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HUDSON COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

RE:

REGULAR MEETING : TRANSCRIPT OF
OF THE :
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF : PROCEEDINGS
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS :
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O P E N S E S S I O N

Hudson County
Administration Building,
Freeholders Chambers
567 Pavonia Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey
Thursday, September 12, 2013
6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

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

A L S O P R E S E N T:

EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQ., Board Counsel
DONATO J. BATTISTA, Hudson County Counsel
ABRAHAM ANTUN, County Administrator
ALBERTO G. SANTOS, County Clerk

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1 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Absent.
 3 THE CLERK: Freeholder DiDomenico.
 4 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Here.
 5 THE CLERK: Freeholder Dublin.
 6 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Here.
 7 THE CLERK: Freeholder Liggio.
 8 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Here.
 9 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado.
 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Absent.
 11 THE CLERK: Freeholder Munoz.
 12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Absent.
 13 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Here.
 15 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
 16 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Here.
 17 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Absent.
 19 THE CLERK: Please stand for the
 20 Pledge of Allegiance.
 21 (Flag Salute. Moment of Silence.)
 22 THE CLERK: Adequate notice of this
 23 meeting has been provided as follows:
 24 1. Posting notice of Resolution No.
 25 8-1-2013 on the Freeholder's Bulletin Board, Third

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1 Floor, Administration Building Annex, Jersey City,
 2 New Jersey.
 3 2. Copies of the above mentioned
 4 resolution have been sent to the County Clerk and
 5 the editors of the Jersey Journal and the Star
 6 Ledger.
 7 Mr. Chairman, may I have motion to approve
 8 the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11th,
 9 2013, the Closed Session Meeting of July 11th, and
 10 the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2013.
 11 Dublin and Liggio.
 12 Freeholder DiDomenico.
 13 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 14 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 15 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 16 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 17 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 18 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 19 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Aye.
 21 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 22 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Aye.
 23 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Absent. Still
 25 absent.

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1 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, we have two
 2 laudatories. One appears on the agenda. One will
 3 be distributed. The first which appears on the
 4 agenda, L-1, Resolution recognizing September as
 5 National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
 6 Freeholder DiDomenico.
 7 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 9 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 11 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 15 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: For the record Chairman
 19 Romano is present.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Twenty minutes
 21 late.
 22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: We don't pass up
 23 ceremonies that you're in.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The ceremony
 25 should not be scheduled to conflict with the regular

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1 meeting of this Board.
 2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I called you three
 3 times. You didn't answer your phone messages.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I have to work. I
 5 have to work for a living. I don't have a cushy
 6 retirement pension. I've got to work. I'm not in a
 7 good mood today. Trust me, you're going to lose.
 8 Let's go bring it on. So we should take task with
 9 the branch of government that scheduled, and we not
 10 attend any protest until they accommodate the
 11 schedule of this Board and the members of the
 12 public. They have to choose between one or the
 13 other. It's not fair.
 14 Junior, I hope you explained how these
 15 things are often done in a manner disrespectful to
 16 the legislature. I'm very upset about it.
 17 THE CLERK: Freeholder Maldonado is
 18 also present.
 19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: I apologize for
 20 being late. We had a ceremony across the street.
 21 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano and
 22 Freeholder Maldonado, there was just a vote taken on
 23 L-1. Do you wish to be recorded?
 24 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: And Freeholder Cifelli is
2 also present.
3 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: You're also late.
4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Thank you for
5 reminding me. I thought that was my wife's job.
6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: On behalf of the
7 Board, we wish Freeholder Cifelli a happy 35th
8 anniversary.
9 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: 31st.
10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: 31st anniversary.
11 THE CLERK: The second laudatory
12 which was distributed is entitled commemorating the
13 25th Anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.,
14 Rho Kappa Omega Chapter.
15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What date is
16 Saturday?
17 THE CLERK: I believe it's the 21st.
18 I'll go check.
19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: A week from
20 Saturday I'm inviting my colleagues. The fraternity
21 honored me two months ago.
22 THE CLERK: That's Item L-2. Board
23 as a whole. Freeholder Cifelli.
24 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.

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1 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Dublin.
3 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Liggio.
5 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
7 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes. I just want
10 to note that I've had the opportunity to work on a
11 lot of events in Jersey City with the Kappa Alpha
12 sorority around activities. They do a fantastic job
13 volunteering, a lot of the members of this
14 organization.
15 THE CLERK: Freeholder Rivas.
16 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: The next order of
20 business is additional discussion on today's agenda.
21 Is there anybody here from the National Children's
22 Cancer Awareness organization?
23 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, may I
24 proceed?
25 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.

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1 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, just some
2 minor things. Item 15 has been distributed with the
3 correct date. We have provided it to you. The next
4 item that I have, Item 19A, the first page, what was
5 a provided you on the printing on Tuesday, we
6 presented a resolution with the name of Commercial
7 Printing Forms. It should state Commercial Business
8 Forms, it's just a typo.
9 And then the last item that I have, we're
10 asking that the Board rather than remove, carry Item
11 No. 29, the declaration of default against LaRocca.
12 We believe that we're making some progress on this,
13 and rather than take some action at tonight's
14 meeting, we would like the Board to carry this
15 matter.
16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make a motion to
17 carry Item No. 29 to the second meeting in September
18 which is the 26th.
19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder O'Dea
20 sponsored. Second by Freeholder Maldonado.
21 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
22 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
24 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Dublin.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Liggio.
3 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
5 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Rivas.
9 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
12 THE CLERK: The item is carried.
13 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, those are
14 all the items I have relating to the agenda. I do
15 have one item to distribute. The Board requested a
16 report from the psych hospital regarding the
17 staffing. Mr. Chairman, I should say that I only
18 saw this five minutes ago, and I didn't have an
19 opportunity to review it. I've only stating that in
20 case questions get directed at me, I'm in a position
21 to answer them.
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would note that
23 the next day after the caucus, notice for those jobs
24 were put out. That was the quickest action that
25 I've ever seen by the administrator. Less graduate

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1 nurses, come on, the overall number is the same.
 2 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, that's all
 3 the items that I have.
 4 THE CLERK: Mr. Chairman, I have one
 5 additional item from the Board for consideration by
 6 the Board entitled Resolution authorizing
 7 contribution to the Dominican American Parade of
 8 Hudson County, Incorporated, \$1,500.
 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: While that is
 10 being distributed, Mr. Administrator, is Director
 11 Aviles here? Who is here representing the
 12 Corrections?
 13 THE CLERK: That will be No. 36 if
 14 there is a sponsored.
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by
 16 Freeholder Dublin.
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Are you finished
 18 with your meeting? Did you finish that meeting you
 19 had?
 20 DIRECTOR AVILES: Yes, sir.
 21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second by
 22 Freeholder Cifelli.
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Director Aviles,
 24 we were supposed to receive something from you on
 25 Wednesday morning about a 2004 policy?

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1 DIRECTOR AVILES: Freeholder, Oscar
 2 Aviles, Department of Corrections. If you give me a
 3 few minutes, Freeholder, I can actually print that
 4 out.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have that?
 6 Did you receive it, Mr. Administrator?
 7 Mr. Administrator, do you want to see it?
 8 So Mr. Chairman, since the information
 9 provided by the individuals the other day are not
 10 borne out by this, what do we do, bring the hospital
 11 administrator back -- I mean the director of
 12 nursing?
 13 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: The next meeting
 14 make a note, Mr. Administrator. Have the hospital
 15 administrator come to our next caucus.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I was about to ask
 17 you. This information doesn't coordinate with what
 18 was represented to us. Additional staff that have
 19 been put on May 1st, which predated the other one.
 20 The only thing is, it says additional people,
 21 employees, hired September 1. Is that the four and
 22 the three?
 23 Do you know what, Mr. Administrator? It
 24 says additional seasonal employees hired after
 25 September 1. I'll defer to this if you can confirm

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1 who those individuals are and when they were hired
 2 and provide that information, we'll defer whether we
 3 need to have the administrator come back. It's
 4 really odd they were hired after the 1st and right
 5 before the caucus meeting. Can you maybe confirm,
 6 Mr. Administrator, who those seven individuals were,
 7 four seasonal graduate nurses, who they are.
 8 Absolutely, the exact date they were hired because
 9 all the information about how overtime has been
 10 addressed when the hires had occurred. It looks at
 11 best they occurred a week ago.
 12 MR. ANTUN: Okay.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I mean why don't
 14 you just get it for the next caucus.
 15 MR. ANTUN: What I'll do is, I'm sure
 16 I can get this to you. I can't get it to you
 17 tomorrow. I'm not going to be here. I'll get this
 18 to you next week, and I'll send it out, and if any
 19 Members of the Board still wants her to come.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I will defer to
 21 the Chair.
 22 MR. ANTUN: Yeah. I'll get the
 23 answer.
 24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Clerk.
 25 THE CLERK: According to the policy

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1 set by the Board of Freeholders, members of the
 2 public are asked to limit their comments to 15
 3 minutes when discussing agenda items and five
 4 minutes at the conclusion of the meeting when
 5 discussing matters of public interest.
 6 At this time the public may address the
 7 Board on any item on the agenda only. Please keep
 8 your comments limited to 15 minutes. Are there any
 9 speakers on agenda items only?
 10 MR. ANTUN: Excuse me. I was
 11 distracted. Was this item sponsored, the Dominican?
 12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: It was sponsored by
 13 Freeholder Dublin, and seconded by Freeholder
 14 Cifelli.
 15 MR. ANTUN: Thank you. I apologize.
 16 I did not hear it. Thank you. I'm sorry.
 17 MS. WAITERS: Good evening,
 18 Mr. Chair. On page 6, Parks and Community Services.
 19 THE CLERK: Ms. Waiters, please state
 20 your name.
 21 MS. WAITERS: I'm sorry. Patricia
 22 Waiters, 1233 Park, Hoboken. Do you need my social?
 23 The 310 Park Avenue, is this what we spoke about at
 24 the last meeting with the trucks that's going to be?
 25 I'm sorry, No. 30.

