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4 Proceedings 1 MAYOR SPANO: Good morning. All right, 2 3 let's go. Deepika, on this fine morning, you're up. MS. MEHRA: Mayor Spano? 4 5 MAYOR SPANO: Here. 6 MS. MEHRA: Sue Gerry? 7 MS. GERRY: Here. MS. MEHRA: Martin Ball? 8 9 MR. BALL: Here. MS. MEHRA: Cecile Singer is excused. 10 11 Pete Kischak? 12 MR. KISCHAK: Here. 13 MS. MEHRA: Robert Macciarello? MR. MACCIARELLO: Here. 14 15 MS. MEHRA: Melissa Nacerino is excused. 16 Mayor, we have a quorum. MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Good morning. We have 17 Item 2 which is the minutes for the January 29, 2016 18 19 Meeting. Everyone has a copy at their desk. I just ask that if anybody has any questions about those 20 minutes? 21 22 (No Response.) 23 If there are no questions, does anyone want to make a motion? 24 25 MS. GERRY: (Hand raised.)

5 Proceedings 1 2 Deputy Mayor makes a motion. 3 MR. KISCHAK: (Hand raised.) 4 MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by Pete to accept 5 the minutes. б Are there any negatives? 7 (No Response.) MAYOR SPANO: There are no negatives. 8 The item is passed. 9 10 Number 3, the Financials for January of 2016, Deepika? 11 MS. MEHRA: The month of January, the IDA's 12 transfer of title fees of \$10,000, that's for FC Yonkers. 13 The annual fees received, \$63,000 annual fee to date. 14 15 We are working very closely with our auditors on the upcoming audit as well the fiscal report which is due 16 next month. For the month of January, there was 2.1 17 million cash on hand. We also have our accountant 18 19 Pat Serenson to answer any questions. MAYOR SPANO: Are there any questions about 20 the finances? 21 22 (No Response.) 23 MAYOR SPANO: Anyone want to make a motion? MR. MACCIARELLO: (Hand raised.) 24 25 MR. KISCHAK: (Hand raised.)

6 Proceedings 1 2 MAYOR SPANO: Robert has made a motion, 3 seconded by Pete. All in favor? 4 (Chorus of Ayes.) 5 6 MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives? 7 (No Response.) MAYOR SPANO: There are none. 8 9 The Financials are passed. Item Number 4, the Resolutions for 10 11 Consideration and Mr. Ken Jenkins. 12 MR. JENKINS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The first resolution is CPG Phase III Limited Partnership 13 and that's Harris Beach. 14 15 MR. ROTHMAN: David Rothman, Harris Beach. You have a resolution for CPG Phase III Partnership. 16 This project was induced at the last meeting, last 17 month. Just a reminder, this is the initial phase of 18 19 work-force housing. After the inducement resolution, there was a procuring hearing this month. There were 20 no adverse comments on this project. This will be a 21 sales tax exemption, mortgage recorded tax and a tax 22 23 agreement which will be consistent with the uniform 24 tax exemption policies of the IDA. 25 MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Are there any

Proceedings 1 2 questions about -- Robert? 3 MR. MACCIARELLO: On the application, PLA is to be determined. That's still to be determined. 4 I want to know if there's been any progress on that? 5 6 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we did have some 7 conversations. We did some research around the states. I understand, both the apprenticeship 8 9 programs and the PLA agreements, there has not been any additional information at this point of time for 10 11 the PLA. MS. GERRY: On this particular application? 12 13 MR. JENKINS: Yes, on this application. MS. MCGILL: Nothing new on this 14 15 application. There was none. MR. MACCIARELLO: No negotiation with labor 16 at all? 17 MR. JENKINS: Not at this particular point 18 19 in time, correct, exactly. So, not at this point in time. After determination from this board on the 20 final resolution, then we'll sit down and have that 21 22 discussion with the developer. 23 MR. MACCIARELLO: Thank you. 24 MR. JENKINS: You're welcome. 25 MAYOR SPANO: Are there any questions?

8 Proceedings 1 2 (No Response.) 3 If there are no questions, anybody want to 4 make a motion? 5 MR. BALL: (Hand Raised.) 6 MS. GERRY: (Hand Raised.) 7 MAYOR SPANO: Marty. Seconded by the 8 Deputy Mayor. All in favor? 9 (Chorus of Ayes.) 10 11 MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives? 12 (No Response.) 13 MAYOR SPANO: There are none. The item is passed. 14 15 Item II. MR. JENKINS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. 16 Second one is the Final Authorizing Resolution for Nepperhan 17 Farms also known as Key Food. 18 19 MR. ROTHMAN: That's correct. This resolution is -- there was a public hearing last 20 night, I believe. There were no adverse comments. 21 22 This would be for a retro-fitting, if you will, of 23 the existing supermarket for Key Food. I don't think there is anyone from the company just yet but I know 24 they were on their way. I talked to them about 25

