

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011  
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

I.b Roll Call

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

Absent: None

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

3.a Proclamation Recognizing May 24, 2011 as Arbor Day in Union City

Mayor Green read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Public Works Maintenance Worker II Robert Vera.

3.b Presentation on Safe Routes To School by Alameda County Transportation Commission and Transform, a Non-profit Organization

Nora Cody from TransForm, a Non-profit Organization that supports world class public transportation and walk-able communities, and Alameda County Transportation Commission Deputy Director of Policy, Public Affairs, and Legislation Tess Lengyel, presented information regarding safe routes to school.

**IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Andre Macapinlac, representing Assemblymember Wieckowski, stated that Councilmember Gacoscos had presented an award to former Councilmember Manny Fernandez in honor of Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage month.

Ted Heinz, representing CORE, spoke about the importance of having counselors available to continue working with the Youth Violence Prevention Program.

Vince Rosato, teacher at Searles Elementary School, spoke in favor of a farm-to-school initiative, and requested Council investigate successful collaborations for similar programs in Santa Clara and San Jose.

Richard Valle spoke about the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's effort to solicit citizen input on redistricting maps, and requested Councilmembers submit a letter to the Commission urging Union City remain as one district.

Mary Schlarb expressed concern about the Governor's plan to take redevelopment monies, and requested Council make budget decisions that will insure the continued work of counselors with the Youth Violence Prevention Program.

Karen Yifru expressed concern about a delayed response from outreach workers following a recent homicide in Union City.

## V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Ellis, to approve Consent Items 5.a through 5.j, 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 of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2011
- 5.c Reject Claim No. 817, Submitted by Roland Vison, as Recommended by the City's Claims Administrator
- 5.d Adopted **Resolution No. 4146-11** Authorizing the Execution of the Caltrans' Certifications and Assurances for the Usage of the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Efficiency Account Bond Program
- 5.e Adopted **Resolution No. 4147-11** of the City Council of the City of Union City Declaring its Intention to Renew the Union Landing Property and Business Improvement District and to Levy and Collect Assessments Within Such District Pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, Part 7 of Division 18 of the California Streets and Highways Code, Calling an Assessment Ballot Proceeding and Establishing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing
- 5.f Adopted **Resolution No. 4148-11** Awarding a Contract to Oakland Harley-Davidson of Oakland, California, for the Purchase of One 2011 Harley-Davidson FLHTP Electra Glide Motorcycle for the Police Department, City Project No. 11-14
- 5.g Adopted **Resolution No. 4149-11** Declaring Vehicle #327 as Surplus and Authorizing Auction of Said Vehicle
- 5.h Adopted **Resolution No. 4150-11** Appropriating Used Oil Payment Program Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2010-11 Into Public Works Used Oil Recycling Program Funds
- 5.i Received information report regarding Disclosure of Applicable Fees and Compensation Paid to Agent, Broker, or Individual Relative to Any Public Agency Contract with Delta Dental
- 5.j Received informational Audit Committee Report from Meeting held on May 6, 2011

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

## VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.a Review Union City Project Applications in Response to Call for Projects to the Plan Bay Area (Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy)

Public Works Director Cheng presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment, and accepted the staff report. No action was taken.

- 7.b Adopt a Resolution Accepting Status Report on the Station District Parking Program, Designate No Parking Areas, Authorize the Purchase of Four Parking Meters, and Setting Parking Fees for the Public Parking Garage

Redevelopment Manager Evanoff presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Gacoscos, to adopt **Resolution No. 4151-11** accepting the Status Report for the Station District Parking Program, Designating No Parking Areas, Authorizing the Purchase of Four Parking Meters, and Setting Parking Fees for the Public Parking Garage. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.c Economic Development - Presentation of the Northern Silicon Valley Partnership (NSVP) Program

Economic Development Coordinator Friday presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Council received the report and provided comment. No action was taken.

Barry Ferrier expressed excitement about economic development activity that has occurred since the beginning of the year.

Lance (last name unknown) stated many professionals who work in Silicon Valley live in San Francisco, and noted Union City would be a great half-way point for residential consideration.

## VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

## IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None

## X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.a A Report from the Parks & Recreation Commission with Recommendations for Park Renovation and Improvement Projects to be Funded with Measure WW Park Bond Funds

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

Mary Schlarb, CORE leader and Decoto resident, expressed the importance of establishing a youth center, and requested a task force be reinstated to explore options.

Anacelia Castro, CORE member and Logan High School student, requested Council consider establishing a youth center.

Elizabeth Ames distributed information and expressed support for an agricultural preserve, open space gateway, to create a farm-to-school program.

Yesenia Gonzales, youth leader, expressed support for a youth center.

Chris Cara, Youth Services Director for Filipino Advocates for Justice, expressed support for the re-establishment of a task force to explore options for development of a youth center.