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1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: No.
 2 MS. WAITERS: That's not the same,
 3 okay. For the appointments I always ask about this.
 4 On page 1, I see three appointments from the County
 5 Executive. So when these board appointments come
 6 up, the County Exec selects the members to these
 7 boards?
 8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: There is two, Pat.
 9 MS. WAITERS: Oh, I'm sorry. Cheryl
 10 was an appointment. Cheryl is a reappointment. So
 11 it's just up the County Exec's discretion to just
 12 appoint you to the board? Is that how you get
 13 appointed to the board?
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: All those
 15 appointments are made by the County Executive with
 16 the advice and consent of the Board.
 17 MS. WAITERS: Oh, okay. And now page
 18 2, the cell phones for the Prosecutor's Department,
 19 the cell phones from Verizon.
 20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: What number, Pat?
 21 MS. WAITERS: I'm sorry. Page 4, T,
 22 the 25,000 for the cellular phone service and the
 23 equipment.
 24 MR. ANTUN: Page 4, T.
 25 MS. WAITERS: And it's T, but it's

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1 Verizon.
 2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Mr. Administrator.
 3 MR. ANTUN: Mr. Chairman, these are
 4 the phones that are used by the investigators.
 5 MS. WAITERS: Yeah, but I'm not
 6 saying that's not their private phones.
 7 MR. ANTUN: No, these are
 8 County-issued phones, and they're used by the
 9 investigators.
 10 MS. WAITERS: It seems like a budget.
 11 I've been going over the budget like I do in
 12 Hoboken. I'm just watching dollars here. C, D and
 13 E, too, if they're just vendors, and this is a lot
 14 of money for electricity, distribution. That's on
 15 the same page, page 4, C, D and E for the Hudson
 16 County Corrections. These are vendors, right?
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: C is the price
 18 for --
 19 MS. WAITERS: Cost per hour. That an
 20 hourly rate for the hiring of the electrical.
 21 MR. ANTUN: It's for the bridge.
 22 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: C is not for
 23 corrections.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: 19C is --
 25 MR. ANTUN: These are for the

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1 bridges.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: These are for the
 3 bridges that we share with Essex County.
 4 MR. ANTUN: And the Essex pays half
 5 of this cost.
 6 MS. WAITERS: Essex, not us?
 7 MR. ANTUN: Hudson and Essex share
 8 the cost of operating those joint bridges.
 9 MS. WAITERS: We are not giving
 10 nobody no \$140 and 210 in overtime.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: This is a bid
 12 that's awarded to Longo Electric. What it is when
 13 there is work on the bridge that needs to be done,
 14 they would be called in. They will bill the County
 15 \$140 after hour for regular time. When they're
 16 called in at night or on weekends or after the
 17 eight-hour shift, they will then bill us at an
 18 overtime rate of 210.
 19 MS. WAITERS: I'm saying, this is a
 20 company?
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, with a bid.
 22 MS. WAITERS: And this was the
 23 cheapest bid.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes, yes, it was.
 25 There were only two bids. There were two bids, and

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1 this was the lowest of the two bids, and as a
 2 reference, in past years, the past contract, the
 3 regular hourly rate was the same. However, the
 4 company just screwed up, and they had to live with
 5 it. The overtime rate was also \$140. They had to
 6 live with \$140 an hour whether it was regular time
 7 or overtime. Now under this bid when they do work
 8 on the weekend or overtime, they'll get \$210 an
 9 hour.
 10 MS. WAITERS: Thank you. My question
 11 was, was they already hired? I didn't get no
 12 answer.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It was a bid. It
 14 was a public bid.
 15 MS. WAITERS: This was open to the
 16 public to bid, the same thing with C and D, they
 17 were open to the public?
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: D was publicly
 19 bid. Only one firm applied. E was publicly bid,
 20 and two companies replied.
 21 MS. WAITERS: But not hired yet?
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: They're not hired.
 23 Well, they're not approved until we approve the
 24 resolution.
 25 MS. WAITERS: Thank you.

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1 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I have a
2 question. How fast do they responded? So if it's
3 four o'clock in the morning, how fast does the
4 contractor respond in case of an emergency the area.
5 MR. ARENCIBIA: I just want a point.
6 Demetrio Arencibia, County Engineer. The Longo
7 purchase, it's not related to the joint bridges. I
8 think this is a facility contract.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's the general
10 contract for the building?
11 MR. ARENCIBIA: This year the
12 bridges' contracts gets turned over to Essex County.
13 They have to lead on that this year. But getting
14 back to your answer about how quick to respond, I
15 think it's within 24 hours. Sometimes they're
16 quicker than that. Sometimes it takes more than
17 that.
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is someone from
19 Purchasing able to answer that question? Because if
20 that, you know, if that's the case, yeah, if that's
21 the case we can have a problem. If I call them to
22 come at eight o'clock in the morning, and they're
23 not going to come until six o'clock at night because
24 I can start billing overtime after four, I'm going
25 to show up eight o'clock because I can bill you

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1 overtime.
2 Twenty four hours is a pretty long period
3 of time for someone to be able to respond to an
4 emergency. We're not calling them up on stuff that
5 we could do on a regular cost.
6 MS. GALLAGHER: Deborah Gallagher,
7 Purchasing Agent. I have the specifications. I'll
8 review them, but I don't see a response time in
9 this.
10 MR. ANTUN: Debbie, they're not
11 asking about this bid. The Freeholder is asking
12 about the bridges. Do you know what the response
13 time is on the bridges?
14 MS. GALLAGHER: No, I don't.
15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's not true.
16 We're asking as a general rule. As a general rule
17 this contract says Longo Electric would be paid \$140
18 for regular time, 210 for overtime.
19 MR. ANTUN: I understand.
20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Freeholder
21 Cifelli's question is, maybe you know the answer,
22 Ralph, if you call --
23 MR. ANTUN: I don't know, but I'll
24 find out. I thought he was asking about the
25 bridges.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He's asking as a
2 general question, and the answer to the question
3 is -- the concern is can a contractor game us,
4 especially now that they have a different rate which
5 they didn't have before. So if they have 24 hours
6 to respond, are they -- is it to their financial
7 benefit to respond in a manner whereby they'll be
8 paid at an overtime rate as opposed to a regular
9 time. That's pretty significant issue.
10 MR. ANTUN: I don't disagree. I just
11 thought that Freeholder Cifelli's question was
12 specific. I didn't realize it was a general
13 question.
14 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: If we don't know,
15 Deb, can we find out?
16 MS. GALLAGHER: It has the work hours
17 in the specifications. It has that the vendor is
18 required to be available 24 hours per day, seven
19 days per week and respond to emergency calls.
20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Exactly. What's
21 the time frame we have to give them and let us know.
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's definitely on
23 Saturday and Sunday. So it's an overtime rate, and
24 in the evening after four or five o'clock, it
25 automatically kicks in, as well as after eight,

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1 which almost works the same way.
2 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: So 24 hours is
3 the range for an emergency?
4 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: So if you call
5 them at eight o'clock p.m., and they show up at
6 7:00 a.m. the next morning, their rate don't start
7 until they show up at the work site.
8 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: That's correct.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You're calling the
10 guy at 8 a.m., and you say I have an emergency here.
11 The guy says, All right, I'll be there as soon as I
12 can. I'm almost there. I will be there at 5 p.m.,
13 the minute he gets here, he's billing us at \$210 an
14 hour instead of \$140 an hour, and quite frankly,
15 we're probably also incurring an additional cost for
16 us potentially to have additional staff people. I
17 don't know whether the engineer -- you shouldn't be
18 allowed to charge us for their failure to travel.
19 We're getting ready to vote on it.
20 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Okay. Mr. Clerk.
21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: When does the old
22 contract expire? You're going to answer?
23 MR. SACHS: In case of an emergency,
24 they'll respond immediately. That's the line that's
25 written into the contract. That's part of the

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1 contract, immediately. And then non-emergency, a
 2 reasonable amount of time, but we can dictate
 3 whether that's done through regular hours or during
 4 overtime hours.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have the
 6 ability on a nonemergency?
 7 MR. SACHS: Right.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have the
 9 ability on a nonemergency to dictate the hours, and
 10 you should, unless it's an issue where you can't
 11 perform the work during a regular work shift. You
 12 want it on a regular work shift. That should be the
 13 policy, right, Mr. Administrator?
 14 MR. ANTUN: Yeah.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: At our next
 16 committee meeting or the next caucus meeting we need
 17 to --
 18 THE CLERK: Sir, can you state your
 19 name for the record?
 20 MR. SACHS: Ralph Sachs, Roads and
 21 Public Property.
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: When does the
 23 current bid expire?
 24 MS. GALLAGHER: The current bid is
 25 not expiring. It's out of funds. It's very low on

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1 money.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Hold on. Now
 3 you've raised a whole other question. When is the
 4 current contract slated to expire?
 5 MS. GALLAGHER: February 8th, 2014.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Mr. Administrator,
 7 hold on. You have a contract that was scheduled to
 8 expire. Did you exhaust the allowable addition that
 9 you could increase the contract amount by?
 10 Mr. Administrator, why would we in our right mind
 11 not extend the contract when we know the rate we
 12 were getting on a current contract was the same for
 13 regular time and overtime?
 14 MR. ANTUN: I can't address that.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to make
 16 a motion that we take this item off the agenda to
 17 better understand it because if nothing else, I know
 18 we still have \$140 an hour contract for overtime and
 19 regular time that goes to February.
 20 THE CLERK: Speak into the mic,
 21 please.
 22 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Before, the fact
 23 that there is not an overtime rate, the fact that
 24 there was an administrative oversight on the part of
 25 the contractor on the bid application and

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1 essentially the contract, and with all due respect,
 2 I think -- I don't know who the contractors are.
 3 MR. ANTUN: I don't know who has
 4 them.
 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: I have no
 6 relationship whatsoever with the contractor. I
 7 don't know who the contractor is. It seems to me
 8 that that's somewhat unfair to get them -- that
 9 we've gotten them to work for overtime at \$140, and
 10 extend the contact.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Because the
 12 contract goes to February of next year.
 13 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: The contract
 14 goes to February 2014.
 15 MR. ANTUN: We can't there is no
 16 money in the contract.
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We would
 18 normally -- let's, you know. I don't want to play
 19 investigator here, but you have regularly come to
 20 this Board and asked this Board to increase contract
 21 amounts.
 22 MR. ANTUN: That's correct.
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If you're
 24 telling -- how much have we increased Longo, on the
 25 contract to Longo?

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1 MS. GALLAGHER: I'm sorry. We
 2 haven't increased.
 3 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We've done no
 4 increase. How much was the current contract?
 5 MS. GALLAGHER: The current contract
 6 was a not-to-exceed amount of 60,528.
 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What period of
 8 time is that?
 9 MS. GALLAGHER: From February 9th,
 10 2012, to February 8th, 2014.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why did we do a
 12 one-year, and now we're doing a two-year -- I'm
 13 sorry. So it went from February 2012 to February
 14 2014. So February of 2012 to February of 2014, the
 15 amount of the contract was \$60,000. How much have
 16 we expended to date?
 17 MS. GALLAGHER: I don't have that
 18 information. I can certain get it for you.
 19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Why is the
 20 contract now going from two years, \$60,000 to two
 21 years, \$155,000?
 22 MR. ANTUN: I don't know, Freeholder.
 23 The department would have to explain it.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I make to a
 25 motion. Let's just carry it to the next agenda.