Proceedings 1 2 twenty minutes ago. This is a sales tax --3 MAYOR SPANO: Well, do you want to hold 4 this over until the end? 5 6 MR. ROTHMAN: We can do that if the board 7 would like. MAYOR SPANO: Just in case they come in. 8 9 We'll give them the courtesy, all right? 10 MR. ROTHMAN: Okay. 11 MAYOR SPANO: Okay. Let's hold over Item II until the end. We'll take Item III. 12 13 MR. JENKINS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This is a resolution to approve actions to be taken as a 14 sole member of Yonkers Empowerment Corporation, Mr. 15 16 Serenson. MR YOUNG: I spoke with Alan Fox at length 17 and this is a dissolution resolution of Yonkers 18 19 Empowerment. It is part of the city's and IDA's endeavor to close down all of the LDCs that are not 20 useful at this point. And the functions of Yonkers 21 22 Empowerment has been taken over by the city. That's 23 all it was. MS. GERRY: I would only add just because 24 this was one of the Mayor's big initiatives citywide. 25

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And for those that are affected by the IDA, that we 2 inherited maybe a dozen or more maybe fifteen LDCs 3 that while they were retrograded for some economic 4 development reason or some specific financing 5 б purpose, they now have more obligations associated 7 with them under state law than is necessary. And we found, particularly with this LDC, that we can do 8 9 this work in-house. With ObamaCare front the planning prep, they've assumed a lot of the 10 11 responsibilities. There are cut and paste responsibilities for this LDC. We do that work 12 The AAA requires auditing and legal notices 13 anyway. and annual financing --14 15 MR YOUNG: Requirements are very expensive.

MS. GERRY: Yes, \$20,000 a year for each of 16 these, if not more. So, this is part of the Mayor's 17 process. Once your board approves, originally this 18 19 resolution was processed in the law department. Ιt goes through with getting the Attorney General's 20 office to authorize dissolution. Once it's all final 21 22 and done -- but it's taking about two years for each 23 one. So, it's part of an overall initiative of the Mayor to clean this up and save some money. 24 Nobody really knows why this was created. 25

Proceedings 1 2 MAYOR SPANO: Remember some of these things were created for a very good reason. We created 3 Baseball Incorporated. It was about Chicken Island. 4 I don't know if I have the name right, Baseball 5 б Incorporated. I'm sure it's a different name. But 7 we did so for a reason, for economic development reasons. When that all went away, the corporations 8 9 did not go away. And the state, in their effort to try and 10 11 eliminate what the government always calls a "shadow government." To eliminate some of these 12 corporations, they put up many different recording 13 mechanisms on the backs of our locality which of 14 15 course are still up and running. And the other problem that we had too, is that the members of 16 these boards had gotten off or disappeared or moved 17 away. So, it's cleaner to get rid of them. I don't 18 19 know how many we've got -- how many we've gotten rid of so far. 20 MS. GERRY: We probably closed six. 21 We're in the process of another four. There are a few that 22 23 need to stay open like the YEDC which clearly has an active functioning role and purpose. The rest do 24 25 not, clearly. And I'll say, to the Mayor's point,

12 Proceedings 1 2 to close some of these LDCs, you have to get the consent of the members. And we're literally calling, 3 you know, people who know people who know people to 4 say, "Where's Joe? We got to get him. Someone has 5 6 to find him in Arizona to get him to sign this so 7 that the Attorney General won't close the corporation." So, it's really been a long process. 8 9 MR. KISCHAK: Was there any money in these LDCs? 10 11 MS. GERRY: Most of them, no. Some of them have their own checkbooks or checking accounts. 12 Which when we finally ended up settling the books and 13 paying the accountants and paying the lawyers, it was 14 15 a -- that's what the agency is checking for. Where did the money go? All of that. You know, the New 16 Main Street Development Corp., they finally acquired 17 the block down there. Everything transferred to the 18 19 IDA. So, the IDA is sort of supporting the close-out of the New Main Street Development Corp. They are 20 responsible for the condemnation and all that. 21 So, 22 it's very slow and steady work. 23 And again, with both actually the New York State and the Department of Finance and the Attorney 24

General's office are heavily involved in this. I

13 Proceedings 1 2 only tell you that the legal work involved in closing these is taking a good bit of work. It's a 3 great initiative but slow as molasses. 4 MAYOR SPANO: It is slow. And the 5 б liability is extreme for all of us. We're doing 7 something that's going to have a real benefit for our future, future administrations, our future IDAs. 8 9 Because they're not going to have this to deal with. I will bet you that there are a very few 10 11 municipalities that are actually taking this short edge step in closing them down. They're probably 12 just ignoring them. But, ignoring them, is just 13 going to get you in trouble. 14 15 You've done great job. I just want to say thanks. 16 Any questions? 17 18 (No Response.) 19 MAYOR SPANO: If there are no questions, anyone want to make a motion? 20 MR. KISCHAK: (Hand Raised.) 21 22 MAYOR SPANO: Pete made a motion to the 23 Resolution to approve actions to take as sole member 24 of Yonkers Empowerment Incorporated. 25 MS. GERRY: (Hand Raised.)

