

**MINUTES
CITY OF UNION CITY
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
January 10, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.2 Roll Call: Present – Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Fernandez, Navarro, Valle, Mayor Green

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 Recognition of Manuel Fernandez as the longest tenured Councilmember in City History

Mayor Green presented Councilmember Fernandez with a plaque honoring him as the longest continuous tenured Councilmember in City History.

Councilmember Fernandez spoke of his commitment and said he was honored to serve the City.

- 3.2 Proclamation proclaiming January as “Volunteer Blood Donor Month”
- 3.3 Proclamation honoring the East Bay Cricket Club for their first place finish during the 2005 season

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Union City Police Officer Bruce Vance, newly elected President of the Police Officer Association acknowledged the businesses and individuals who sponsored the golf tournament and announced the 2nd Annual Crab Feed on February 18, at the Senior Center.

Myrla Raymundo advised that the museum is celebrating its fifth year of saving the history of Union City with a reception on February 4th at the museum.

Miles Price announced that the Union City Historical Society will hold its 2nd Annual fundraising event “Sweetheart Dinner and Dance” on February 11, 2006 at the Senior Center. Dave Bhatia noted that the event will be a catered buffet and music will be provided by Tunes by Tony.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR - Items 5.9 and 5.13 were pulled for discussion.

- 5.1 Approved Minutes of November 22, 2005 Regular Meeting
- 5.2 Approved Minutes of November 22, 2005 Special Meeting
- 5.3 Approved Minutes of December 13, 2005 Regular Meeting
- 5.4 Adopted **Resolution No. 3093-06** approving Final Parcel Map 8519, located on the northwest corner of 6th and D Street; applicant, Guy S. Luna

- 5.5 Adopted **Resolution No. 3094-06** awarding a contract for one Ford F350 cab and chassis truck for the Garage Division of Public Works, City Project No. 05-67, to low bidder, Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento in the amount of \$28,100
- 5.6 Adopted **Resolution No. 3095-06** awarding a contract for one 14-yard Vacuum Leaf Collector with Solid Waste Funds, City Project No. 05-70 to low bidder, ODB Company in the amount of \$30,719
- 5.7 Adopted **Resolution No. 3096-06** vacating a street right-of-way in a portion of Perry Road, near the intersection of Tartarian Way, and reserving a public access easement, and a sanitary sewer and waterline easement
- 5.8 Adopted **Resolution No. 3097-06** approving Tentative Parcel Map 8863 to subdivide a parcel located at 640 F Street (APN: 486-0009-001-00) into two parcels, both approximately 5,002 sq. ft.; applicants: Yong & Jin Kim
- 5.10 Adopted **Resolution No. 324-06** of the Community Redevelopment Agency to authorize a contract with Nolte Associates for Ongoing Project Funding and Coordination Services for the Broader Intermodal Station District Project
- 5.11 Rejected Claim No 649 presented by Edward Butler, Jr. as recommended by the City Insurance Administrator
- 5.12 Rejected Claim No. 653 presented by Ether Walker, Jeremie Walker, James Walker and Jason Walker as recommended by the City Insurance Administrator

Motion: It was m/s by Fernandez/Valle to approved Consent Items 5.1 – 5.8 and 5.10 – 5.12 as presented and recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.9 Adopt a Resolution of the Community Redevelopment Agency authorizing the Union City Historical Museum to sublease space to the Chamber of Commerce in the Old Alvarado Fire Station

Director Leonard introduced the staff report and outlined the provisions of the sublease.

Donna Mize, Vice Chair Chamber Board of Directors, spoke of the challenges issues facing the Chamber, which included budget, staff and membership issues.

Myrla Raymundo advised that at a recent Museum Board meeting, this issue was discussed and that members supported the concept and others did not. She noted that she supported the proposal.

Museum Board Member Tim Swenson suggested that both Boards get together with City staff acting as the facilitator to work out an amicable solution for all parties.

Allen Art, Museum Board Member expressed concern with the space the Chamber require. He felt another historical society would be more of an asset to the museum and suggested using another city facility to house the Chamber.

Miles Price, Museum Board Member, felt the proposal would not be beneficial to either party.

Hugh McNamara explained that the City has put a lot of money into the building, including new roof and earthquake retrofit. He noted the furnace needs replacing and that the current electrical is only sufficient to run one computer.

David Bhatia, Museum Board Secretary, felt the building is insufficient in terms of space and the board has discussed expanding.