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1 Some of the reason for the higher contract may be
 2 because you have other buildings. That could be.
 3 It's 60 in one bid, and 155 is a pretty big jump.
 4 MR. ANTUN: I don't wanted to
 5 speculate. I don't know.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm going to make
 7 a motion that we carry C, 19C to the next meeting.
 8 MR. SACHS: Just to let you know,
 9 Freeholder, as you can see based on the dollar
 10 amount, 60,000, that would only have gotten you
 11 \$12,000. Probably given the fact that this is a
 12 much bigger dollar amount, they probably want to
 13 schedule some work.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We need to
 15 understand it because we weren't told in committee
 16 that there is some work that they need to schedule.
 17 That was never related to it.
 18 MR. SACHS: You know, rates and
 19 stuff. I'm not objecting to the tabling. I'm only
 20 addressing that one is 60,000, that is 60,000 on a
 21 20 percent, based upon the type of work would not
 22 get very far.
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: All I would tell
 24 you is that if they're 55,000 let's say, they've
 25 spent 90 percent of the money in 80 percent of the

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1 contract period. That's a 24-month contract period
 2 with like four months left on the contract. So it's
 3 not under a normal course of action, a 20 percent
 4 increase in their amount would carry them through to
 5 February. You know, if you look at simply that
 6 without some extraordinary, we need more
 7 explanation. Carry it for the remainder.
 8 MR. SACHS: I was getting that
 9 information.
 10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder
 11 Maldonado.
 12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I have a
 13 question on the 60,000, is sixty for the two-year
 14 period? I want to make sure, okay?
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: They're going to
 16 get us an explanation. We're going to carry it.
 17 Sponsored by Freeholder O'Dea. Seconded by
 18 Freeholder Maldonado.
 19 THE CLERK: On the motion to carry
 20 19C to the next meeting.
 21 Freeholder Cifelli.
 22 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 23 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 24 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 25 THE CLERK: Dublin.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 2 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 3 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 4 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 5 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 9 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes. And if you
 12 could, please get some answers so we could get
 13 clarity. Thank you.
 14 Continue, Mr. Clerk.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would just say
 16 that if there is some urgent need,
 17 Mr. Administrator, from now until the end of the
 18 meeting for some sort of work to be done, I don't
 19 think there is any. I think the Board fully
 20 recognizes that's what we have to do, some increases
 21 on the other contracts because of that period.
 22 MR. ANTUN: If something comes up,
 23 obviously.
 24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If an emergency
 25 occurs tomorrow, it's a \$10,000 cost, we understand

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1 that. You're going to got out.
 2 MR. ANTUN: We'll declare an
 3 emergency.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You come to us
 5 have.
 6 MR. ANTUN: That means that the Board
 7 would then have to convene.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't mind.
 9 MR. ANTUN: That's you.
 10 THE CLERK: Are there additional
 11 speakers on agenda items only? Please state your
 12 name.
 13 MR. CABALLERO: Nick Caballero,
 14 Jersey City, New Jersey. Gentlemen, Freeholders,
 15 County Counsel, Directors, every year we stand up
 16 here in front of you at this time, and at least for
 17 the last three years, asking for an additional
 18 donation for Washington Park Live. This year we
 19 just stand in front of you to address you.
 20 With that said, Honorable Freeholders,
 21 County Counsel, Division Directors and all present,
 22 the board of trustees and officers and members of
 23 the WPA continue to honor our mission, to work with
 24 the community to revitalize, maintain and protect
 25 Washington Park in Hudson County, New Jersey, and

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1 promote it's use through development of programs and
 2 activities to enhance the quality of life for park
 3 users and local residents.
 4 Your financial support to enhance the
 5 Movies in the Park series allowed us to share this
 6 program with five other County parks. Over 2,500
 7 Hudson County residents got the experience of the
 8 Movies in the Parks series. With your support we
 9 were able to create part-time work for four
 10 unemployed workers. Your support also allowed us an
 11 administration fee of \$2,650, which went into the
 12 budget to pay artists performing at Washington Park
 13 Live next Saturday, September 21st, in Washington
 14 Park from ten a.m. to seven p.m.
 15 This year our event will also have a rain
 16 date. In the event it does rain next weekend, the
 17 rain date is Saturday, September 21st. We remain
 18 committed to create high quality professional annual
 19 arts events in Washington Park. We thank the County
 20 and Freeholders as well for supporting the local
 21 arts grant program, which grants organizations such
 22 as ours awards to partake community engagement,
 23 events and programs.
 24 The last grant award for the WPA
 25 produced -- was awarded this year to produce

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1 Washington Park Live, allowed them to leverage and
 2 generate strong community support with over \$10,000
 3 in corporate donations and sponsorships which came
 4 from Hudson County businesses such as Care Point
 5 Health, United Way of Hudson County and the Jersey
 6 City Police Partnership.
 7 Gentleman, ladies, our partnerships with
 8 other community organizations, law enforcement such
 9 as our Sheriff Schillari and his deputies are
 10 monitoring Washington Park all the time. Captain
 11 Martinez from the North District of Hudson County,
 12 Jersey City, does an amazing job with our
 13 organization, monitoring the park as well and the
 14 Union City P.D., as well as our community partners
 15 in the park that assist us in producing these
 16 events.
 17 As you continue your efforts doing your
 18 great duties, we ask that you continue to support
 19 organizations such as ours. Come out to the park
 20 and enjoy the event next week, support the arts,
 21 support your local communities that are supporting
 22 you and making you look great. Thank you again for
 23 all the support. We look forward to seeing you next
 24 week. County Counsel, thank you for all your
 25 efforts. Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Nick.
 2 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on
 3 agenda items only? There appear to be no additional
 4 speakers. Mr. Chairman, the Consent Agenda now
 5 includes Item 36, and Item 19C and 29 were carried.
 6 Is there a motion to approve all items listed on the
 7 Consent Agenda?
 8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Sponsored by
 9 Freeholder Dublin. Second by Freeholder Liggio.
 10 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 11 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 13 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 15 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 17 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 19 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Please come back,
 22 pass. I had to sign a document.
 23 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 24 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Abstain on Item 33
 25 and Item 36. Aye on the rest.

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1 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 3 THE CLERK: Freeholder O'Dea.
 4 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I have to
 5 change my vote. I have to abstain No. 4.
 6 THE CLERK: That's an abstention on
 7 No. 4, Freeholder Maldonado?
 8 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yeah, the
 9 minutes.
 10 THE CLERK: You're talking about the
 11 minutes. When we finish the Consent Agenda, we'll
 12 go back to the minutes.
 13 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I vote aye.
 14 THE CLERK: On all items, Freeholder.
 15 Freeholder Maldonado, on the minutes you wish to
 16 abstain the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of
 17 July 11, 2013.
 18 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: That's
 19 correct.
 20 THE CLERK: So noted and it will be
 21 recorded as such. We have four ordinances for
 22 introduction. The first ordinance is entitled
 23 ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 16, of the
 24 Administrative Code providing for the installation
 25 of a No Right Turn On Red sign at the intersection

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1 of John F. Kennedy Boulevard at Audubon Avenue, 9
2 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the City of Jersey City.
3 Freeholder Cifelli.
4 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
6 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
7 THE CLERK: Dublin.
8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Liggio.
10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
12 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
13 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
15 THE CLERK: Rivas.
16 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
18 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
19 THE CLERK: The second is entitled
20 ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11, of the
21 Administrative Code to establish a reserved handicap
22 parking space on John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne,
23 for Alexander J. Gunshefski.
24 Freeholder Cifelli.
25 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
2 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
3 THE CLERK: Dublin.
4 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: Liggio.
6 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
7 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
8 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Munoz.
10 FREEHOLDER MUNOZ: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
13 THE CLERK: Rivas.
14 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
15 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
17 THE CLERK: No. 3 for introduction is
18 an ordinance amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11, of
19 the Administrative Code to establish a reserved
20 handicapped parking space on John F. Kennedy
21 Boulevard, Bayonne, for Pasqual A. Pecoraro.
22 Freeholder Cifelli.
23 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
24 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
25 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Dublin.
2 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
3 THE CLERK: Liggio.
4 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
5 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
6 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
7 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
9 THE CLERK: Rivas.
10 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
11 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
12 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
13 THE CLERK: The fourth ordinance for
14 introduction is entitled Ordinance amending Chapter
15 200, Article 8.11, of the Administrative Code to
16 establish a reserved handicapped parking space on
17 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne, for Danuta
18 Haraburda.
19 Freeholder Cifelli.
20 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
21 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
22 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
23 THE CLERK: Dublin.
24 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
25 THE CLERK: Liggio.

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1 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
2 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
3 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
4 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
6 THE CLERK: Rivas.
7 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
8 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
9 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
10 THE CLERK: We have one ordinance for
11 Second Reading. It's entitled Ordinance No.
12 168-4-2010 and amending Chapter 200, Article 8.11,
13 of the Administrative Code to eliminate a reserved
14 handicap parking space on John F Kennedy Boulevard,
15 Bayonne, for Anna Santiago due to a change of
16 address.
17 This is the time fixed for public hearing
18 on this Ordinance, which was introduced at the
19 meeting of May 7th, 2013, 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 DiDomenico, second by Dublin. All in favor?

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1 (The Board votes unanimously to close
 2 the Hearing.)
 3 The Hearing is closed. On final adoption,
 4 Freeholder Cifelli.
 5 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 6 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 7 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 8 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 9 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.
 10 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 11 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 12 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 14 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 16 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 17 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 18 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: That concludes the items
 21 of business on today's agenda. Are there any
 22 comments from the Freeholders on the business of the
 23 Board?
 24 MR. BATTISTA: Our County was sued by
 25 John Mains Auto Body, because if you recall at the

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1 last -- I believe it was the August Freeholder
 2 meeting, we qualified a number of, I think, two
 3 towing companies, who are qualified to tow County
 4 vehicles or privately-owned vehicles under the
 5 direction of the County Sheriff's Department. We
 6 did not qualify five different submissions we
 7 received.
 8 One of the submissions we did not qualify
 9 was a company by the name John Mains Auto Body. The
 10 reason why we did not qualify was they failed to
 11 submit a form, a disclosure form that requires full
 12 disclosure of the principals in the company. But in
 13 addition that in and of itself was enough to
 14 disqualify. In addition, John Mains in conjunction
 15 with three other companies seemed to be owned and
 16 controlled by the same principal, in our opinion,
 17 was trying to game the system by creating four
 18 different towing companies, who in essence was the
 19 same towing company to be qualified on the list
 20 because as you know, the list and towers are
 21 selected on a rotating basis.
 22 John Mains sued the County, contending
 23 that what we did was improper, illegal, et cetera.
 24 There was a court hearing this afternoon, and Judge
 25 Schultz denied the application of John Mains and

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1 dismissed the complaint against the County with
 2 prejudice, which means subject to appeal rights, the
 3 case is over.
 4 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 5 Continue, Mr. Clerk.
 6 THE CLERK: Are there any comments
 7 from the Chief of Staff to the County Executive?
 8 MR. GAUGHAN: No, thank you.
 9 THE CLERK: This is the time for
 10 anyone present to address the Board on any matter of
 11 public interest. Please remember to limit your
 12 comments to five minutes.
 13 Ms. Marianne Valls.
 14 MS. VALLS: Don't worry about my
 15 speech because I have passed out the remarks and the
 16 copies of my speech so you won't be distracted by my
 17 voice, and I'll carry on the best I can.
 18 My name is Marianne Valls, and I live in
 19 Jersey City. I am presently a member of the
 20 TRANSCEND Advisory Committee. I was past
 21 chairperson of that committee. I also sit on the
 22 advisory committee for New Jersey Transit Senior
 23 Citizen and Disabled Residents Program called
 24 SCADTAP, and the New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.
 25 Although I sit on these transportation boards, the