14 Proceedings 1 2 MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by the Deputy Mayor. 3 All in Favor? (Chorus of Ayes.) 4 5 MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives? 6 (No Response.) 7 MAYOR SPANO: There are none. 8 The Item is passed. 9 MR. JENKINS: Thank you Mr. Mayor. The fourth Item is the Resolution to approve distribution 10 11 of the Yonkers Raceway Corporation restricted funds. Mr. Young is here again for an opportunity we've 12 funded in the past. 13 MR. YOUNG: The agency holds funds from the 14 15 account for the Yonkers Raceway Corporation which are dedicated and used for educational and development 16 purposes. This resolution approves the transfer of 17 \$15,000 of those funds to the 2016 Yonkers Arts 18 19 Weekend. MR. JENKINS: And again, this is money that 20 we authorized last year. This was authorized last 21 22 There was remaining funds of \$3,000 and that year. 23 will be pulled over and combined with this amount of money, \$15,000 for this year, Arts Weekend. And it 24 25 is, as it was last year and the year before, a very

15 Proceedings 1 2 good opportunity to bring the different types of businesses into the community that ducktails with the 3 tech and arts hub that the downtown has become. 4 It's been a good opportunity and it was well attended 5 6 year. Money well spent. 7 MS. GERRY: How much did we offer last 8 year? 9 MS. MEHRA: About 23,000. MR. MACCIARELLO: Is there anyway that we 10 11 can know that if any of this money is directly affecting education? Are any of the companies that 12 we brought in under this hire or offer some kind type 13 of apprenticeship program or practice with it where 14 15 this actually benefited our children. Because that's what the money was earmarked for. 16 MS. GERRY: I know that last year we had a 17 very long conversation about the educational 18 19 component of the Yonkers Arts Weekend. It's a very hands-on program. Louis Albano is here and he could 20 probably speak to you about those issues. 21 I'm not 22 sure that it's in the realm of traditional industry 23 as much as it is art and art education. But we'll 24 let him know if you want to weigh in, in a little 25 bit.

Proceedings 1 2 MR. ALBANO: Good morning. Louis Albano, Deputy Commissioner of Yonkers Planning and 3 Development. As a director of Yonkers Art Weekend, 4 we were able to secure a commitment from SUNY 5 6 Purchase to open up an off-campus Learning Center in 7 the downtown. They are up and running right now. And we expect them, this Spring, to start the 8 9 programs that we negotiated with them that would help the lower/moderate income family youth to acquire 10 11 educational programs with the Yonkers Arts Program at the Yonkers Art Weekend. The FIT Urban Studios was 12 able to expand their operation also as a result of 13 last year's event. They had such a good reception 14 15 and at the end of the day, they were able to get some additional recognition. So now, they are going to be 16 able to expand their arts program that they offer a 17 few days a week as after school programs for the 18 19 lower/moderate income youth. MR. MACCIARELLO: So, it's money well 20 21 Thank you. spent. 22 MAYOR SPANO: We used to have scholarships 23 but that got blocked.

MS. GERRY: Some of them are tailoring off. 24 There are some questions on whether there is, in this 25

Proceedings 1 2 day and age, allowed the award of scholarships like this to just to wind down. 3 MR. JENKINS: There hasn't been any new 4 activity. 5 6 MR. KISCHAK: Okay. I love the arts but 7 there's other things that kids could use the money for. You know, with scholarships and stuff like 8 9 that. I'm just saying why not have more than one thing. 10 MR. JENKINS: Part of it is utilized in the 11 STRIVE Program which is all the businesses put 12 together in a partnership in the Mayor's initiative. 13 The Yonkers STRIVE Program has been awesome because 14 15 it reaches kids everywhere and has a direct connection to the Yonkers Public Schools. 16 MS. GERRY: Yes. We're actually \$225,000 17 from that fund just supporting the entire function of 18 19 STRIVE this year. They have hired a program manager. We could certainly bring Margie in to do a briefing 20 to the board about where we're at. 21 22 MAYOR SPANO: That's a good idea. MS. GERRY: We're also about to embark on 23 bringing in President Obama's My Brother's Keeper 24 Program which kind of ducktails with STRIVE. 25 We're

18 Proceedings 1 2 going to bring it into STRIVE with the help of Dr. Bozic because that was a focus on educational 3 opportunities for young men of color and for lower 4 incomes. Literally a whole city initiative with all 5 б the state holders, CEOs, businesses, healthcare 7 centers. Everyone kind of coalescing around bringing our kids from career to career, whatever career, 8 9 whatever interest they have. Engineering, plumbing, whatever it could be to make sure that we're not 10 11 losing them at certain high pressure points in their lives. So, I think it would be good idea to bring 12 Margie in to let you know where the dollars are 13 going. Because it's really -- nationally, it's 14 15 exploded. Not only has proven increments for graduation rates but for success after graduation 16 which is really important. We're by all accounts, 17 with SUNY's support tracking exactly the same way. 18 Ι 19 think it would probably be a real good idea to ask Margie for an update. 20

21 MAYOR SPANO: While members of this group 22 offered the seed money that made it possible for this 23 to happen, it was then the United Way. The United 24 Way operates the program. It's suppose to be a 25 program that's separate independent of the city.

