

**MINUTES  
CITY OF UNION CITY  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

***A SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION PRECEDED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I.a Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Green led the salute to the flag.

I.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Dunca, Ellis and Gacoscos, Vice Mayor Navarro,  
Mayor Green

Absent: None

***Mayor Green stated there was no reportable action from the Closed Session held earlier this evening.***

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

3.a Presentation of Awards and Certificates to Winners of the 2010 Recycling Poster Art Contest

Recycling Coordinator Muñoz provided a brief overview of the 2010 Union City Recycling Poster Art Contest, and acknowledged partners Allied Waste and Tri-CED Recycling, Union City Leisure Services, Union City Branch Library, and Paddy's Coffee House. Recycling Coordinator Muñoz introduced the winners and honorable mention recipients to the Mayor and Councilmembers, and the winners were presented with Certificates of Participation and monetary awards. Representing Tri-CED Recycling, Richard Valle announced an event scheduled for October 1, 2011, entitled "Science In The Park".

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Item 5.c was removed from the Consent Calendar.**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Gacoscos, to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.a and 5.b as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.a Waived Further Reading of Proposed Ordinance (This permits reading the title only in lieu of reciting the entire text of any proposed Ordinance)
- 5.b Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2010

**Consideration of Item 5.c removed from the Consent Calendar.**

- 5.c Adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for Union City's Participation in Grant-Funded Bay Area-Wide Trash Capture Demonstration Project

Councilmember Gacoscos commented about debris in the flood control area near the Ponderosa Homes development. Public Works Director Cheng stated staff would discuss the matter with Alameda County officials.

City Manager Cheeves, and Police Chief Stewart, responded to comments from Councilmembers regarding street flooding, noting clogged drains were usually the reason for the flooding.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Ellis, to adopt **Resolution No. 4087-11** Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to Participate in a Grant-Funded Bay Area-wide Trash Capture Demonstration (TCD) Project with Respect to the Acquisition and Installation of Certain Equipment and Improvements to the City's Storm Drainage System for the Public Benefit; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Purchase Order and Other Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing the Taking of all Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 6.a Introduce an Ordinance Approving Municipal Code Amendment (AT-08-10) to: Re-establish Language Requiring Residential Waste Containers to be Screened from Public View; Re-establish Requirement that Sign Copy be Limited to Business Name and Address; Re-establish Senior Housing Parking Standard; delete Smoking Lounges from the List of Conditionally Permitted Uses in all Commercial Zoning Districts; and Update Floodplain Combining District for Consistency with Current FEMA Guidelines

Economic and Community Development Director Malloy presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Green opened the public hearing. There were no speakers on the matter. Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to introduce an Ordinance Approving Municipal Code Amendment (AT-08-10) to: Re-establish Language Requiring Residential Waste Containers to be Screened from Public View; Re-establish Requirement that Sign Copy be Limited to Business Name and Address; Re-establish Senior Housing Parking Standard; Delete Smoking Lounges from the List of Conditionally Permitted Uses in all Commercial Zoning Districts; and Update

Floodplain Combining District for Consistency with Current FEMA Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

## VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.a Establish a Disaster Council in Conformance with Section 2.8 "Emergency Organization" of the Union City Municipal Code

City Manager Cheeves presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Board President Dutra-Vernaci expressed support for the establishment of a Disaster Council, and the appointment of the CERT Coordinator as a standing member on the Disaster Council.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to adopt **Resolution No. 4088-11** Establishing a Disaster Council and Appointment of the CERT Coordinator as a Member of said Council. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.b Informational Report on the Current Operating Budget, Restoration of Previous Budget Cuts and Planning for the new Operating and Capital Budget Development and Adoption

Administrative Services Director Digre distributed a revised copy of the *Reduction Summary by Department and Organization Code* reflecting highlighted line-items for clarification, and presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers provided comment.

By consensus, the informational report was accepted and approval given for the:

- Budget Development Plan with the addition of funding for Library Services and Travel & Training within the City Council budget
- timeline, noting the March 31<sup>st</sup> Special Council meeting to be changed to March 24<sup>th</sup>
- process for developing and approving the Bi-annual Budget Document in June 2011.

Staff will return with an updated report at the January 25, 2011, regular Council meeting.

## VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

## IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None

## X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

## XI. SECOND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Former Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci stated her continued participation on the Alameda County Housing Commission had been requested through the February 2, 2011 scheduled meeting until Councilmember Gacoscos' appointment can be processed by the county.

Barry Ferrier stated a central county transportation forum is scheduled for January 20, 2011, at the Hayward City Hall, beginning with an open house at 6:30 p.m.

## **XII. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION - None**

## **XIII. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

### **13.a Oral Reports by Mayor and Councilmembers on meetings of County or Regional Boards and Commissions**

Councilmember Ellis reported attending an East Bay Economic Development Advisory awards ceremony at California State University East Bay on Friday, January 7.

Councilmember Duncan reported attending an Alameda County Transportation Commission retreat with Mayor Green.

Councilmember Duncan reported attending a Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board meeting last week. The team is working on putting together a series of town hall meetings with the first meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 27, at Our Lady of the Rosary.

Mayor Green reported attending a meeting in Oakland regarding the household hazardous waste program.

Mayor Green spoke about the *Safe Routes to School* grant program whereby students riding bikes or walking to school help with greenhouse gas reductions, and the importance of boosting participation among students.

Mayor Green stated the Association of Bay Area Government's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, which is coinciding with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 21, in Oakland.

Mayor Green provided an update on the county's expenditure plan.

Mayor Green stated a new finance director had begun work with the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

## **XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councilmember Gacoscos commented favorably about the tribute to former Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Fernandez, and Valle displayed on the marquee sign at Union Landing.

Vice Mayor Navarro stated the gate was down at the 4 corners on Dyer and Alvarado.

City Manager Cheeves stated he would be attending the New Mayor and Council Academy with newly elected Councilmembers, presented by the League of California Cities in Sacramento, on January 19 and 20.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott  
City Clerk