Richard Valle referenced a task force report, and requested the former task force be reconvened, with participation by Councilmember Duncan and one other Councilmember, to begin work on implementing recommendations contained in the report.

Manny Fernandez spoke in support of using WW funds for renovations at the Kennedy Center and William May Teen Center.

Roger Narciso expressed appreciation for Council's support in completing construction on Veterans Memorial Park, noting a Memorial Day picnic is planned for this year.

City Manager Cheeves stated a special presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan will be included in the special budget workshop scheduled for May 31, 2011.

City Attorney Reyes explained a discussion regarding the re-establishment of a task force would need to be agendized for a future meeting.

City Manager Cheeves stated staff would return on June 14 with a report regarding re-establishing the Decoto Youth & Family Resource Center Ad Hoc Task Force and Appointing Council Representatives to the Ad Hoc Task Force.

Councilmembers provided comment. No action was taken.

## **XI. SECOND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

## **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**

Vice Mayor Navarro stated he attended the Joint City Council/School Board Sub-Committee meeting on May 16, 2011, and discussion topics included a land swap and crossing guards. Deputy City Manager Acosta clarified that the City would like to trade a portion of the Guy Emmanuelle Elementary School parcel, and a portion of the Pioneer Elementary School parcel, in exchange for the parcel containing the Holly Community Center, Fire Station Number 2, and a portion of the parking lot as well as a parcel containing a portion of the Cabello School property. City Manager Cheeves stated the City and the school district have not yet come to an agreement.

Vice Mayor Navarro stated he attended the grand opening of the Union City Comcast Service Center on May 21, 2011.

Vice Mayor Navarro stated he was unable to attend the League of California Cities meeting on May 25, 2011.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she attended the Alameda County Housing Authority meeting on May 11, 2011. Councilmember Gacoscos stated the discussion included upcoming labor negotiations, scholarship awards and presentations of specialized programs.

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Councilmember Ellis was unable to attend the Alameda County Fire Department Advisory Commission meeting due to business travel.

Councilmember Duncan stated she attended the Sustainable Communities Strategy Leadership Summit at the Sunol Golf Course on May 14, 2011. Councilmember Duncan stated the event was hosted by Alameda County Supervisor's Scott Haggerty and Nadia Lockyer. Councilmember Duncan stated East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Director Karen Engle spoke regarding employment projections relative to transportation and housing.

Councilmember Duncan stated she attended the Alameda County Fire Department Advisory Commission meeting on May 19, 2011. Councilmember Duncan stated the meeting included a presentation of the Alameda County Fire Department 2011-2012 Budget.

Mayor Green asked if Housing Coordinator Smith had reported any information regarding the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Housing Methodology Committee. Economic and Community Development Director Malloy stated she and Housing Coordinator Smith have not discussed the SCS Housing Methodology Committee.

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

Councilmember Duncan asked for verification that Alameda County Supervisor Lockyer is hosting a meeting for the general public at the Kennedy Community Center on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Mayor Green confirmed the meeting and added that it would begin at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Gacoscos requested an item be added to a future City Council meeting agenda regarding Council support for the Dream Act legislation.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she attended the Lions Club Restaurant Stroll on May 19, 2011, and praised participant support of local Union City businesses.

Vice Mayor Navarro stated he will attend the Memorial Day commemoration at the Chapel of the Chimes on Monday, May 30, 2011, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Navarro invited all to attend and enjoy the festivities.

Mayor Green stated the 4-way stop sign at Dyer Street and Jean Drive should be converted to a traffic light.

Mayor Green stated the pavement on Smith Street, between Vallejo and Watkins, is in need of repair.

Mayor Green stated he had received complaints from a resident regarding parking spaces with granulated pavement in front of 320 Appian Way. City Manager Cheeves stated the parking spaces are not City property, but that staff will look into the matter and contact the resident.

Mayor Green noted the light directing traffic from Perry Road to Decoto Road has a left turn only lane and a straight/right turn lane. The light from Mann Avenue to Alvarado-Niles Road has a right turn only lane and a straight/left turn lane. Mayor Green stated it would make sense for the Perry Road traffic light to have the same lane configuration as the Mann Avenue light. City Manager Cheeves stated staff would look into the matter.

Vice Mayor Navarro expressed interest in participating in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July ride-along with the Union City Police Department.

Mayor Green adjourned the regular meeting to Closed Session at 10:01 p.m.

## **XV. CLOSED SESSION**

- 15.a **CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION** (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9a)  
(City of Union City v. All Interested Parties, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case Nos. RG 11565761, RG 11565121, RG 11565380, RG 11565392, RG 11565376, RG 11565367)

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Green adjourned the Closed Session at 10:35 p.m. with no reportable action.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott  
City Clerk