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B e f o r e:

SCOTT P. STRAUSS,

Mayor

PAUL A. PEREIRA,

Deputy Mayor

PAUL S. CUSATO,

GEORGE R. DURHAM,

DENNIS J. WALSH,

Trustees.

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JOSEPH R. SCALERO  
Village Clerk

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Official Court Reporter

1 MR. SCALERO: Ladies and gentlemen, please  
2 silence all pagers and cell phones. In the event of an  
3 emergency there are exits located in the rear of the  
4 room.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Good evening, ladies and  
6 gentlemen. We have a hearing tonight regarding the  
7 property at 275 Jericho Turnpike.

8 Mr. Scalero?

9 MR. SCALERO: Yes.

10 "Please take notice that the Board of Trustees  
11 of the Incorporated Village of Mineola will hold a public  
12 hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the  
13 Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York  
14 11501, or at some other location to be hereafter  
15 designated by the Board of Trustees, in order to receive  
16 public comment upon the following:

17 "Application of Great Neck Games & Productions  
18 for an extension/modification of a Special Use Permit  
19 previously granted for one year pursuant to Chapter 550  
20 of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Mineola,  
21 entitled 'Zoning', Section 550.12, entitled 'B-1  
22 Districts', to now have a permanent Special Use Permit to  
23 host parties on nights in addition to Thursday, Friday,  
24 Saturday and Sunday, at the property known as 275 Jericho  
25 Turnpike, Mineola, New York 11501, and designated on the

1 Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 9, Block 391,  
2 Lot 115.

3 "The Village of Mineola does not discriminate  
4 on the basis of handicapped status in administration or  
5 access to or employment in its projects and activities.  
6 Joseph R. Scalero has been directed to coordinate  
7 compliance with non-discrimination requirements of the  
8 Federal Revenue Sharing Regulations.

9 "At this scheduled meeting of its Board's of  
10 trustees, reserved decisions from previous meetings, if  
11 any, may be acted upon by the Board of Trustees.

12 "At the aforesaid time and place, all  
13 interested persons will be given an opportunity to be  
14 heard.

15 "By order of the Board of Trustees of the  
16 Incorporated Village of Mineola. Joseph R. Scalero,  
17 Village Clerk.

18 "Dated April 10, 2017."

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Report on mailings? Do you  
20 have a report on mailings?

21 MR. SCALERO: Yes. I have, Mayor, a report  
22 from Building Superintendent Dan Whalen that there was an  
23 Affidavit of Mailing received and the mailings seem to be  
24 in order.

25 We also have before you one letter that was

1 submitted by a resident as testimony which they'd like  
2 entered into tonight's hearing record.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great. Thank you, sir.

4 MR. SCALERO: Thank you.

5 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Gibbons, anything?

6 MR. GIBBONS: Yes.

7 The Nassau County Planning Commission has  
8 previously given us an LD on this application, local  
9 determination, and I would ask for a resolution declaring  
10 this a Type II Action.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Can I have a motion?

12 MR. WALSH: Motion.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Walsh.

14 Second?

15 MR. PEREIRA: Second.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Trustee Pereira.

17 All in favor?

18 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

19 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

20 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

21 MR. WALSH: Aye.

22 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

23 Opposed?

24 Carried. Thank you.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, this will be the format

1 for tonight's hearing. The applicant will make its  
2 presentation, call any witnesses. There will be an  
3 interaction with the Board, at which time I'll ask the  
4 applicants to sit down, and then we'll open up to public  
5 discussion.

6 I ask anybody approaching the podium to please  
7 speak clearly, slowly, state your name and your address  
8 so we can have it in the record.

9 Gentlemen?

10 MR. HATAMI: Good evening. My name is Victor  
11 Hatami, H-A-T-A-M-I. My address is 5 The Crest,  
12 Woodbury, New York 11797.

13 I want to thank the Honorable Mayor and the  
14 Trustees for giving me the opportunity to be here tonight  
15 again. This is my fourth appearance for my place of  
16 business, which is Great Neck Games & Productions, 275  
17 Jericho Turnpike. I have graciously got permit from the  
18 town here to operate last year and the previous two  
19 years. So that means this is my third year.

20 To my knowledge I obeyed all the regulations  
21 and requirements to run the place, and to my knowledge I  
22 did not get any complaints from the neighbors.

23 And what I want to do is to get a permanent  
24 permit, if it's possible, so this way I can invest in my  
25 property to make it better and more convenient for people

1           who use it.