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1 sentiments expressed below are solely my own.
 2 Today I come before this Board to plead
 3 for a fare policy for Hudson County Paratransit.
 4 Through the State's Paratransit systems primary
 5 source of funding is the revenue from the casinos,
 6 the poor economy and competition from other states
 7 are drastically reducing paratransit's primary
 8 source of their financial wellbeing.
 9 While TRANSCEND receives funding from
 10 other sources such as the Veteran's Administration
 11 and Medicaid, one wonders in this fragile economy
 12 how long one can depend on these resources to
 13 maintain their current contributions at the same
 14 levels. The County has been most generous in its
 15 aid to TRANSCEND. Again, one wonders whether other
 16 obligations in the future will force a cutback in
 17 their contributions.
 18 Other counties have successfully
 19 instituted a fare policy. Indeed -- I put this in
 20 the packet that you have. Other counties have
 21 successfully implemented a policy. Indeed, the
 22 Advisory Committee to SCDRTAP, has sent a letter to
 23 counties urging a fare. A fellow TRANSCEND
 24 committee member did an impromptu survey among his
 25 fellow riders. Everyone to whom he spoke was

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1 willing to pay a small fee for service.
 2 Not charging a minimal fare continues the
 3 myth that people with disabilities are not equal and
 4 are only capable of taking from society, instead of
 5 contributing to it. TRANSCEND is a means to go to
 6 work. Certainly, they can afford to pay something.
 7 After all, the working poor do not ride mass transit
 8 for free. Surely, seniors who ride TRANSCEND
 9 remember the Great Depression and recall that it
 10 took sacrifices on everyone's part to pull the
 11 nation out of it.
 12 Please bare with me. The precarious
 13 financial state that exists all over this County
 14 forces national, state and local officials to act
 15 like statesmen, not like politicians. At times they
 16 must make hard, unpopular choices, not politically
 17 correct ones. We are all residents of this great
 18 Country, and now we are going through hard times. I
 19 am confident that my fellow residents would be
 20 willing to make a small sacrifice in this time of
 21 economic crisis. Thank you.
 22 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Mr. Chair, I
 23 want to thank Ms. Valls for that well thought out
 24 presentation. I apologize for not knowing the
 25 answer to the question. Mr. Administrator, are we

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1 currently look at the possibility of charging fares
 2 for TRANSCEND?
 3 MR. ANTUN: That's been discussed
 4 with the transportation committee but no decision
 5 has been made, but it has been discussed.
 6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Ms. Valls, thank
 7 you for your opinion and very well done letter. God
 8 bless you. It is being discussed. If you leave
 9 your phone number, we'll keep you updated with a
 10 phone call of where the committee is at.
 11 MS. VALLS: This is very important
 12 because paratransit is not free, and people should
 13 be able to take the responsibility for their
 14 transportation whether they're disabled or not.
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you.
 16 Mr. Clerk.
 17 THE CLERK: Ms. Patricia Waiters.
 18 MS. WAITERS: Patricia Waiters.
 19 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Patricia Waiters, 1233 Park,
 20 Hoboken resident. Tonight I want to announce any
 21 candidacy, Mr. Romano, because you are from Hoboken.
 22 In the upcoming election, I'm a candidate for
 23 Councilman-At-Large.
 24 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Congratulations.
 25 MS. WAITERS: With that being said, I

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1 just want to say hello to some members of the public
 2 that know me and see me in the paper. I was a
 3 little hurt and embarrassed when I got the papers
 4 last week and this week and then to come here
 5 tonight, I made a special trip because I was
 6 supposed to be at another engagement to see
 7 Freeholder Munoz. I don't know if you consent to
 8 that but whatever. I don't want to speculate or
 9 stand up here if I don't have the true facts. I'm
 10 only going by what was in the Jersey Journal.
 11 When people question me, I wouldn't know
 12 how to answer. I'm only reading exactly what
 13 they're reading. So it's a little mind-boggling
 14 because I stood at the same microphone and
 15 questioned him about the same identical thing, not
 16 to be mean, not hold nothing against anybody, just
 17 because of the people that came to stand at the same
 18 microphone that felt that we want to be heard. We
 19 want you to please at least have integrity, morals
 20 and respect. This is a terrible crime.
 21 You are our government leaders. Please do
 22 something about this. It took years. It hurts me
 23 to sit here. I've been sitting here six years. I
 24 counted six years. I came to every meeting, and I
 25 kept saying, what is it going to take. It's like a

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1 smack in the face to have somebody. I don't know
 2 why she didn't encourage me. I can see right here,
 3 and I'm only going again by what I read the paper.
 4 I asked the same question over and over.
 5 Please can someone have enough to courage. I
 6 understand you're colleagues, you work as a
 7 government body, but could someone have enough
 8 courage to say, at least let's look into it, even if
 9 I have to go to the FBI. So I'm only hoping tonight
 10 for the sake me, the County residents, the County
 11 workers, the correction officers, the parks and so
 12 on, everybody that stood at this and microphone
 13 tried to say, listen, one of your buddies hurt me.
 14 The County Exec, I said, I'm going through this,
 15 could you please do something about it. It's going
 16 to escalate to the FBI.
 17 I hope and pray that this is what this
 18 hearing is, what this investigation is about, not
 19 only for my sake, for all the strong corrections
 20 officers that I trained and worked with that passed
 21 away. It gets really emotional. It's sad because
 22 that was our careers. It was our livelihood. I
 23 engaged in a conversation with Munoz. It was very
 24 funny because he said to me, Do me a favor, I'm
 25 going to tell you the answer if you don't go tell

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1 the Freeholders.
 2 I'll tell the Freeholders. I'm going to
 3 put it on the record. I'm going to tell the
 4 Freeholders because I'm going to keep it straight
 5 with you. I understand the big to-do and putting
 6 everybody on the spot. I just want accountability
 7 for the person that did this to me and my family. I
 8 just wanted you as a person to say, you know,
 9 whatever, but hey, I want to do what's right, I'm a
 10 government official. I want to serve in your
 11 government clean with integrity and that's my
 12 slogan.
 13 That bothers me that Munoz said, if you
 14 want talk, it's not about a job no more, it's about
 15 my integrity. It's about my dignity. I can't get
 16 those years back to see my kids and stand at the
 17 same very microphone when we first came here at four
 18 years old, who's now ten. My daughter is ten. Can
 19 I get that back? I can't. I just want to see a
 20 government man say, You know what, I have a family,
 21 and it might happen to them, and that's the only
 22 message I was trying to get at this microphone.
 23 So Munoz actually said to me, well, it's a
 24 job, just say you were wrong, I've seen the tape,
 25 you was guilty. I said, Munoz, no, I want you to do

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1 me a favor, if you feel that's what they showed you,
 2 you've never seen my evidence. Just be honest and
 3 be fair and do that for me.
 4 So I came to tonight after I read the
 5 paper hoping that I would see him. For me and the
 6 other employees, I hope like hell that this is what
 7 this investigation is about. I hope all that work
 8 that we have done does come to light and surface
 9 just for me to clear my mind and my heart and my
 10 family. Again, any of you it's not too late. Any
 11 of you it's not too late again. I have your back a
 12 hundred percent. Please just tell the truth. Tell
 13 the truth and keep it real and set my mind free, and
 14 let me just live a normal life. Thank you.
 15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Thank you, Patty.
 16 Congratulations on your candidacy. Good luck in
 17 Hoboken on behalf of the Board.
 18 THE CLERK: Tracy Powell. Ms. Tracy
 19 Powell.
 20 MS. POWELL: Tracy Powell, Jersey
 21 City, New Jersey, okay. I had a fair hearing back
 22 in August. So they made a decision. It's going to
 23 be five days. But at the hearing, the board and
 24 administrator called for an investigation, but the
 25 union did one the day before, and I have a copy of

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1 the log sheet. During the hearing of this case, he
 2 took that out. But that was their whole reason for
 3 writing me up. I don't know why.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who took it out?
 5 MS. POWELL: The hearing officer. It
 6 was a lie because I was working. You see, at the
 7 department division hearing, they wrote it up, and
 8 they said I was a liar and troublemaker, and the
 9 same guy that I called me a B-i-t-c-h that same day,
 10 they never investigated that guy.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What were you
 12 written up for?
 13 MS. POWELL: They said I wasn't at my
 14 post and I was there, and the resolution they did
 15 were worse.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who is the
 17 individual you allege is harassing you?
 18 MS. POWELL: Tony Paul, Anthony Paul,
 19 the director -- the administrator for the WorkFirst
 20 department.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's the
 22 individual who wrote you up?
 23 MS. POWELL: He wrote it up. Barbara
 24 Cambridge brought it down. He signed it and said
 25 that's what it was. But you're going by word of

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1 mouth, and you're not doing an investigate because
 2 if you take it to court, you would lose because I
 3 have the log sheet with the time I started.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That shows you
 5 were there?
 6 MS. POWELL: Yes, thank you. The
 7 union informed them of what I had so he make made up
 8 for my seat changes. But you're worried about the
 9 date before. I said I wasn't there.
 10 And I want to let you know, that today --
 11 yesterday, excuse me, yesterday, there was another
 12 one of them, and the sixth floors, it was very hot,
 13 82 degrees inside the building, 95 outside.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: When was this,
 15 today?
 16 MS. POWELL: Yesterday. Everybody
 17 was turning the air off and on. The last week it
 18 was on, it was nice and cool and comfortable.
 19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Just check and find
 20 out for us.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't know if
 22 there were any complaints filed?
 23 MS. POWELL: When we complained about
 24 it, he said we'll check it out.
 25 MR. SACHS: What building?