Proceedings 1 2 Now, they have the dollars. Our attempt is to bring them even further and help them start to raise their 3 own dollars so they don't come back to us or the city 4 for the dollars to continue the program. That's why 5 б we're pitching it to different federal programs like 7 My Brother's Keeper to help fund the project. But it is a career to career. It 8 9 encourages, obviously, college. But at the same time, it also -- if someone who wants to choose a 10 11 trade. It's dealing with those different bumps in the road that our kids may have, collectively, from 12 the moment they're born to the moment they go to 13 Taking a look at those pressure points to 14 school. 15 see how can we address them. Each and everyone of us, whether it's government, non for-profit, we're 16 all moving in the same direction with the same focus 17 to get a better outcome. So, that's what STRIVE is 18 19 about and that's why STRIVE has been successful. In all agencies across America, we expect it to be a 20 21 success here. 22 MR. MACCIARELLO: That money was a one time 23 thing? MAYOR SPANO: Yes. We don't plan to give

24 MAYOR SPANO: Yes. We don't plan to give 25 into that again. I'm going to make -- ask the city

Proceedings 1 2 to fund the next round. But our goal is to get them off on their own so that are independent and 3 operating on their own, much like WiFi is. 4 MR. KISCHAK: You know, let me just --5 6 years ago, I used to be involved in Yonkers Work 7 Study Program. I used to get some of my techs right out of Saunders. And it worked. It was really, 8 9 really good. It was good for them, it was good for me. You teach them, you know, it's mostly trade. 10 11 Some of them went on to stay and be auto mechanics. Others -- one of them became a cop. The other one 12 became a fireman, both in Yonkers. A couple years 13 ago, I was very up with one of the senior teachers. 14 15 And I think I spoke to you, Mr. Mayor, about this. Ι would ask him, "Who's a good tech? Who's your best 16 tech? Who's the real quy on track, that's the quy I 17 want." And he gave me two names. Both of them 18 19 weren't legal. I couldn't hire them. So, you know, I kind of strayed away from it because I can't hire a 20 kid like that. If he gets hurt or something like 21 that, where do I stand on something like that? Does 22 23 this program talk about an issue like that? MR. JENKINS: As far as I know it does not. 24 25 MAYOR SPANO: That's an issue of -- it's an

Proceedings 1 2 issue we keep on hoping our Congressman would pick up at some point soon. As far as we're concerned, 3 that's something we can deal with. We can give a 4 good education to that child. At the end of the day, 5 б it doesn't matter if that child is a citizen or not. 7 It's really the federal government that's lost. MR. KISCHAK: It's a big problem. 8 9 MR. JENKINS: Because they have to be in school. That's not the issue. 10 11 MR. KISCHAK: And we have to pay for them to be in school. And then we can't hire them or we 12 13 can't use them. 14 MAYOR SPANO: Right. 15 MS. GERRY: It's a social problem too because the parents if they're concerned about 16 raising red flags about their status are less likely 17 to get their kids healthcare. To complain if their 18 19 child is being treated unfairly in school or are having problems. And so, it does create a whole host 20 of problems that STRIVE tries to address while in 21 22 school zone. But I think the biggest issue there is 23 that schools are engaged actively in trying just to encourage families, legal or not legal to participate 24 25 in the schooling process because those kids are very

Proceedings 1 2 much underserved, if their families are afraid to raise flags about how they're being treated and how 3 their health is or those kinds of things. 4 MAYOR SPANO: Some similar issues to the 5 6 STRIVE that we deal with obviously is English 7 proficiency. We want to look at that. That's an indicator, right? English proficiency is one of the 8 9 biggest things STRIVE will take into account, identify the spot, identify the problem area. 10 Then 11 of course we go to the federal government and say we need help in this age group. One of the other areas, 12 some of them are an immigrant populations that come 13 They come here with no formal education. So, 14 here. 15 it's coming here not just not speaking the language but not knowing how to learn. Because they didn't 16 have any formal education where they came from, from 17 the country where they were at. That proposes an 18 19 even greater burden on the school district because you not only have to teach them the language, you 20 have to teach them how to learn. That's an 21 22 extraordinary cost on the localities. But again, 23 what STRIVE will do is identify these things. By identifying it, then you can point to the federal 24 25 government, point to the state government and say

23 Proceedings 1 2 this is where we need some help. 3 Can I get a motion? 4 All right. We have a motion to accept 5 Item 4. б MR. MACCIARELLO: (Hand Raised.) 7 MAYOR SPANO: Robert's made a motion to accept Item 4. 8 9 MR. BALL: (Hand Raised.) MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by Marty. 10 All in favor? 11 (Chorus of Ayes.) 12 13 MAYOR SPANO: Any negatives? MR. KISCHAK: I have a question. What the 14 15 date on the Arts Weekend. MS. MCGILL: May 14th and 15th. 16 MR. JENKINS: And again, just for your 17 information, Jaime was awesome in her coordination 18 19 efforts in the Yonkers Arts Weekend. Not alone, obviously, but she did a tremendous job doing it. 20 MAYOR SPANO: Just some housekeeping. Any 21 22 negatives on that last resolution? 23 (No Response.) 24 MAYOR SPANO: There are none. 25 The Item is passed.