2                   As far as the hours that I'm operating, it's  
3           7:00 to 11:00. I'm happy with that, as long as I get  
4           another half an hour just when people leave.

5                   And as far as the dates, I am OK with what  
6           you're giving me but sometimes, in the holidays and so  
7           on, I would like to have parties. So those are the dates  
8           that people, because of the holidays, use my premises.

9                   I appreciate your concern, and hopefully you  
10          grant my request.

11                   MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Hatami.

12                   So I'm to understand, if I understand this  
13          correctly, that you operate now 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.?

14                   MR. HATAMI: Yes.

15                   MAYOR STRAUSS: And you're looking to extend  
16          that to 11:30?

17                   MR. HATAMI: Yes, because my party starts at  
18          7:00, and so they finish at 11:00. Right now I try to  
19          make it three hours party. The party people want four  
20          hours. And so 7:00 to 11:00, it usually takes 15  
21          minutes, half an hour, for them to leave.

22                   MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. And you currently operate  
23          what nights of the week?

24                   MR. HATAMI: Thursday, Friday, Saturday,  
25          Sunday.

1                   MAYOR STRAUSS: And so you want to keep those  
2 but have the ability to add just holidays.

3                   MR. HATAMI: Just holidays, if it's possible.

4                   MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. So do you have -- you  
5 still maintain a current license agreement with the  
6 property owner at 285?

7                   MR. HATAMI: Correct.

8                   MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. Great.  
9 Deputy Mayor?

10                  MR. PEREIRA: Thank you.

11                  Thank you, Mr. Hatami.

12                  And first I do want to say that I do recognize  
13 and I do want to thank you for, you know, from the first  
14 time that you were before this Board that I was here it  
15 was somewhat of a problematic relationship, and I think  
16 we've overcome that. And I do appreciate the fact that  
17 for the last two years you have complied with our  
18 concerns. And it seems that the complaints have been  
19 kept to a minimum. So you have held up your end of the  
20 bargain, and I do appreciate that.

21                  MR. HATAMI: Thank you.

22                  MR. PEREIRA: You come back. This is your  
23 third time coming back looking for an extension or a  
24 permanent extension. So . . . But having said that, I  
25 have a couple of questions.

1 MR. HATAMI: Sure.

2 MR. PEREIRA: Now when you say holidays, do you  
3 mean -- so the Fourth of July is on a Tuesday this year,  
4 you want to operate Monday night, or you want to operate  
5 Tuesday night, or do you want to operate both?

6 I would think it would be the evening before  
7 the holiday.

8 MR. HATAMI: That's correct. The evening  
9 before, yes.

10 MR. PEREIRA: So if the holiday falls on a  
11 weekday, other than Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,  
12 you would want the evening before the holiday, which  
13 would make sense.

14 MR. HATAMI: It makes sense. But the most  
15 concern I have is Christmastime. Sometimes I do get some  
16 companies coming for dinner or something, getting  
17 together for a holiday party.

18 MR. PEREIRA: That would be a very unique kind  
19 of --

20 MR. HATAMI: Very unique. Very unique.  
21 Usually -- we tell them we're only available Thursday and  
22 Friday, but just in case.

23 MR. PEREIRA: I just want to make clear because  
24 the application gives the impression, and I think that  
25 the residents might have gotten the impression, you want



1 to go to seven-days-a-week 365 days a year.

2 MR. HATAMI: No.

3 MR. PEREIRA: That is not what you want to do.

4 MR. HATAMI: No.

5 MR. PEREIRA: So you want to keep the Thursday  
6 through Sunday and just add the occasional holiday eve.

7 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

8 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Now you mentioned in your  
9 comments that you would like this permit to be granted on  
10 a permanent basis because you want to invest in your  
11 property and you want to improve your business.

12 Well I'll say this: I think your property  
13 looks great. You have invested in it. It looks  
14 wonderful.

15 MR. HATAMI: Thank you.

16 MR. PEREIRA: Certainly you did not spare, you  
17 know, any expense in beautifying your property.

18 So what do you mean by improving your business  
19 and investing in your property? What else would you do  
20 to it?

21 It seems fine to me.

22 MR. HATAMI: My major concern is I want to put  
23 an elevator.

24 MR. PEREIRA: OK.

25 MR. HATAMI: And that's a very big -- most

1 people come in, I don't have -- I have lift and so on,  
2 but it's not proper for people to use, my guests.