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: County Plaza.
 2 MS. POWELL: Sixth floor.
 3 MR. SACHS: I know that they've been
 4 working on the chillers on the roof, but I can't
 5 speak to that specifically. It was a hot day
 6 yesterday, and sometimes it takes time do these
 7 things. I'm not sure what was going on there.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I have the
 9 representative of the department?
 10 MR. MARTINOVICH: Robert Martinovich,
 11 Division Chief, Family Services. I was informed by
 12 Mr. Chin, who is the building maintenance person,
 13 who said they were working. He reported that the
 14 temperature was abnormally high, and he said that
 15 they were working on different units up on the
 16 building, and it included that area that Ms. Powell
 17 is talking about. At the end of today, they had
 18 fixed it, and they were in the process of bringing
 19 up the cooling.
 20 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What do you do in
 21 a case an area has a temperature of 82 degrees?
 22 MR. MARTINOVICH: We have a person
 23 that goes to us to complain. We do look at
 24 different areas of the buildings that are cool.
 25 They're reassigned.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is that true?
 2 MS. POWELL: I've never been
 3 reassigned. I have complaints.
 4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you sent a
 5 notification to employees and let them know that?
 6 MR. MARTINOVICH: Absolutely. I'll
 7 do it through the union also.
 8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If people don't
 9 know that, they don't know it. If you're an
 10 82-degree temperature, that probably violates a
 11 union agreement.
 12 MR. MARTINOVICH: We were in the
 13 process of working on it, and it was back up.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would just
 15 suggest, again you're not the director, I would just
 16 suggest that all directors need to be proactive so
 17 when a situation like that occurs, rather than wait
 18 and see how many people may have problems,
 19 proactively go in and see how you can accommodate
 20 temporarily reassigning staff until that issue is
 21 addressed.
 22 MR. MARTINOVICH: Freeholder, in that
 23 one area, there is only eight people, so I mean I'm
 24 saying if they want to move, we usually make
 25 accommodations in certain other areas.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How many days have
 2 you worked in temperatures in excess of 80 degrees
 3 inside?
 4 MR. MARTINOVICH: I don't know really
 5 know how many we've had.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: For you personally
 7 where you work.
 8 MR. MARTINOVICH: I'm in that area
 9 also.
 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Were you there
 11 yesterday?
 12 MR. MARTINOVICH: Yesterday, no. I
 13 was there today.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Where were you
 15 yesterday?
 16 MR. MARTINOVICH: I had the day off.
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Of course, you
 18 did. You like that nice weather. You think you can
 19 take the day off. I'm only joking.
 20 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: What kind of work
 21 was that, they worked up on the roof?
 22 MR. MARTINOVICH: They said they were
 23 repairing. Something broke down. The repair work
 24 started yesterday, and they finished it today.
 25 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: It happened to

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1 be the hottest day.
 2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't care if
 3 it's 8 or 80. That's an inhumane condition for an
 4 employee, and it's very, very unhealthy, could
 5 result in people getting sick. Someone that may
 6 have asthma, there are so many things that could
 7 occur. Not only do you have employees, which you
 8 may know, you may know that they have certain
 9 conditions, but you certainly don't know what
 10 condition clients could have.
 11 MR. MARTINOVICH: Freeholder, when
 12 you say "82," that's also Ms. Powell's reading. I
 13 know the maintenance people do go around and check
 14 on the temperature. Like I said I'm not aware
 15 exactly what it did read off on yesterday.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would say that
 17 absent you providing evidence to refute Ms. Powell,
 18 we are inclined to take someone who put on a public
 19 record that was what the registered temperature was.
 20 Obviously, since you didn't work yesterday, you're a
 21 terrible potential witness as to what the
 22 temperature was. The only thing you have is totally
 23 secondhand information. The person who was there is
 24 the person who wins.
 25 All I'm saying is the departments,

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1 especially that building, because that building
 2 seems to have ongoing issues, should establish a
 3 policy how to deal with that. An employee should be
 4 informed what that is. Let me tell you, where I
 5 work when I had that situation, one day we actually
 6 had to let a few employees go home at a certain hour
 7 of the day because the temperature reached a certain
 8 point, and anyone who wanted to leave was allowed to
 9 leave without being docked any pay. Because it was
 10 something that took several days, we had to make
 11 arrangements to relocate to another location for a
 12 period of time until after. You should think of
 13 doing that.

14 It's not like you don't know how to do it
 15 because we had to do it after Sandy in many places
 16 because there were buildings that were without power
 17 for two months. So if you can do it for that, we
 18 could figure out a way we can do it in other
 19 situations.

20 MR. MARTINOVICH: I'll relay that to
 21 Mr. Lopez first thing in the morning.

22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Thank you.

23 MS. POWELL: Mr. Chair, that happened
 24 back in August too. It was hot. The air wasn't
 25 moving.

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1 THE CLERK: Time is up, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Please put it out
 3 there, Mr. Martinovich, and have Director Lopez call
 4 up the directors.

5 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Did Ben have a
 6 day off, or he's on vacation?

7 MR. ANTUN: No, medical.

8 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: The other thing
 9 that Ms. Powell was talking about maybe at the court
 10 and stuff.

11 MR. BATTISTA: I'll look into it,
 12 Freeholder.

13 THE CLERK: Mr. Frank Williams.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Good evening. Frank
 15 Williams, Jersey City, president of the Hudson
 16 County Youth Football League. I'm here again to
 17 advise the Board of Freeholders, since our last
 18 meeting when it was made clear that one of the
 19 County employees, Mike Ascolese, was getting
 20 involved, interfere, whatever words you wish to use,
 21 has continued to meddle in the day-to-day operations
 22 of the Hudson County Youth Football League, up to
 23 and including August 22nd, where we had another
 24 meeting.

25 I mean, within the first 30 seconds of the

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1 meeting, it was stated, I mean in the most clear
 2 words that can be possibly made, that no one from
 3 the County is needed to interfere or get involved
 4 with the league, yet that night when we had the
 5 meeting, he is there. When I reminded him he's not
 6 supposed to be there and should not be there --

7 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What team does he
 8 represent?

9 MR. WILLIAMS: None, nobody.

10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What right did he
 11 have to be there?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: That night it was in
 13 North Bergen, the 61st Street Recreation.

14 MR. DeLEO: It's a municipal
 15 building.

16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What authority,
 17 under what authority have you given him to be
 18 involved?

19 MR. DeLEO: Mr. Ascolese has been
 20 advised by myself, Division Chief Chickini, Joseph
 21 Chickini and the Administration that he's to have no
 22 active involvement in the league as a County
 23 representative. What Mr. Ascolese does as a
 24 constituent and a resident of the County, of the
 25 municipality, I have no control over, but I have

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1 expressly instructed his immediate supervisor that
 2 has to have no active involvement in the football
 3 league.

4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: What I advise you
 5 to do is get an expedited copy of this transcript
 6 today. You have now put on the record, and if
 7 Mr. Ascolese comes to the meeting, I don't know
 8 what -- I don't believe your meetings are open to
 9 the public, correct?

10 MR. WILLIAMS: I mean we never had an
 11 issue with the public showing up.

12 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You don't have to
 13 public put a notice in?

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Not at all, no.

15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You have the right
 16 to only have people that represent your teams?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct. That
 18 is in our bylaws.

19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would suggest
 20 that you simply -- that's the policy you should
 21 follow.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Again, we attempted to
 23 follow that policy, and aside from physically
 24 removing him from the building when we had it again
 25 at the County building here in Lincoln Park, he

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1 refused.

2 MR. FLORIO: I don't mean to

3 interrupt. I'm a little concerned with how far into

4 this discussion we are going and whether the rights

5 of Mr. Ascolese, vis-a-vis his employment, may be

6 placed into the discussion, I would caution; the

7 speaker is free to say what he wants, subject to his

8 own initiative, but as far as the Board is

9 concerned, we have to be careful about how far we

10 go.

11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I just totally

12 disagree with you, Mr. Florio. This has nothing at

13 all to do with his employment. We have a -- if this

14 speaker came up here and said Mickey Mouse was going

15 to their meetings, I would say to him just what I

16 said now. Is your meeting a public meeting, yes or

17 no? They answer to that question is no. What I had

18 said to him is, not matter who the individual is,

19 they have the authority to not have Mickey Mouse or

20 whoever it is at that meeting.

21 I would tell you, Mr. Williams, if the

22 meeting is at Lincoln Park, you should feel free to

23 call the Sheriff's officer and have Mickey Mouse or

24 any other individual that attends your closed

25 meetings of your coaches and directors removed from

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1 that meeting. Now, if your board votes to open it

2 to the public, then that's a decision that your

3 board makes.

4 But absent your board voting or acting to

5 do that, my advice to you is either you have to two

6 policies, that anyone who wants to come votes, in

7 which whoever comes, you kind of have to deal with

8 that fact that they're there. Then the question you

9 have is those individuals don't have a legal right

10 the way they have here to speak at those meetings,

11 that has to be granted by the members of the board

12 or association. So those are the decisions that you

13 make.

14 I'm not saying this about anyone. All I'm

15 telling you is up to an including if it is in the

16 Gallo Center, if you have a meeting that is not

17 required by law to be a public meeting, you have

18 that authority to have that individual removed. I

19 would advise you not to remove them because that

20 could create a problem, when we have a Sheriff's

21 Department and Sheriff's officers, and those

22 Sheriff's officers could be contacted, and that

23 individual could be removed.

24 If that individual, whoever that

25 individual may be, happened to be some employee of

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1 this government, you now have a record that shows

2 clearly that that individual has no right or

3 authority to be there, and in that capacity, thus

4 you have the right to do what you can do as part of

5 that organization.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Dublin

7 and Freeholder Liggio.

8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't know how

9 that impugns on any employee's employment rights.

10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Dublin.

11 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Bill O'Dea said

12 it all. Only thing I have to say, last time we had

13 the discussion, the Administrator was going to

14 handle it. We, you know, found out that Mickey

15 Mouse was at that meeting, still causing problems.

16 I don't want him to be acting as an employee of the

17 County, interfering with the meeting that is not in

18 public. You have every right to remove this

19 individual by the Sheriff's officers if he refuses.

20 You know they are there for that.

21 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder Liggio.

22 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: I really don't

23 have anything to add, other than, Frank, I would say

24 to you, just to advise you too. One of the issues

25 that was brought up I guess at these meetings, I

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1 wasn't there, concern \$12,000, the fee, the money

2 that the County gives, and the way it's been

3 distributed in the past, and I think that is

4 entirely a matter for the league to decide how it

5 wants to handle that.

6 I don't know if the County has any --

7 would have any oversight on how to utilize that

8 money. I know you've been utilizing PAL, a

9 501(c)(3). If your board wants to set up a

10 501(c)(3) with the league, fine. You can handle

11 that money that way. I think it's entirely the

12 league's decision. You decide how you want to

13 handle that money as long as it's completely

14 accounted for, and you know, the records are

15 available at least to the County. I wouldn't have a

16 problem with that.

17 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: There's two things

18 that I see here. There is a mixing of two different

19 things that are happening. The County's

20 responsibility is for the money that we grant to

21 this league, and from what we were told from the

22 meetings that we had in the County Exec's office,

23 that they were going to be obviously a 501(c)(3)

24 organization.

25 This point in time, the league starts

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1 Monday. The money has to go in from the County.
2 You were worried last year because of the confusion
3 from years past?
4 MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.
5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: We don't get
6 involved in administering the league. We're not
7 giving the money until with know where it's going,
8 and if where it's going is the Jersey City PAL,
9 until the league, whatever you gentlemen and ladies
10 running it decide to open up that other account.
11 MR. WILLIAMS: As of right now, I am
12 the president unless somebody else tells me that I'm
13 not. For the record, Tom DeLeo here, I did turn
14 over of the financials. So for the record he has
15 them.
16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: And the County
17 Counsel.
18 MR. WILLIAMS: That's correct, and at
19 that August 22nd meeting, you know, it was made
20 clear, and it was suggested by the chief of staff,
21 why reinvent the wheel, you have a 501(c)(3), I have
22 a vendor number, we voted on it. Last year at this
23 point, the money was already in the account, but
24 because of the constant meddling, it's not there,
25 and we start Saturday night for the record.