Proceedings 1 2 MR. JENKINS: We do have -- they are coming in right now, Mr. Mayor, so if you want to jump down. 3 We can do the Legal Updates. 4 5 MAYOR SPANO: Any Legal Updates? б MR YOUNG: There are no Legal Updates, Mr. 7 Chair. I do have one. SunCap, which MR. ROTHMAN: 8 9 is the FedEx property, the FedEx project on Tuckahoe Road. The application from SunCap -- they are acting 10 11 as general contractors constructing included a portion of equipment and other furnishings within the 12 application for sales tax exemption benefits. FedEx 13 Ground, themselves, have asked the IDA if they would 14 15 designate FedEx Ground directly as their agent. For the FedEx Ground portion of the equipment that they 16 are purchasing. There is no additional benefit being 17 provided. It was all covered under the original 18 19 public hearing. There are no changes. They are just asking for a break-out so that FedEx Ground for tax 20 purposes and depreciation is the quote "owner" of 21 22 those particular items. So, just as an update if the 23 board is comfortable with that. 24 MAYOR SPANO: Are there any questions? 25 If the board had questions, I MR. ROTHMAN:

25 Proceedings 1 2 wanted to bring it to your attention. 3 MR. JENKINS: Mr. Mayor, I don't know if you've watched that movement at the FedEx. It's 4 amazing. I believe they were putting up the lights 5 б to stop that challenge that we all have going across 7 Tuckahoe Road, making that left. They've put up stop signs. They're moving really quickly. 8 9 MR. KISCHAK: It's a beautiful building. MAYOR SPANO: All right. Let's take now, 10 11 Item II. MR. ROTHMAN: Okay. So, we do have some 12 representatives now for 1233 Nepperhan Farms LLC. 13 Again, this is going to be the acquisition of the Key 14 15 Food and a sales tax exemption only. There are no other benefits being provided by the IDA. There was 16 a public hearing last night. There were no adverse 17 comments on this project. This resolution would 18 19 authorize, after we hear from the company, this resolution would authorize if approved a sales tax 20 exemption benefit. 21 MR. HASSEN: Good morning, everybody. I'm 22 23 Mike Hassen and we're going to be purchasing this 24 location at 1233 Nepperhan Avenue. We expect to buy 25 all the equipment new. That's about it.

Proceedings 1 2 MR. BALL: Mike, just a question, you're not purchasing -- you entered into a lease with the 3 CVS --4 5 MR. HASSEN: Yes. It's a lease with the б CVS and we're purchasing all the equipment. 7 MAYOR SPANO: Any questions? MR. KISCHAK: Yes. How long is the lease? 8 9 MR. HASSEN: 30 years. MS. GERRY: When are you opening? I know 10 11 there's a lot of people curious. MR. HASSEN: We're waiting on CVS 12 application to be approved. I heard it got rejected. 13 They have to modify a few things. We're doing the 14 15 over out layout of the interior design. We're already in the project of, you know, of doing all the 16 layouts. So, as soon as they get approved, we're 17 ready. It's basically wall-to-wall space. 18 19 MR. KISCHAK: Do you have a estimation of when you're going to open up? 20 MR. HASSEN: Once they get their permit, I 21 22 would say eight to ten weeks. 23 MR. MACCIARELLO: I'd like to go on record 24 that I oppose any IDA support to any job that has 25 "open shop" on the application. For the reasons that

27 1 Proceedings 2 I've mentioned numerous times. 3 MAYOR SPANO: There were several hundred people that obviously showed up at that public event 4 we had. A lot of support to keep a supermarket in 5 6 that location. What are you guys going to be 7 offering there? I know you got the CVS that's going to take a significant piece of the landscaping. Are 8 9 you offering more of a mini-mart? MR. HASSEN: No. It's a full service 10 11 operation, 14,000 square foot. We're going to have a full service. Everything, meat, deli, prepared 12 foods, fish, groceries, diary, frozen, produce. I 13 gave -- I don't have it with me but I gave a layout 14 to Councilman Larkin. I don't know if he shared it 15 with anybody. He was concerned also but I showed 16 him. We're going to have about 700 foot, I mean 17 feet, for grocery, 500, foot produce. We ordered or 18 19 will be ordering all cases. We're going to treat this like a Manhattan store. The reason why is 20 because we're trying to go this way, you know, to 21 22 have all the varieties --23 MAYOR SPANO: Is CVS going to be in a separate location under itself or --24 25 MR. HASSEN: No. They're going to have a

