

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

SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City CA**

A SPECIAL MEETING CLOSED SESSION PRECEDED THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.a Pledge of Allegiance

1.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Duncan, Ellis and Gacoscos, Mayor Green

Absent: Vice Mayor Navarro

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Manager Cheeves provided an introduction to the work session.

- Regional Planning for Economic Development

East Bay Economic Development Alliance (EDA) Deputy Director Scott Peterson presented information regarding EDA strategies for economic development, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. A "Business Climate and Jobs Report" will be available in September of 2011. Bay Area regional economic development strategy discussions continue.

- Union City Local Economy Summary

Economic and Community Development Director Malloy presented information regarding City statistics relative to the current local economic picture, and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Economic and Community Development Director Malloy presented a slide entitled "Opportunity Sites," and Council requested a tour of those sites be scheduled.

- Economic Development Advisory Team (EDAT) Progress

Economic Development Advisory Team Members Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Rommel Dingle, John Repar, and Economic Development Coordinator Friday presented information regarding EDAT efforts to date, including a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis process to facilitate the development of business strategies for economic growth.

- Redevelopment and Implementation of ABx1 26 and ABx1 27 Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Union City, California, Determining it will Comply With the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in Order to Permit the Continued Existence and Operation of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Union City

Redevelopment Manager Evanoff presented information regarding the “Redevelopment Key Tool for Economic Development,” and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Agency Council Bloch presented an overview of ABx1 26 and ABx1 27, and responded to questions from Council. Agency Council Bloch presented information regarding an appeal and petition filed with the California Supreme Court for claims based on violation of the state constitution. Plaintiffs are the California Redevelopment Agency, League of California Cities, Union City, San Jose, and John Shirey.

Redevelopment Manager Evanoff provided an overview of the implications of Redevelopment dissolution and “Opt-In.”

The introduction of the Ordinance was considered as a separate item (see Item IV below).

IV. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING IT WILL COMPLY WITH THE VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 1.9 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY

City Manager Cheeves presented the following staff recommendations:

- Introduce Ordinance pledging “opt-in” payment
- File appeal with Department of Finance contesting amount of payment
- Adoption of Ordinance allows Agency to enter into contracts
- Agency allowed to enter into DDA with future Station District development

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to introduce the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Union City, California, Determining it will Comply With the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program Pursuant to Part 1.9 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code in Order to Permit the Continued Existence and Operation of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Union City.

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Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Ellis, and Gacoscos, Mayor Green
Noes: None
Absent: Vice Mayor Navarro
Abstain: None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the work session at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina McEvoy
Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk