don't do the recreation. We don't do the pools in Jersey City. I mean you can speak on it. I just want you know that we have no department of recreation.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: We deal with County

Parks.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Lincoln Park, Washington Park.

MR. HUBBARD: That's owned by who, the city?

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: What is your pool, Johnson Pool? That's municipal.

MR. HUBBARD: I'm trying to address that there's a lack of lifeguards there. That would probably increase the number of drownings. The staff is low. The restroom areas haven't been kept up.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: You have to go to the municipality.

MR. HUBBARD: Thank you.

THE CLERK: Additional speakers on any matter of public interest? There appear to be none.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Motion to go into closed session to discuss an issue of litigation related to the Affordable Care Act.

THE CLERK: Seconded by Maldonado. All in favor?

(The Board votes unanimously to move to its Executive Session.)

THE CLERK: We expect no formal business when we return.

(Whereupon the Freeholder Board move to its Executive Session.)

THE CLERK: We're back in open. Freeholder Cifelli.

FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Here.

THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Here.

THE CLERK: Dublin, absent. Liggio.

FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.

THE CLERK: Maldonado.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Here.

THE CLERK: O'Dea.

FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.

THE CLERK: Rivas.

FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Here.

THE CLERK: Romano.

FREEHOLDER ROMANO: Here.

THE CLERK: Chairman Munoz.

CHAIRMAN MUNOZ: Yes.

THE CLERK: Motion to adjourn is in order.

FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Motion.

THE CLERK: Seconded by Liggio. All

in favor, opposed? The meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon the proceeding is then concluded at 7:53 p.m.)

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