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2	wall in the middle. So, they're taking about 12,000.
3	We're taking 14. And we're not including in the 14
4	the service, compact area, loading bays and the back
5	room. So, it's a little bigger than 14. But 14 is
6	all we have to work with beside the loading areas.
7	So, it's probably a little over 16, 17,000 total.
8	MR. SOPERAKIS: Can I just say something?
9	The store is right now Mr. Hassen is used to
10	working in smaller units. In the city of New York,
11	we don't have as much space and 15,000 square feet,
12	the amount projected for this unit will make a full
13	service, full-line supermarket. You don't need
14	30,000 square feet. And most of Mr. Hassen's
15	customers enjoy the fact that it's a convenience
16	based store that has all of a big supermarket.
17	And the reason why Mr. Hassen is taking
18	over locations formally occupied by A&P is because
19	he's running them with an efficiency of scale and
20	can serve and do a much better job serving the
21	community than the former A&P that was 30,000 square
22	feet. He's very experienced and will attack the
23	marketplace the way it should be and deal with the
24	demographics of the area.
25	MS. GERRY: Excuse me, sir. Could we have

29 Proceedings 1 2 your name for the record. 3 MR. SOPERAKIS: My name is Severin Soperakis. S-O-P-E-R-A-K-I-S. And I represent Mr. 4 5 Hassen. 6 MR. KISCHAK: Did you hire a general 7 contractor yet? MR. HASSEN: We have somebody that we use 8 9 for all our locations, Out-Post Store Development. I don't know if you want me to address 10 what you mentioned. Your concern was --11 MR. MACCIARELLO: I would like you to, yes. 12 13 MR. HASSEN: What's your concern? MR. MACCIARELLO: My concern was that you 14 15 have "open shop" down as how you're going to hire people for construction on this project. 16 MR. HASSEN: Well, the reason why we do 17 that is because we on a time essence. And I'll give 18 19 you a perfect example. We use AAA which is a union shop for refrigeration. They only want to work until 20 3:00. And, you know, if you want to get a job done, 21 22 you know, in a significant amount of time, they don't 23 want to be there until 5, 6, 7, 8:00. They want to charge double time after 3 p.m. And, you know, the 24 project will take 18 weeks instead of 8 to 10 weeks. 25

30 Proceedings 1 2 Some of the contractors are, some aren't, but they're mainly concerned about time essence. They want to 3 get the store open. So, if I have a choice of 4 working 10 weeks instead of 4 weeks, I'd rather do it 5 б in a decent amount of time. It's not that, you know, 7 we don't want to, you know, put them out but, you know, if they have certain restrictions, that they 8 9 have clauses. They can't do this. They can't do that. What do I tell my customer? 10 11 MR. MACCIARELLO: Well, my answer to that was that your customer should be able to afford to 12 shop in your store. 13 MR. HASSEN: Well, just to let you know, I 14 15 don't know if you know, we do a pricing comparison for A&P. Key Food has 217 stores. There took away 16 24 stores. Our prices were between 8 to 10 percent 17 cheaper than A&P. Just on one item --18 19 MR. MACCIARELLO: I'm not doubting your I'm just doubting -- I'm not even doubting. 20 prices. I'd just like that your clientele could be the people 21 22 that work for you. 23 MR. HASSEN: I don't understand what you're 24 saying. 25 MR. MACCIARELLO: I want the people that do

31 1 Proceedings 2 the work for you to be able to afford shopping with you. Not because your prices are too high but 3 because their salaries are too low. 4 MR. HASSEN: I can assure you we're going 5 б to hire local people. Of course of our -- I can't 7 say all at least 16, 17 percent of the people are neighborhood people. You don't want your cashiers 8 9 coming from two towns over. MR. MACCIARELLO: You also put 10 11 non-prevailing wage. So, even if you didn't hire a union contractor because of that so called "double 12 time" which I never heard of, but because you said 13 that, non-prevailing wage and open shop, you could 14 15 hire somebody for minimum wage. MR. HASSEN: Yes, we can. I mean --16 MR. MACCIARELLO: That's why I oppose your 17 job. 18 19 MR. HASSEN: I'm not saying that we are. I said we can. You know, basically, most of your --20 you got to understand. I've been doing this for 22 21 22 years. It's 70 to 80 percent of your staff is local 23 kids that come in and you know, high school, college, 24 and they stay there for a while and then they leave. 25 And you know, your -- basically, your management and

Proceedings 1 2 your senior help, are full timers that are going to stay there. They're not getting paid mini um wages. 3 But, you know, the part time help, you know, change 4 like the weather. 5 MR. MACCIARELLO: I'm more concerned with 6 7 the construction aspect of the job than I am with the people that you use to stock your shelves. 8 9 MR. HASSEN: You know, not everybody is going to be unionized. But if they do come in and 10 11 say, "Hey. We're going to charge you the same price and get it done without the double time, et cetera." 12 We'll give them the job. We have no problem. We're 13 doing a job on 92nd Avenue in the city and basically 14 15 we had a lot of issues where the building didn't want us to work at night. They wanted it done during the 16 day and, you know, we had no choice. But we got it 17 18 done. 19 MR. KISCHAK: You see yourself open 24 20 hours? I would say they would 21 MR. HASSEN: No. 22 stay open until 11. I would say we'd probably stay 23 open to match the same hours. Because we have CVS 24 who has their own separate hours, we not cleared --25 no, we wouldn't be involved. The reason why we might