3 What I'd like to do is -- for those people who  
4 want to book my place and they have elderly people, you  
5 know, parents and so on who want to get up there -- I  
6 want to put an elevator. As you know, to put an elevator  
7 is kind of expensive. So that's the major thing.

8 And also, I want to beautify the front of my  
9 store still, make it better by putting all brick and put  
10 some kind of canopy.

11 MR. PEREIRA: OK. But the improvements would  
12 not include anything that would essentially change the  
13 use of your business, such as adding a kitchen or --

14 MR. HATAMI: Absolutely not.

15 MR. PEREIRA: -- or any kind of outdoor patio  
16 seating. None of that.

17 MR. HATAMI: None of that.

18 MR. PEREIRA: The conditions from the original  
19 permit, such as music will be contained within the  
20 premises, and lighting and all that, so as not to affect  
21 the neighborhood, that would continue.

22 MR. HATAMI: That's continued.

23 MR. PEREIRA: The improvements to your business  
24 at this point would be to add an elevator, to beautify  
25 the front, perhaps put brick pavers, and a different sign

1 or awning.

2 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

3 MR. PEREIRA: But it would not change the  
4 nature of your business.

5 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

6 MR. PEREIRA: OK. Thank you.

7 That's all, Mayor.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

9 Trustee Cusato?

10 MR. CUSATO: Good evening, sir.

11 So, you know what, this is a hearing. I don't  
12 see but maybe one person from Marcellus here. So I think  
13 most people are kind of happy that you've complied with  
14 the guidelines we set for you.

15 So going back to what Deputy Mayor Pereira  
16 said, so July 4 is on a Tuesday. So you're going to have  
17 some kind of party on the Monday or the Tuesday?

18 MR. HATAMI: I don't have anything right now.

19 MR. CUSATO: But the point is: What happens  
20 the following week?

21 If we grant you additional days, are you going  
22 to have something on July the 10th, or the 11th, or 12th,  
23 which is the following week?

24 MR. HATAMI: No. No.

25 MR. CUSATO: So you're just going to have

1 something on a particular holiday?

2 MR. HATAMI: Yes, because people are off the  
3 following day. So if I have it Monday, people are off  
4 Tuesday. So they might --

5 MR. CUSATO: But my point is: You're looking  
6 for extra days, you know. Last year we gave you  
7 Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Now you're  
8 looking for extra days. And I'm just wondering what  
9 those extra days mean. You know, are you going to  
10 have -- if we let you have -- we gave you four of the  
11 seven days of the week.

12 MR. HATAMI: Right.

13 MR. CUSATO: So --

14 MR. HATAMI: Like I said, I'm very happy with  
15 that. And sometimes I get a request. Like this Tuesday  
16 -- July 4, this year, is going to be Tuesday. We might  
17 have a party on Monday. And it maybe happens two or  
18 three times a year max. And that's what I'm asking for.  
19 Not much.

20 MR. CUSATO: So you're just asking for -- so if  
21 a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, you're  
22 asking us to give you that day but not Monday, Tuesday  
23 Wednesday of every week?

24 MR. HATAMI: No. NO. No. Not every week.  
25 Just the holidays. Let's say July 4th is Tuesday. I'm

1 happy to have Monday night, and that's it.

2 MR. CUSATO: So then what would happen -- So  
3 Christmas is on a Monday. So you would have a party on  
4 maybe --

5 MR. HATAMI: Nobody will have -- nobody have --

6 MR. CUSATO: No. So the 24th is Sunday, but  
7 then the Tuesday, or even New Year's Eve, would you have  
8 something on either day, or . . .

9 MR. HATAMI: No. No. I'm not looking for  
10 anything extra what you indicated.

11 MR. CUSATO: So you're not planning to have an  
12 event every -- So if we gave you the full week, you say  
13 to us you're not going to do everything -- every week --  
14 you're not doing a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of every  
15 week?

16 MR. HATAMI: Of course not, no.

17 MR. CUSATO: OK.

18 All right. Thank you, Mayor.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

20 Trustee Durham?

21 MR. DURHAM: I just want to go back to the same  
22 thing.

23 And so if New Year's Eve falls on a Monday,  
24 Tuesday or Wednesday, you're looking for to be able to  
25 have a New Year's Eve party or that sort of thing.

1 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

2 MR. DURHAM: So if we put a condition with it  
3 for holiday eves that fall on Monday, Tuesday AND  
4 Wednesday, you're fine with that?