George Adas expressed concern with the already congested area.

Bruce Davis, Chamber Chair, addressed the problems the current board inherited and noted the steps being taken to overcome them.

Council held a brief discussion of the issues and concerns expressed by the speakers.

Motion: It was m/s by Green/Fernandez to adopt Community Redevelopment Agency **Resolution No. 325-06** of the authorizing the Union City Historical Museum to sublease space to the Chamber of Commerce in the Old Alvarado Fire Station. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Fernandez, Navarro, Valle, Mayor Green
Noes: None
Absent: None

5.13 Acceptance of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci complimented staff on the outstanding report and its user friendliness.

Motion: It was m/s by Dutra-Vernaci/Valle to acceptance of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

7.1 Adopt an Urgency Ordinance amending Section 2.04.080; Officers, of the Municipal Code to clarify annual date for selection of Vice Mayor

City Attorney Riback introduced the staff report and advised that the intent of the change last year was for the Municipal Elections held in November to coincide with administering Oaths of Office.

Motion: It was m/s by Fernandez/Dutra-Vernaci to waive full reading and adopt **Urgency Ordinance No. 663-06** amending Section 2.04.080; Officers, of the Municipal Code to clarify annual date for selection of Vice Mayor. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Fernandez, Navarro, Valle, Mayor Green
Noes: None
Absent: None

7.2 Selection of Vice Mayor

Motion: It was moved by Mayor Green to appoint Councilmember Valle Vice Mayor. Motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Discussion concerning the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Deputy City Manager Acosta introduced the staff report and outlined the types of events and activities the Council could consider. He suggested the establishment of a Steering Committee.

Councilmember Fernandez felt the money spent should not be shouldered by the City, and that sponsorships and fundraising activities need to begin as soon as possible.

Councilmember Navarro felt the celebrations should include the Sister Cities.

Allen Art advised that he has been actively involved in Fremont's Anniversary Committee and encouraged Council to include all the residents of the City. He supported oral interviews and historical tours as a way to celebrate the past.

Myrla Raymundo felt the history of the Washington Township should be included in the celebration. She volunteered to be part of the Steering Committee.

J J Amaya spoke of the aspiration to come together and win the All American City award to celebrate the 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Green asked that staff put together a timeline and include all the City Commissions.

VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY: None

IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES: None

X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

JJ Amaya advised that the complaint he filed on July 28, 2005 has yet to be completed. He read a letter from Lt. Bizieff concerning the timeline in which the complaint would be completed. He stated that he is a Member of the Board of Directors for Centro de Servicios and that the Executive Director indicated that he has received a number of complaints concerning the Police Department. Mr. Amaya referred to a report completed by a City hired consultant, Richard Hughes, concerning police services and police relations within the community and suggested that the Council revisit the report prepared by the consultant.

Mayor Green suggested that a service audit of all city services be performed to determine how products are being delivered.

XII. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Michael Emerson concerning the Flight 93 Memorial

Mr. Emerson reported that he spoke with the Deputy City Manager Acosta today and that he had good news to report.

City Manager Cheeves provided status report on the progress made to date.

Mr. Emerson spoke of the issues surrounding securing labor and obtaining a contractor for the project. He requested a letter of sponsorship from the City and said he would like to have the project completed by Memorial Day in May 2007.

XIII. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

13.1 Oral reports by Councilmembers on meetings of County or Regional Boards and Commission

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Navarro inquired as to the status of the Sentinals of Freedom Program adopted by Council.

Capt. Stewart outlined the new laws affecting youth drivers. Mayor Green asked that this information be placed on the City Channel.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:30 p.m.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to section 54956.8 of the Government Code

Property: 1100 Decoto Road, APN 087-0019-004-02

Agency negotiator: Mark Leonard and Mark Evanoff

Negotiating parties: TMG Partners

Under negotiation: Price and Terms

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to section 54957.6 of the Government Code

City designated representatives: Larry Cheeves, Tony Acosta, Rich Digre

Employee organizations: Management
Police Management
Police Officer Association
Professionals
SEIU Local 790

The meeting reconvened in open session at 11:25 p.m. Mayor Green reported that the following resolutions were adopted as recommended by staff unanimously:

Resolution No. 3098-06 approving a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and the Union City Police Officers Association.

Resolution No. 3099-06 approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and the Management Employees

Resolution No. 3100-06 approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and the Service Employees Union, Local 790

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Green adjourned the meeting 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Diaz, MMC
City Clerk