33 Proceedings 1 2 close at 10 or 11 because we'd want to pack out at night so not to interrupt the customers. During the 3 day, they come in everything is stocked and full and 4 5 clean. 6 MR. SOPERAKIS: Excuse me, Mike. If the 7 community needs arise that it's open. Because CVS is planning 24 hour, right? 8 9 MR. HASSEN: No, I didn't know that. MAYOR SPANO: CVS has to pass City Council 10 11 on that one. I don't think that's going to happen. MR. KISCHAK: The Beauty aides and stuff 12 like that, that's usually in the A&P, are you going 13 to carry that kind of stuff? 14 15 MR. HASSEN: We're limited in our means to carry certain amount of footage. But we also limited 16 them not to carry perishables, fresh produce, fresh 17 diary. So this way we don't conflict with each 18 19 other. 20 MR. BALL: Have you ever had a working relationship with CVS before? 21 MR. HASSEN: Not before but we have 22 23 locations that have CVSs or Rite-Aids or Walgreens within a block. 24 25 MAYOR SPANO: I'm sure there's a lot of

Proceedings 1 2 things that they sell and you sell. MR. HASSEN: Yes. There are general 3 products, let's say for example, soaps, snack items. 4 They could force us to do the opposite. But, you 5 б know, I think that with a working relationship, you 7 know, someone drops off their prescription, they come in, do their grocery shopping. They come back, it's 8 9 ready. I think it's going to be a good fit. MR. SOPERAKIS: We spent a lot of time 10 11 negotiating the definition between what they can sell and what we can sell. And they were anxious to have 12 Mike in because they knew their deal was in jeopardy 13 if we didn't put a grocery store there. So, we got a 14 15 lot of concessions in both directions. MAYOR SPANO: And you're right. Their deal 16 was in jeopardy if you guys didn't come on board. 17 MR. HASSEN: Actually, we bid on the 18 19 location but they outbid us. MAYOR SPANO: There were people in the 20 community who wanted that supermarket opened. We got 21 a little nervous, at least Councilman Larkin and the 22 23 rest of us because there appeared there were no 24 takers. 25 Mike's group was prevailing MR. SOPERAKIS:

35 Proceedings 1 2 at the A&P auction. 3 MR. HASSEN: We went 17 rounds. MR. SOPERAKIS: We went quite a few rounds 4 and CVS had more money and more power and they outbid 5 6 us. And with the help of the city council, we were 7 able to negotiate a decent deal with them. MR. ROTHMAN: And if I may, I should have 8 9 said it before. For those who are wondering about any retail exception for IDA's assistance, this 10 particular assistance is a little bit unique because 11 of the location and the underserved community. 12 That's why the IDA is able to provide benefits in 13 this instance. I should have said that before. 14 15 MAYOR SPANO: Are there any other 16 questions? MR. KISCHAK: Have we done this before with 17 18 leases? 19 MR. JENKINS: I'm sorry, Pete. I didn't --MR. KISCHAK: Have we done this before with 20 21 leases? 22 MR. ROTHMAN: Where the applicant was a 23 tenant? 24 MR. KISCHAK: Yes. 25 MR. ROTHMAN: Yes.

36 Proceedings 1 2 MAYOR SPANO: Any other questions? 3 (No response.) 4 MAYOR SPANO: There are none. Does anybody want to make a motion? 5 б MS. GERRY: (Hand Raised.) 7 MAYOR SPANO: Deputy Mayor made a motion. MR. KISCHAK: (Hand Raised.) 8 9 MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by Pete. All in favor? 10 11 (Chorus of Ayes.) 12 MAYOR SPANO: One negatives. 13 Robert's a negative. Item is passed. 14 15 Thank you. We ask that you while we are not going -- we're going to propose that you deal 16 with a union shop. We do strongly, strongly, 17 18 strongly, strongly ask you to look at our union 19 shops. They've shown themselves to be willing to negotiate. We prefer -- we have a preference to use 20 union shops. 21 22 MR. HASSEN: No, I understand. 23 MAYOR SPANO: So we ask that you keep that 24 in mind and ask that you take what Robert, you know, 25 his comments, when hiring.

37 Proceedings 1 2 MR. HASSEN: I appreciate it. 3 MR. SOPERAKIS: Thank you for your help. Mr. Hassen will not disappoint you. It will be a 4 place you'll be proud of. 5 б MAYOR SPANO: Thank you. I hope so. 7 MR. HASSEN: Come visit us and you'll see the difference. 8 9 MR. KISCHAK: Hurry up and get it done. MR. JENKINS: Just to follow up on this. 10 My son actually works at the ShopRite. We didn't 11 realize that there is no other supermarket on that 12 corner at all. ShopRite is the only supermarket. 13 There's nothing on Central Avenue anymore. So, this 14 15 is very helpful and is necessary. Let's see. I wanted to go back and answer 16 17 a quick question on Other Business. We were able to reach out to the community -- to Mr. Busic, Jesse, 18 19 they still have not bid out the work yet. So, that is still an opportunity and he was aware that we had 20 called and spoken to him. 21 22 MR. MACCIARELLO: They were fair with the 23 first stages. 24 MR. JENKINS: Right. 25 MR. MACCIARELLO: I just wanted to go on