5 MR. HATAMI: Correct. Yes.

6 MR. DURHAM: OK. So if it's just the regular  
7 calendar, the main holidays, whatever, the eves, so that  
8 you could have parties.

9 I have no other questions.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

11 Trustee Walsh?

12 MR. WALSH: Yes. Thank you, Mayor.

13 How are you, Mr. Hatami?

14 MR. HATAMI: Very good. Thank you.

15 MR. WALSH: I recognize you. I've seen you  
16 several times here. Welcome back.

17 MR. HATAMI: Thank you.

18 MR. WALSH: The Mayor asked you about the  
19 address, but I just want to make sure, you still use the  
20 bank parking lot the same way you did in the past?

21 MR. HATAMI: Yes.

22 MR. WALSH: You still have the arrangement  
23 with them? Nothing's changed?

24 MR. HATAMI: Yes, I do have with me the lease.

25 MR. WALSH: No. No. That's fine.

1                   Nothing's changed, right?

2                   MR. HATAMI: Nothing has changed. Everything  
3 is the same.

4                   MR. WALSH: OK. And how often at these parties  
5 do have a valet system?

6                   Do you ever have a valet out there?

7                   MR. HATAMI: Any time that I have over 20  
8 people, I have a valet system.

9                   MR. WALSH: Good. So you have a valet that,  
10 what, takes the cars into the bank parking lot?

11                  MR. HATAMI: First they use my premises and  
12 then, if they run out of space, they use the bank.

13                  MR. WALSH: OK. What is your total occupancy?  
14 Do you have a rough idea?

15                  MR. HATAMI: I have, upstairs, about 80 people.

16                  MR. WALSH: About 80 people.

17                  MR. HATAMI: 80.

18                  MR. WALSH: Do you ever have a party on the  
19 first floor, and --

20                  MR. HATAMI: But let me just go a little bit  
21 more into that.

22                  Most of my parties are bar mitzvahs, and  
23 usually we have -- let's say I have 80 people. Forty,  
24 50, of those are all kids. So I never have 80 cars or 40  
25 cars. There's ten or 15 adults that come with them, and

1 then I have -- those are the cars that are used. So if I  
2 have 80 people, I still have max 20 cars.

3 MR. WALSH: Yes. I get it. I've been watching  
4 over a long period of time, and I haven't seen any  
5 problems over there with parking. I don't know exactly,  
6 but --

7 MR. HATAMI: Like I said, I invested in this a  
8 lot of money, and a lot of years I'm in this town.

9 MR. WALSH: OK. Let me ask you this: Do you  
10 ever have two parties at the same time?

11 Do you ever have a party on the first floor and  
12 a party on the second floor?

13 MR. HATAMI: Never. Never.

14 MR. WALSH: And about what percentage of your  
15 parties are bar mitzvahs, half, more?

16 MR. HATAMI: I say much more. About 80.

17 MR. WALSH: Eighty percent. OK.

18 And for me, as far as the holidays are  
19 concerned, you either have it on the holiday, the day  
20 after the holiday, the day before the holiday, as long as  
21 you just have it on a holiday, that's fine with me. And  
22 there aren't that many holidays involved.

23 When you say holidays, you mean legal holidays?  
24 You don't include religious holidays?

25 MR. HATAMI: Legal holidays.



1 MR. WALSH: OK. Thank you. That's all.

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

3 Any other comments from the Board?

4 Mr. Hatami, do you want to add anything else  
5 before I open it up to the public?

6 MR. HATAMI: No. I just appreciate all you  
7 guys did for me. And it really made life much easier for  
8 me. And I really appreciate it. And I'm here 35, now,  
9 thirty-five years in Mineola. So that's my son Ian. He  
10 is -- hopefully, he's going to be here another 35 years.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

12 MR. HATAMI: Thank you.

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: If you could take a seat, I'll  
14 open it up to public comment at this point.

15 MR. HATAMI: Absolutely.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, sir.

17 Anybody wishing to make a comment?

18 Yes, sir?

19 Please, when you get to the podium, state your  
20 name and your address for the record.

21 MR. SIEGEL: Alan Siegel, 259 Wellington Road,  
22 Mineola.

23 I know Victor a long time. I really have no  
24 complaints about the parties.

25 He's talking about fixing up the front of it on

1 Jericho Turnpike. I think you should also consider  
2 cleaning up along Wellington. You have half concrete,  
3 half grass. I think he should have a grass buffer all  
4 the way up to Jericho. It really doesn't look that good.  
5 But I also want to make sure you take care of that grass  
6 because sometimes it gets a little long and, you know, I  
7 keep my lawn cut all the time.