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1 MR. BATTISTA: Yes, Freeholder. In
2 terms of where the money is, I personally don't an
3 have interest where it goes, whatever, in an attempt
4 to try to resolve this, as you know, we tried to
5 convene a meeting last evening.
6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: It was chaos.
7 MR. BATTISTA: I was given by the
8 Parks Department, five authorizations from teams
9 purportedly in the league indicating their desire to
10 put the money in the Hudson County Hall of Fame.
11 Last evening Sergeant Williams and two other
12 individuals showed up, who represent the Hackensack
13 team and a representative of the Passaic team. The
14 representative of the Passaic team indicated that he
15 had no interest where it went. He was not going to
16 participate in terms of a vote. The Hackensack
17 individual indicated that he was in favor of it
18 going to the Hudson County Hall of Fame.
19 I spoke with Deputy Director DeLeo today.
20 He's going to reach out to all of the teams to
21 verify what was given to us which contains the name
22 of the individuals and form of identification, if in
23 fact, that is the preference of where the money
24 goes. Based upon that, we're going to give the
25 money. But at this point, the only one I know, I'm

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1 not saying that's true or untrue. The only document
2 that was given to me indicated that the preference
3 of six of the eight teams of the league was that the
4 money went to the Hudson County Hall of Fame.
5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Hold on. Is the
6 Hudson County Hall of Fame a 501(c)(3) organization,
7 it's a simple yes or no?
8 MR. BATTISTA: I don't know.
9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You don't know if
10 the Hudson County -- the Hudson County Hall of Fame
11 as the County Counsel is or isn't?
12 MR. BATTISTA: It's not a County
13 organization.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is it an
15 incorporated?
16 MR. BATTISTA: I believe it's
17 incorporated.
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Does the mission
19 statement of that entity allow it to provide funding
20 and funds for referees in a football league?
21 MR. BATTISTA: Freeholder, I don't
22 know.
23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's a simple
24 question. It's not like some outside entity can
25 decide where it goes. Why don't we give it to the

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1 Journal Square SID? We can't -- let me finish. You
2 can't give it to the Journal Square SID, because the
3 Journal Square SID doesn't have within its charter
4 or mission statement the authority to undertake that
5 activity or fund that activity.
6 MR. BATTISTA: Freeholder, I'm only
7 stating.
8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I understand what
9 you're saying. It's ridiculous.
10 MR. BATTISTA: I'm only stating what
11 was given to me. I have no knowledge of the Hudson
12 County Hall of Fame, what its activities are. Just
13 because it has the name Hudson County doesn't mean
14 it's a County organization.
15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: They're just
16 reorganizing.
17 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, and the first
18 meeting is the reorganization meeting. I know the
19 Freeholder representative to that particular meeting
20 is Mr. Liggio, Freeholder Liggio.
21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I don't want to
22 spent all night on this, but I'm going to tell you
23 this. I don't know why some people want to give
24 money to the Hall of Fame. My advice, my guess is
25 the Hudson County Hall of Fame is current, currently

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1 a noncompliant entity. It hasn't met the
 2 requirements under the State statute on an annual
 3 basis, probably not filed the paperwork and things
 4 it needed to file on a State basis.

5 Do you want my advice? Don't go there. I
 6 don't know who told somebody that's where you want
 7 to put the money, but how are you going to put the
 8 money in something that like probably hasn't met in
 9 two years, probably hasn't filed the appropriate
 10 documents recorded annually that you're required to
 11 file with the Secretary of State, probably hasn't
 12 filed any tax returns or tax rolls. You know, you
 13 guys, I don't know why would these five coaches
 14 suddenly come up and decide that?

15 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: There's a question
 16 I want to ask you. We called for a meeting, and
 17 everybody was supposed to come. Who gave waiver out
 18 early? The members are supposed to come to a
 19 meeting and show their ID.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: According to Mr.
 21 DeRodella from North Bergen, he said Michael
 22 Ascolese went door to door and handed him -- last
 23 night, just one second, and last night where we were
 24 going over the five that were already pre-signed,
 25 Mr. Battista read one from the coach from West New

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1 York director that said, Attention DeRodella, was
 2 faxed from North Bergen to her office, and she faxed
 3 it back to North Bergen, where it was picked up and
 4 it was delivered by Joe Chickini.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: When it comes on
 6 the agenda, money is going to the Jersey City PAL,
 7 unless you get a coach's meeting with every coach
 8 that's involved to come sign a waiver with proper ID
 9 in front of County Counsel, and if they have any
 10 complaints.

11 MR. BATTISTA: The reason why the
 12 people had the waivers in advance, the meeting, let
 13 me finish, that Sergeant Williams is alluding to
 14 which took place in August, I had prepared the
 15 documents at that meeting. I understand that the
 16 meeting was contentious. Consequently, I don't know
 17 what happened with those. The waivers were in
 18 existence back in August. I don't know that. I'm
 19 trying to set forth what the facts are. The
 20 question was, how did they get waivers in advance.

21 The meeting that was scheduled for last
 22 evening, you and I had a conversation with Sergeant
 23 Williams, I'm assuming that he runs the league, that
 24 all of those teams would have come here. They chose
 25 not to. I can't control why they didn't come.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Then also, you
 2 know if somebody makes a phone call and states that
 3 don't show up because of these reasons and they keep
 4 getting interfering on it, and it started from day
 5 one when the league only went to get a permit. When
 6 the person got involved with it and started that
 7 escalation, they had a meeting. He was at that
 8 meeting. He was causing more problems. Whatever we
 9 did in the past, that's what we're going to do. If
 10 it was PAL, nobody is going to dictate to us where
 11 the money is going.

12 MR. BATTISTA: That's why I suggested
 13 that Deputy Director DeLeo reach out to the teams,
 14 who already signed waivers to find out if in fact
 15 what you're concerned about happened.

16 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: When is this coming
 17 on the agenda, Mr. Administrator?

18 MR. ANTUN: When this gets resolved.

19 MR. BATTISTA: And I renew what I
 20 told Sergeant Williams last week and what I told him
 21 last evening. You tell me when you can get your
 22 eight teams together, if you want to do it Saturday,
 23 if you want to do it on a Sunday, if you want to do
 24 it at night, I will make myself available because
 25 with all due respect, everyone, the Administration

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1 is spending a lot of time on what should be a
 2 relatively simple thing. You tell me when you have
 3 the eight teams available, I will personally go
 4 there, and then we will decide.

5 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Freeholder
 6 Maldonado, Freeholder O'Dea, Freeholder Liggio and
 7 myself, Freeholder Dublin.

8 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Only four of us
 9 will go.

10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Just one other
 11 point. We're beating this to death, about the Hall
 12 of Fame. Who would put the Hall of Fame? Who would
 13 have a check-writing responsibility with the Hall of
 14 Fame account? Would it be the league, or would it
 15 be the County or some representative of the County?

16 MR. ANTUN: It's not the County.
 17 It's open.

18 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Who is
 19 the chairman?

20 MR. DeLEO: I don't know if there is
 21 a chairman, Freeholder, but I believe Joe Chickini
 22 has the ability to sign checks. I think that this
 23 organization was incorporated or filed for
 24 registration last year. I don't know who is on the
 25 board.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So we have a
 2 group, we don't know who is on the board. We think
 3 they filed to create it last year. They never had a
 4 meeting. I've got tell you this. If you never had
 5 a meeting, nobody, no one is authorized to sign a
 6 check because you can't authorize a person to sign a
 7 check until the trustees meet, and trustees pass a
 8 resolution authorizing who can sign the check.
 9 MR. DeLEO: I believe that that
 10 occurred, Freeholder.
 11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: You were at the
 12 meeting, were you advised at the meeting?
 13 MR. DeLEO: This was prior to the
 14 Freeholder last year, Janet requested that a
 15 representative from this Board be Freeholder Liggio.
 16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I want a copy of
 17 the minutes of that meeting tomorrow. I want a copy
 18 of the minutes.
 19 MR. DeLEO: I don't have any
 20 authority over this organization.
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Who does?
 22 MR. DeLEO: I will find out.
 23 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Is Joe Chickini a
 24 member of it?
 25 MR. DeLEO: I believe he is.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can we get him on
 2 the phone? Can we get him here? This is, I mean,
 3 this is a joke. I honestly have to tell you, this
 4 is a joke. This is government obstructing and
 5 sticking its nose where it does not belong. It's
 6 embarrassing, Joe Chickini, who is the Division
 7 Director of Parks.
 8 MR. DeLEO: He's doing it on his
 9 time.
 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: When you see who
 11 the trustees of this are, I'm telling you. You know
 12 what, I want to go home and watch the game. I want
 13 to see the articles of incorporation. Please relay
 14 to Mr. Chickini, because you have reported on the
 15 record that Mr. Chickini is the authorized
 16 signatory. Please provide me the following
 17 information: Whoever, Mr. Chickini or whomever,
 18 even if though he may be doing it on his own time,
 19 it's now our money. I have another issue as to what
 20 authority he has, what role he plays.
 21 MR. ANTUN: Just so you know, I don't
 22 take issue with you. They're all valid concerns. I
 23 just want to make clear that the County government
 24 does not organize that. The County employees on
 25 their own time organize it.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So what happened?
 2 All of a sudden a bunch of coaches say, Hey, who
 3 should we give the money to to write the checks?
 4 Let's give it to the Hudson County Hall of Fame?
 5 MR. ANTUN: I don't disagree.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Come on.
 7 MR. ANTUN: Wait a minute. I'm not
 8 disagreeing with that. You're trying to say that
 9 the County government did that.
 10 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: People that are
 11 employees of this County continue undermine what the
 12 intention and will of this Board was as it relates
 13 to it. I have a problem with that. I won't mention
 14 any names, Mr. Florio, but once we identify, once we
 15 identify who those individuals are, what kind of
 16 notice is it called?
 17 MR. FLORIO: A Rice notice.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I will request
 19 through the chair that we issue a Rice notice to any
 20 and all of those County employees that are involved
 21 in that process, and we have them come to a public
 22 meeting, and that we conduct a hearing or
 23 investigation into the action of those employees
 24 because I'm just sick and damn frigging tired of the
 25 whole thing.