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2	record that we're still paying attention to what they
3	do. And we're hoping for that same fairness in all
4	the jobs that they continue.
5	MR. JENKINS: And I just want to go over
6	the rolling budget, the big sheet. We are in
7	excellent shape for 2016, the rolling budget. If you
8	look at the projections, we are going to be well
9	ahead of the back budget plan. We're suppose to
10	receive \$2,000,000 shortly from several projects that
11	are closing. So, we are in really, really good shape
12	from a rolling budget perspective. And thank you to
13	the board for its direction. Jaime and Deepika are
14	taking care of business that's necessary to get this
15	stuff continuing to roll.
16	MAYOR SPANO: Special thanks to Ken for all
17	his hard work. Jaime and Deepika and the entire team
18	on board for all your work. We're doing the right
19	we're making the right decisions right now. That's
20	good. Let's keep it moving.
21	I apologies, I'd like to end this quickly
22	because we have to go to Albany. What we're going
23	to Albany for is to fight for that School
24	Reconstruction Plan. If we're successful, it will
25	mean rebuilding all 39 of our schools, building two

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additional schools. It would be a thirteen year 2 project. It's probably in excess of \$2,000,000,000, 3 four phases. And, you know, PLA is part of the 4 legislation. So, what I'd like to ask for, if you 5 6 don't mind, I don't know if we're going to put it 7 forth in a resolution, but it is to be able to ask that we at least put a letter of support in our 8 9 package of supporters to get this legislation passed at the State Capitol. If we're successful, it means 10 11 a lot of jobs but it also means our kids are going to be in a good, clean learning environment which 12 statistically has shown that grades always go up 13 when kids are in the right environment. Schools are 14 15 just falling down around them. And we have watched Buffalo get rebuilt, Rochester, Syracuse. They're 16 the three big cities outside of New York. We are 17 the fourth. So, it's our turn. We want to make 18 19 sure that we get on that. That why I'm going to spend the few days in Albany lobbying that. 20 MS. GERRY: Put it in motion? 21 22 MR YOUNG: Yes. Let's do a motion to 23 authorize the letter. 24 MAYOR SPANO: Robert, a motion to authorize 25 the letter of support of rebuild Yonker's schools.

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2	MR. MACCIARELLO: (Hand Raised.)
3	MAYOR SPANO: And Robert has made a motion.
4	MR. KISCHAK: (Hand Raised.)
5	MAYOR SPANO: Seconded by Pete.
б	All in favor?
7	(Chorus of Ayes.)
8	MAYOR SPANO: Item is passed. Thank you.
9	Anyone want to make a motion we
10	MR. MACCIARELLO: I have a question on
11	Other Business that I just want to clarify. At the
12	last meeting I told you that when I came down the
13	hill from Ridge Hill, there was a no trucking sign.
14	Well, when I went home, if you're traveling eastbound
15	on Tuckahoe Road, there is a small no trucking sign.
16	If you're coming from the west, you can't see it.
17	But the sign is there to answer your question. But
18	maybe we can put one at both entrances.
19	MR. ALBANO: I'll speak to traffic
20	engineering about it. I had done the research on it
21	and gone back to 2005 to the initial scoping section
22	and the environmental impact studies for Ridge Hill
23	that restricted trucking traffic on Ridge Hill
24	Boulevard. That truck were not allowed to enter and
25	or exist Ridge Hill Boulevard and Tuckahoe Road.

41 Proceedings 1 I'll talk to traffic engineering about some of these 2 3 signs. MR. MACCIARELLO: Thank you. I just wanted 4 to make that -- I did go back and check my word and 5 6 there was a sign. It's just very hard to see 7 traveling westbound. MAYOR SPANO: So, you'll take care of that 8 9 one, right? Just another point to Rebuild Schools. 10 11 The way Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse have worked, we'll bring them in to brief us. The bottoms are 12 overbloated in those three communities with the 13 The state backed me up on this. It's a 14 IDAs. 15 unique kind of way of financing so that it allows the schools to get rebuilt. It's kind of -- instead 16 of them paying us -- they way it was described to 17 me. Instead of them paying us money every year to 18 19 fill a pothole, they'll pay us \$10,000,000 year's worth of money so we can rebuild a school. The IDA 20 is very much a part of the financing structure. 21 How 22 so? It remains to be part of the negotiations, 23 we'll go get another look at this as we go forward. So, we'll talk about it more as we move forward. 24 25 Anyone make a motion to adjourn?

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2	MR. MACCIARELLO: (Hand Raised.)
3	MR. BALL: (Hand Raised.)
4	MAYOR SPANO: Robert. Seconded by Marty.
5	All in favor?
6	(Chorus of Ayes.)
7	(Whereupon, the Board Meeting
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7	Notary Public within and for the County of Westchester,
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9	That I reported the proceedings that are
10	hereinbefore set forth, and that such transcript is a
11	true and accurate record of said proceedings.
12	AND, I further certify that I am not related
13	to any of the parties to this action by blood or
14	marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the
15	outcome of this matter.
16	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
17	hand this 8th day of March, 2016.
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