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Mr. Siegel, how's the parking?

9 MR. SIEGEL: I had one problem with them once a  
10 couple of years ago. There hasn't been a problem since.

11 MAYOR STRAUSS: So a couple of years ago he  
12 took care of it? You approached Mr. Hatami?

13 MR. SIEGEL: Actually, whatever, it wasn't even  
14 so much parking. I had cars on each side of my driveway.  
15 I'm the first house right after him.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Right.

17 MR. SIEGEL: There were cars parked on each  
18 side of my driveway, and I mean right on the edge of the  
19 driveway. In fact, even a police officer came by and  
20 said, I can't do anything. It's not right the way it was  
21 parked, but nothing he could do. And I have a Bronco, so  
22 it's not easy getting the Bronco out when you got cars  
23 right on the edge.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: Sure. I totally understand.

25 MR. SIEGEL: But I complained to whoever was

1 running the party. They seemed to have ignored me. But  
2 I haven't had a problem since.

3 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Great.

4 MR. SIEGEL: But you know, like I said, clean  
5 up along Wellington would be a nice idea too.

6 And if he's only going to have, you know,  
7 basically a date for the holidays, I guess it probably  
8 wouldn't be terrible.

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. All right. Thank you, Mr.  
10 Siegel.

11 MR. WALSH: Mr. Siegel, can I ask you a  
12 question?

13 MR. SIEGEL: Yes. Sure.

14 MR. WALSH: You live in the first house. Did  
15 you have some kind of situation where you thought that  
16 the windows were comparison, where they could see in your  
17 window or something.

18 MR. SIEGEL: Yes, I did question that.

19 MR. WALSH: And was that corrected?

20 MR. SIEGEL: Well he still has the windows, but  
21 now he has curtains over it.

22 MR. WALSH: Good.

23 MR. SIEGEL: And basically it's up on the  
24 second floor, which I believe you don't have people  
25 anyway. So . . .

1 MR. WALSH: So the condition was corrected.

2 MR. SIEGEL: It wasn't as bad as I thought it  
3 was.

4 MR. WALSH: OK. Thank you very much.

5 MR. SIEGEL: I mean -- yes, that's about it.

6 I mean, I did have a question about the  
7 heaters. You have them coming out the side. Shouldn't  
8 it be going out the roof?

9 MAYOR STRAUSS: The heaters on the roof of the  
10 building?

11 MR. SIEGEL: He vents his heat. They're coming  
12 out the side of the building. I don't know if that's --

13 MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes. I'll have the Building  
14 Department check that.

15 MR. SIEGEL: But other than that, I'm OK.

16 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you, Mr. Siegel. We  
17 appreciate you coming down this evening.

18 MR. SIEGEL: Yes. You bet.

19 MAYOR STRAUSS: Thank you.

20 MR. SIEGEL: Thank you.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: Anybody else wishing to speak?  
22 No one?

23 Ma'am, would you like to make any comment at  
24 all?

25 VOICE: No.

1 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. All right.

2 Mr. Hatami?

3 MR. HATAMI: Sure.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. You heard the one  
5 comment about hoping that you maintain the side of your  
6 property as well as the front.

7 MR. HATAMI: We really do try to do our best.  
8 There is a section that is not pavement. It's just a  
9 little grass. And honestly, to my knowledge, we always  
10 took care of it. But if Mr. Siegel says that we didn't,  
11 I'll make sure of that.

12 MR. SIEGEL: The lawn sometimes.

13 MR. HATAMI: No. I understand perfectly, and I  
14 promise that --

15 THE COURT: So you'll work that out.

16 MR. HATAMI: Work it out 100 percent.

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. It doesn't seem  
18 like it's earth-shattering, but can be annoying.

19 MR. HATAMI: Absolutely.

20 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Greatly appreciate  
21 it.

22 Any other comments from the Board?

23 MR. CUSATO: I do.

24 Sir, just one more thing. So you will not have  
25 a party on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday unless it's

1 holiday-related?