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1 MR. WILLIAMS: In 30 seconds; in a
 2 matter of trying to keep things simple here. I
 3 don't know that we need to reinvent the wheel. I
 4 have a vendor number. I have a bank account. I
 5 have a checkbook. If the Freeholders are
 6 comfortable with doing what they did last year,
 7 sending the money to the Jersey City PAL, I can
 8 gladly speak and connect with Mr. DeLeo, and when
 9 the game start being played, and we have to start
 10 writing checks, I can give him a ledger and invoice,
 11 and he can follow through and everybody can be
 12 comfortable, and just the time that it takes for
 13 this Hall of Fame thing to get investigated and
 14 looked into, and that way we don't, you know, slow
 15 progress.
 16 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Or the league
 17 sets up its own 501(c)(3).
 18 MR. WILLIAMS: And that's what the
 19 process is, you know, next. I like that idea better
 20 than the Hall of Fame.
 21 MR. ANTUN: In the past the payment
 22 was made to the Hudson County Football League.
 23 Mr. Williams stated that.
 24 MR. WILLIAMS: Right, and it went to
 25 the North Bergen account. That's how it went. They

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1 used it.

2 MR. ANTUN: I'm going to tell you, I

3 don't know about that.

4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Abe, here is the

5 problem that we have. This is the fundamental

6 problem. That's why until the other entities may be

7 created, and given 501(c)(3) status, by the way, it

8 doesn't happen in a week, okay, I got one for a

9 grant, it took me six months, and we jumped through

10 hoops. We jumped through hoops to get it. It

11 usually takes a year or so.

12 MR. ANTUN: It's hard because of all

13 the things that you said. You have to have

14 meetings. You have to have a board. I know exactly

15 what you're talking about.

16 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So whether or not

17 coaches wanted the funds to flow through this Hall

18 of Fame, if the Hall of Fame is not a 501(c)(3), I

19 don't believe we can have the dollars flow through

20 it anyway because we've got a fundamental issue as

21 it is when we award these dollars, they have to be

22 awarded and spent through a 501(c)(3), and I don't

23 know what entity it is or what category it falls

24 under.

25 I'm sure it's not a 501(c)(3), especially

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1 if it was only organized a year ago, because you

2 organized the initial entity, and then you have to

3 go though the filing paperwork with the federal

4 government and answer all the questions and reanswer

5 all the questions. I've been through it, and so we

6 know it's tough. Even if every coach, if they all

7 wanted to do it, they couldn't do it. So that is

8 not a viable alternative.

9 If you've got an entities that's done it,

10 if you want to put in place and safeguard, a

11 safeguard that has a review by your office,

12 whomever, as a voucher comes in, to ensure that

13 voucher is only used to make payments to referees,

14 and you may have extra backup if you needed to do

15 it, why don't you simply do that? That would be the

16 simplest way.

17 Let the league start this weekend knowing

18 that that process is in place, here's what they do

19 if they have to tell a referee, I'm sorry, you might

20 have to wait an extra week or two because not only,

21 they may require that Bill O'Dea, referee, has to

22 sign something that says, Yes, I refereed a game on

23 whatever, blah, blah, blah, or I refereed three

24 games, you know. That's something that I think it's

25 part of the review.

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1 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Whatever you sent

2 to Mr. Tom, please also send to the County Counsel's

3 office, and we want to be apprized. Freeholder

4 Liggio is our representative to your league.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. All right.

6 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Anything else?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: If you want to,

9 counsel can set up a meeting on Saturday morning.

10 We'll attend.

11 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Instead of us

12 getting involved in the middle of meetings, I think

13 long-term, Freeholder Liggio's idea is a great idea.

14 They should form their own 501(c)(3). I've got to

15 tell you, it ain't free. First of all, it ain't

16 some free service. It isn't like Obamacare. You

17 don't get it for free. Not only that, he already

18 knows that the PAL is a 501(c)(3).

19 So they've got to determine if they want

20 to do it, how they're going to pay for. It is going

21 to cost them a couple of thousand dollars just to do

22 it and go through that entire process. Then they're

23 going to need some money because it's kind of a

24 group that comes together in order to run it, who

25 are they going to pay? The PAL probably has to do

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1 the same thing on behalf of the other organization

2 and going to have to file more paperwork.

3 MR. ANTUN: Freeholder, we have no

4 organization with the PAL.

5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I mean it's even

6 if they don't, what is your alternative? That's the

7 answer.

8 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Meet with the

9 Administration. They will help you. We've got to

10 get they checks going.

11 THE CLERK: Additional speakers on

12 any matter of public interest? Please state your

13 name.

14 MR. McCORMACK: Richard McCormack. I

15 just want to reiterate a little bit about what Ms.

16 Valls said before about the TRANSCEND and all. I

17 just want a little bit of a clarification on one

18 point, that I believe a few months ago there was

19 talk about possibly having advertisements placed on

20 the buses that will offset some of the costs. Has

21 that been further suggested or further looked into

22 at this point?

23 I mean, like I said before that a lot of

24 people are willing to pay a small fee or fare. She

25 also said that they're working, and they don't want

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1 their handicap to be held against them. They're
 2 willing to pay a fare. The only thing I would say
 3 is that as we all know, paychecks are getting
 4 smaller and smaller because more and more is taken
 5 out for various reasons. I just want to know if
 6 there was a further ongoing thing going on about the
 7 possibility of advertisements being sold to banks or
 8 hospitals on the side of our TRANSCEND buses.
 9 Anybody can answer that for me.
 10 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Rich, Director
 11 Demellier is looking into that. When we had a
 12 transportation meeting, he discussed that. We
 13 discussed that as a possibility that he was going to
 14 be reviewing and checking it out and see what the
 15 feasibility of advertising as a way to offset the
 16 costs. I believe he's looking into it.
 17 MR. McCORMACK: Thank you. Just as a
 18 quick reminder, a lot of good things coming up this
 19 weekend throughout the County. Bayonne has a big
 20 sports festival at the park. I believe it's ten to
 21 three or ten to two. We have a lot more coming on.
 22 There's the Dominican Parade coming up in a couple
 23 weeks, a big Irish festival in Downtown Jersey City
 24 on the 28th, I believe it was. Hoboken, we have a
 25 stuff.

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1 We have a lot of going on in this great
 2 County, and I know the County is always willing to
 3 help and support all these events. Hopefully,
 4 that's going on next summer. I'm just glad to be
 5 back to a regular night meeting.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's a lot of
 7 things. I thought you would ask about the bike
 8 paths.
 9 MR. McCORMACK: Mr. O'Dea is
 10 reminding me. I still have a couple of minutes.
 11 It's been brought to my attention on a Facebook page
 12 as well about the possibility of bike paths being
 13 built throughout Lincoln Park. From what
 14 understanding, I'm just asking, is this going on?
 15 Maybe the County engineer can address this real
 16 quickly. There are a few constituents that are
 17 requesting the bike paths being built. My
 18 understanding is that it's a possibility of Saturday
 19 closing certain lanes of traffic throughout the park
 20 so the people can address bike riding pleasures on
 21 especially the nice fall weather coming.
 22 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Years ago they
 23 used to close the whole park down for bikes.
 24 MR. McCORMACK: I know. It's tougher
 25 and tougher to close down the entire park with all

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1 the events going on.
 2 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Especially
 3 when you're using it to speed from one side of the
 4 park to the other.
 5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We asked in August
 6 that as a result of a meeting that was held by Mayor
 7 Fulop, that the issue was raised by a number of
 8 speakers that the County Parks Division and engineer
 9 to do an investigation and report of what it would
 10 take to close the park or close off one of the
 11 lanes, make the park one lane, vehicular traffic one
 12 lane at certain hours on the weekend to make a bike
 13 lane. So that's question one that we have for the
 14 County engineer.
 15 Question two, this was raised more
 16 recently on what I saw on the internet and
 17 concerning the engineer. We have a bike path that
 18 runs from one side of a bridge to another, and it
 19 creates the impression that somehow we were supposed
 20 to have bike paths elsewhere, and they were never
 21 made. So can you address yourself to both of those
 22 issues? You know, there is a bike path on the
 23 vehicular bridge that goes from Lincoln Park East to
 24 Lincoln Park West. Those bike paths go nowhere
 25 else. People are wondering what were that bike

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1 paths and why would you have a bike path that begins
 2 and ends and doesn't go back and forth off the
 3 bridge.
 4 MR. ARENCIBIA: Freeholder, on that,
 5 bike paths were design with the bridge and sidewalk.
 6 That bridge replaced the older bridge, which was
 7 really substandard. The idea was to make sure that
 8 we had an accommodation on the bridge for bike lanes
 9 and sidewalks and pedestrians.
 10 I know there's a movement right now for
 11 bike lanes in Lincoln Park. We're going to look at
 12 two options. One is the closing the lanes or all of
 13 the roads itself to allow racing or whatever except
 14 to Sheriffs on duty that we have to accommodate.
 15 But I think we're looking at permanent bike lanes in
 16 the park. So we have do a traffic study to look at
 17 the alternative for the bike lane.
 18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How long will it
 19 take you to do a study to determine the issue of
 20 bike lanes?
 21 MR. ARENCIBIA: Permanent bike lanes?
 22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 23 MR. ARENCIBIA: I think that we're
 24 going to start doing traffic counts and see how much
 25 vehicular traffic. That's a lot of vehicular

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1 traffic in the park because the roadway in the park
2 that's the main roadway throughout the park is not
3 enough to accommodate two bike lanes and two lanes
4 of traffic.
5 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It would
6 accommodate one bike lane and two lanes of traffic.
7 MR. ARENCIBIA: You can do that, but
8 most bike lanes provide two lanes. So that needs
9 two bike lanes. The idea is to have a walkway and
10 traffic lanes and two bike lanes with a buffer
11 separating it. That does effect the driveways and
12 traffic light signals, those areas that impact the
13 traffic.
14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: How long will that
15 take? That's the question, 30 days, 60 days.
16 MR. ARENCIBIA: I think it would
17 probably take two or three months to do that.
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Can you send out
19 an e-mail to me the lays out -- being conservative,
20 don't say two months if it's going to be closer to
21 three months. As soon as two months are up, you're
22 going to be inundated with e-mail.
23 MR. ARENCIBIA: Freeholder, I'm going
24 to meet with the parks, I believe, it's Monday or
25 Tuesday next week with their people to come up with

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1 an agenda for what we want to look at.
2 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So here's the
3 problem I have from a governmental administrative,
4 this issue was raised five weeks ago. This issue
5 was articulated to both Mr. Chickini and Director
6 Richardson five weeks ago, and as evidenced by what
7 you stated today, no one has done anything about it.
8 I find that very. very disturbing because you just
9 stated now on the record that you're going to meet
10 tomorrow or next week to figure out what the agenda
11 is.
12 So an issue was raised, and I'm not
13 blaming you because the issue was not brought to
14 your attention. The issue was brought to the
15 attention of Director Richardson and Division
16 Director Chickini. There is an e-mail trail to
17 demonstrate when that was brought to their
18 attention, and nothing, no action based on what you
19 told me was taking place until again it was raised
20 by someone -- I raised today. Can someone please
21 come to the meeting and report to us what is the
22 progress?
23 MR. BATTISTA: Freeholder, I think
24 we're getting close to Rice again. I'm not
25 telling --

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So can we issue a
2 Rice notice to Director Chickini and Director
3 Richardson to come to the next if you want to start.
4 MR. BATTISTA: I'm commenting on
5 their performance. I'm not saying you shouldn't be.
6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I am not
7 commenting on a performance now. I am commenting on
8 a -- I am commenting on a -- look, you know what?
9 We may need to Rice notice every Director for every
10 meeting because if individuals take no action from
11 the time to get a notice, and the next action is the
12 next time they get notices, then maybe that's what
13 we need to do.
14 MR. BATTISTA: That's your
15 prerogative, Freeholder. I'm just saying if you're
16 going to talk about their performance, they have a
17 right to be here.
18 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I didn't talk
19 about their performance.
20 MR. BATTISTA: With all due
21 respect --
22 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I did not talk
23 about their performance. I stated on the record --
24 MR. BATTISTA: The record can speak
25 for itself.

