

**MINUTES FOR THE ADJOURNED
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF UNION CITY
OCTOBER 29, 2002, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
34009 ALVARADO-NILES ROAD
UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA**

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmembers Elias, Fernandez, Vice Mayor Dutra-Vernaci,
Mayor Green
Absent: Councilmember Valle

WORK SESSION:

A. Option and Purchase Sale Agreement regarding Turk Island Landfill

Larry Cheeves, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the presentation tonight.

Diane Sarmiento presented the CH2M Hill report.

Kimberly Johnson, Assistant City Attorney, covered the key negotiation points in the purchase of the closed Turk Island property and terms of the Option Agreement.

Joseph Callahan, Union City Sports Facilities Associates, Pleasanton, responded to Council questions.

Councilmember Valle arrived at the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Tester expressed his support for this project and questioned the \$250,000 that would be obtained from park-in-lieu fees; will this amount be refunded to this account; what impact will that have on future park projects; and, expressed concern that this project not impact other park projects.

Bruce Stanley expressed his support for moving forward with this option, but expressed concern for due diligence costs funded from where? Mr. Stanley stated a concern regarding the yearly gas recovery costs and stated the Park and Recreation Commission should have input on the design of the property.

Tadelle Yifru spoke in support of this project, but stated various concerns.

Resident on Osprey Drive expressed her desire that the kids be considered in this process.

Barry Ferrier stated this would be a good acquisition; Union Sanitary District generators could vent methane gas; commented on grants regarding Cargill property; and the proximity of homes to this project.

Ken Ryan questioned the usefulness of a recreation site in this location; stated the Sierra Club supports this use; there are grants available; the public should be involved sooner rather than later; questioned option agreement; and, commented on Brownfield recovery.

John Haley commented on negotiating points; fees involved; city's need for parkland and willingness to accept liabilities and costs; big parks vs. small parks problems; time consideration in implementation.

At 9:59 p.m. Councilmember Elias moved, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to adjourn meeting to special meeting immediately following.

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0