2 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

3 MR. CUSATO: OK. Thank you.

4 MAYOR STRAUSS: Great.

5 Any other comments?

6 MR. PEREIRA: I would just like to comment  
7 because I think there may be some confusion again, and to  
8 add to what Mr. Cusato just said. Just to be clear  
9 because the application reads -- it can be confusing --  
10 if this is to be granted, we're not going to seven days a  
11 week. We're maintaining exactly the same request as in  
12 the past, same conditions. The only thing we're adding  
13 is the occasional party on an official holiday eve.

14 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

15 MR. PEREIRA: Which would be infrequent but,  
16 other than that, all the conditions remain the same.

17 MR. DURHAM: And the half hour to 11:30.

18 MR. PEREIRA: And the half hour -- the parties  
19 will still end at 11:00.

20 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

21 MR. PEREIRA: But with permission to clean up  
22 and for people to leave up until 11:30.

23 MR. HATAMI: Yes.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: Any other comments?

25 Ma'am?

1 VOICE: Are these national holidays?

2 MAYOR STRAUSS: Ma'am, yeah.

3 If you could come up to the podium.

4 But yes, they are legal holidays.

5 MR. PEREIRA: National holidays.

6 MAYOR STRAUSS: All right. Thank you, sir.

7 Any other comments from the Board?

8 Mr. Gibbons, anything?

9 MR. GIBBONS: I just wanted to -- so we're  
10 clear, Mr. Hatami indicated that during the Christmas  
11 season someone might want to have a Christmas party.  
12 That's certainly not going to take place on December  
13 24th. So I think the application would be, you know, we  
14 would have to flesh that out a little because you could  
15 have a Christmas party on December 15th and it would be  
16 more common than having one on December 24th.

17 MAYOR STRAUSS: Well I think Mr. Pereira  
18 mentioned that it would be the eve of a holiday, official  
19 holiday. So December 15th I don't think would fall into  
20 that category.

21 MR. GIBBONS: Right. And I just want to make  
22 sure, Mr. Hatami -- I just want to make sure of what the  
23 request is, and I think your request regarding Christmas,  
24 if you could just tell us about that.

25 MR. HATAMI: I am happy for what you guys gave

1 me. If I have a Christmas party, I'll make sure that I  
2 do it on Thursday, and Friday, and Saturday or Sunday.  
3 Nothing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I assure you  
4 of that.

5 MR. WALSH: But let me ask you this: If  
6 Mr. Hatami wants to have a party on the Fourth of July,  
7 that's not allowed? It has to be on the third of July?

8 MAYOR STRAUSS: Correct. As it is now, yes,  
9 unless we decide to change it.

10 MR. WALSH: So this application is for him to  
11 have this extra day the eve of.

12 MAYOR STRAUSS: The eve of the holiday.

13 And the idea was that instead of we just  
14 granting the holiday, more people, as Mr. Pereira  
15 mentioned, will be more apt to have a party on the eve of  
16 the holiday because they don't have to get up for work or  
17 school the next day.

18 MR. PEREIRA: And we're talking about only  
19 those holidays --

20 MR. HATAMI: Two or three days.

21 MAYOR STRAUSS: A handful of days.

22 MR. HATAMI: Maybe. Maybe.

23 MR. PEREIRA: When those holidays fall on  
24 Tuesday or Wednesday --

25 MR. HATAMI: Correct.



1 MR. PEREIRA: -- really, because if they fall  
2 on a Monday you already have use for Sunday anyway. So  
3 we're really talking about holidays that fall on Tuesday,  
4 Wednesday or Thursday.

5 MR. HATAMI: Correct.

6 MR. PEREIRA: Where there maybe a request, and  
7 those are going to be few and far between.

8 MR. HATAMI: It might happen only maybe twice a  
9 year.

10 MAYOR STRAUSS: OK. All right.

11 Any other comments?

12 All right. I'll entertain a motion to close  
13 and reserve?

14 MR. PEREIRA: Motion.

15 MAYOR STRAUSS: Motion by Trustee Pereira.  
16 Second?

17 MR. CUSATO: I'll second.

18 MAYOR STRAUSS: By Trustee Cusato.

19 All in favor?

20 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

21 MR. PEREIRA: Aye.

22 MR. CUSATO: Aye.

23 MR. WALSH: Aye.

24 MAYOR STRAUSS: Aye.

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Carried.

OK, Mr. Hatami. You'll hear from us.


MR. HATAMI: Thank you very much.

MAYOR STRAUSS: Yes. Thank you, sir. Greatly  
appreciate your coming down this evening.

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