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1 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I stated on the
2 record a fact, a fact. A meeting was held on
3 August 6th, fact. An e-mail was sent to Director
4 Richardson soon thereafter, fact. There is a trail
5 of e-mail subsequent that was sent that Director
6 Richardson responded to which I will forward to the
7 Law Department, which is also factual, which I read
8 today which stated, I'm going to work on this, I'm
9 going away on vacation for X amount of time, which
10 is all part of a public record. It's not evaluating
11 anyone. I am simply stating facts for the record.
12 The next fact is I received today an
13 e-mail asking what the status of it was, was led to
14 believe that it was work that had been done, and I
15 would get a report on the progress of it. In fact,
16 if you would like, I believe I have a text message
17 that I could read it into the record so I'm not
18 looking to evaluate anyone, just simply putting
19 facts on a record. Today, what I heard is we're
20 going to have a meeting on Tuesday to decide what
21 the agenda is going to be.
22 And the simple, the simple, the simple
23 answer will be, that I will, I will schedule within
24 three weeks a public meeting in the park, which I
25 will notify all those individuals from the area that

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1 are interested in it, and I would have the Director
 2 invited, I will have the engineer invited, I will
 3 have the Parks Director invited. If they choose not
 4 to come, I will bring everyone to a Freeholder
 5 meeting, doesn't matter to me. At that point in
 6 time, they will have to publicly address the public
 7 on what is going on, what your time frame and what
 8 your alternatives are. We can do it the easy way,
 9 or you can do it the hard way. It doesn't matter to
 10 me.

11 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I have a
 12 question of Demetrio. At the meeting today with a
 13 couple of the -- separate from this. We were at an
 14 organization from the Heights, New Jersey Transit,
 15 city officials, the discussing bus routes and
 16 cancellation of the bus routes. One of the issues
 17 that was raised was Second Street and Paterson Plank
 18 Road. The city officials represented to me that
 19 that's a County road and the lights there, that the
 20 timing could be better adjusted. That's a
 21 possibility?

22 MR. ARENCIBIA: This is on Paterson
 23 Plank Road and Second Street, and it's a County
 24 signal, and I know there's issues because that's a
 25 complicated intersection. It's not your standard

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1 intersection, so it has a multiphase operation. A
 2 lot of it gets backed up on the Jersey City side,
 3 and leaving Union City on the other side.

4 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Well, I have
 5 your e-mail, so in writing I could forward their
 6 request, and maybe you can respond to their
 7 proposal.

8 MR. ARENCIBIA: Yeah, you can sent me
 9 an e-mail.

10 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I want to make
 11 sure that it is in your area of expertise.

12 MR. ARENCIBIA: Yes.

13 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Okay. One
 14 more thing I wanted to --

15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I'm sorry, Rich.
 16 Your five minutes are up. Go ahead.

17 MR. McCORMACK: Billy brought up the
 18 fact about the bike lanes on the bridge. That
 19 reminds me of the bike lanes throughout Jersey City.
 20 I believe a few years ago, one of the Council People
 21 followed the sign to nowhere. The bike lanes went
 22 to nowhere.

23 Lincoln Park on West Side Avenue, there is
 24 a sign around the park that says No Turn On Right
 25 during eight o'clock to four o'clock in the

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1 afternoon during school days. I think that sign
 2 should be adjusted and say No Turn At All because
 3 you know what? Children at after school hours,
 4 where are they going after school to play football,
 5 play softball, play volleyball? They go to a park.
 6 I think this is a dangerous situation, and the
 7 County should try to look into it as a No Turn At
 8 All at the parks. When I look at that sign, I see
 9 little kids between four going to school, okay, I
 10 understand that, but after the school, they want to
 11 go to the park, you have the chance of a car turning
 12 those corner after four o'clock when children are
 13 playing in the park, I think it's something that the
 14 County should look into for safety for children.

15 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Demetrio, can you
 16 look into whether we should extend the hours for no
 17 turn on red at that intersection?

18 MR. ARENCIBIA: Which intersection?

19 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: It's West Side and
 20 Belmont. Call it West Side and Belmont Avenue.

21 MR. ARENCIBIA: We'll check that, but
 22 that signal is Jersey City's jurisdiction, and I
 23 have to contact Jersey City for West Side.

24 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: He wanted to
 25 extend the time to make a right turn on red. It

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1 doesn't have to do with the signal.

2 MR. ARENCIBIA: Well, that does have
 3 to do with signals.

4 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: The city has to.

5 MR. ARENCIBIA: I will check the sign
 6 and send a letter to the city engineer requesting
 7 it.

8 MR. McCORMACK: Thank you.

9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That's even if we
 10 were doing it for people who are leaving the parks
 11 to turn onto West Side Avenue?

12 MR. ARENCIBIA: Yes, because that
 13 signal is controlling that sign.

14 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: I have a
 15 question. The resolution in support of the Assembly
 16 bill, I want the Clerk to forward a copy of that to
 17 our legislative teams, along with the Senate
 18 President and speaker of the Assembly.

19 THE CLERK: Yes, we will do that,
 20 check.

21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: We can do a
 22 resolution supporting it, a verbal resolution.

23 MR. BATTISTA: I don't think the
 24 stenographer can hear the conversation between
 25 Freeholder Dublin and O'Dea.

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1 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: I was just saying
 2 I was at a City Council meeting last night, and a
 3 representative of the PBA 32B there, and they were
 4 passing an ordinance to allow for sick days for
 5 employees.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: So the ordinance
 7 is that all businesses in Jersey City, maybe you can
 8 write this down now if we have to. All businesses
 9 in Jersey City with more than ten employees will
 10 have to provide up to five sick days per year in the
 11 following denominations: For ever 30 hours worked
 12 by an employee, an employee would get one hour of
 13 sick time. In order to get a day, an eight-hour
 14 day, an employee would have to work 240 hours to get
 15 one day. If an employee worked 1,200 hours a year,
 16 they would get five days, and then that's it, caps
 17 at five days. If you want to do a resolution in
 18 support that ordinance.
 19 THE CLERK: Does the Board wish to do
 20 that by motion right now?
 21 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: If we don't move
 22 it now, it's going to be voted on in two weeks.
 23 THE CLERK: The motion would be
 24 whereas, the City Council of the City of Jersey has
 25 introduced an ordinance to allow for compensated

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1 sick time -- to require compensated sick time be
 2 paid by all businesses with ten or more employees up
 3 to five paid sick days a year, determined based on
 4 the number of hours worked. Every 30 hours an
 5 employee would be entitled to one hour of paid sick
 6 time, and the resolution would be this Board
 7 supports the ordinance introduced by the City
 8 Council.
 9 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Urge the City
 10 Council to approve it.
 11 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: The resolution is
 12 sponsored by Freeholder O'Dea. Seconded by
 13 Freeholder Dublin.
 14 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: I would add
 15 whereas that policy is very much in conformity with
 16 the living wage policy that this Board adopted for
 17 its own vendors.
 18 THE CLERK: Roll call, Mr. Chair?
 19 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 20 THE CLERK: Freeholder Cifelli.
 21 FREEHOLDER CIFELLI: Yes.
 22 THE CLERK: DiDomenico.
 23 FREEHOLDER DiDOMENICO: Yes.
 24 THE CLERK: Dublin.
 25 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Yes.

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1 THE CLERK: Liggio.
 2 FREEHOLDER LIGGIO: Yes.
 3 THE CLERK: Maldonado.
 4 FREEHOLDER MALDONADO: Yes.
 5 THE CLERK: O'Dea.
 6 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: Yes.
 7 THE CLERK: Rivas.
 8 FREEHOLDER RIVAS: Yes.
 9 THE CLERK: Chairman Romano.
 10 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Yes.
 11 THE CLERK: The motion is approved.
 12 FREEHOLDER DUBLIN: Don, can you get
 13 a copy to Bill or you can e-mail it?
 14 THE CLERK: Are there any additional
 15 speakers on any matter ever public interest? There
 16 appears to be none.
 17 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: For the record
 18 Mr. Florio, I spoke to you and I'm asking now on the
 19 record that you would have ready for the next caucus
 20 meeting the award of salary increases to those
 21 individuals that per statute the are Freeholders'
 22 authority.
 23 MR. FLORIO: That's correct,
 24 Freeholder. I'll have it for the next meeting.
 25 FREEHOLDER O'DEA: That background

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1 for this Board, under the State statute,
 2 compensation for the governing body, you have a list
 3 of all the governing boards, department directors,
 4 County Administrator, constitutional officers and
 5 the County Executive are supposed to be set by
 6 governing body? During the administration of Bob
 7 Janiszewski, he had the Freeholder Board adopt an
 8 ordinance that abdicated to a degree that authority
 9 and allowed the County Executive by executive order
 10 to grant increases to that group that I previously
 11 spoke about by an executive order.
 12 And I have to two questions. I don't know
 13 whether you give up your authority if it's something
 14 that's set in statute. That's one question I had
 15 asked you to research. Beyond that, obviously, it's
 16 my position, especially in the year when three
 17 cities face double-digit increases, we should take
 18 that power back. It's our authority. If the
 19 department directors are going to get raises, if the
 20 County Administrator is going to get a raise, if the
 21 County Exec is going to get a raise, if we think we
 22 should get a raise, it should be done publicly in a
 23 transparent manner, and members of the public should
 24 have a right to comment on it like they do in 20
 25 counties in the state of New Jersey.

1 I make a motion to adjourn.
 2 CHAIRMAN ROMANO: Second by
 3 Freeholder Liggio.
 4 THE CLERK: All in favor? The
 5 meeting is adjourned.
 6 (Whereupon the proceeding is then
 7 concluded at 8:19 p.m.)
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 3 I, SHARI CATHEY, CCR, RPR, License No.
 4 30XI00234700, and Notary Public of the State of New
 5 Jersey, hereby certify that the proceedings herein
 6 are from the notes taken by me of a Regular Meeting
 7 of the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders,
 8 held on Thursday, September 12, 2013; and that this
 9 is a correct transcript of the same.
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