

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

**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.

Mayor Green announced the City Council had met earlier in Closed Session.

City Attorney Riback reported that the City Council had, in the earlier Closed Session, approved **Resolution No. 3334-07** approving the final compromise settlement agreement and mutual release between Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. and the City of Union City.

I.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Fernandez and Valle, Vice Mayor Navarro, Mayor Green

Absent: None

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.a Proclamation Recognizing March 2007 as "Knights of Columbus Month"

Mayor Green read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Grand Knight Jerry Hernandez, who expressed appreciation on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Saint Anne's Council.

3.b Report on Union Sanitary District Activities in 2006 and Upcoming Plans, presented by Board Member Pat Gacoscos

Board member Pat Gacoscos provided a brief overview and introduced General Manager Richard Currie. Mr. Currie presented the annual report, outlined upcoming plans for USD projects, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Diane La Mountaine expressed concern about an incident involving the closure and locking of an access gate near the levee trail. City Manager Cheeves stated the property is owned by Alameda County and a portion is leased out for cattle grazing. Staff will contact the property owner to obtain more information about the matter.

Sarah Xie expressed concern about proposed changes for the No. 3 bus line servicing seniors at the Topics Mobile Home Park. City Manager Cheeves stated a meeting had been set for April 12, 2007, when Transit Manager Lee and Public Works Director Cheng plan to meet with residents at the Topics Mobile Home Park to discuss upcoming changes.

Hugh McNamara spoke about trash left in a vacant lot near the former Semore school site by the Contempo housing area.

Emily LeDeau and John Zowin spoke about the 2nd annual American Cancer Society *Relay For Life* event planned for August 4 and 5, 2007, at Logan High School.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, seconded by Vice Mayor Navarro, to approve Consent items 5.a through 5.d as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.a Motion to Waive 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 Special and Regular Meetings of March 13, 2007
- 5.c Approved the Second Reading and Adopted **Ordinance No. 686-07** Adopting a Program for the Use of Eminent Domain by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Union City Pursuant to SB 53 (Introduced March 13, 2007)
- 5.d Adopted **Council Resolution No. 3335-07**, and **Community Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 355-07**, accepting an easement to construct the Line M Box Culvert Project located between the KB Home Pacific Pointe Multi-Family Development and Future Intermodal Station, granting a License Agreement for use of City Property, and Authorizing an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding for Phasing Construction near the Line M Channel

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS - None

VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None

X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 10.a Report from the Parks and Recreation Commission on:

- A) the Proposal Submitted by the League of Filipino-American Veterans to Rename Hall Ranch Park as Veteran's Memorial Park;
- B) the Proposal Submitted by Al Rose to Restore the Name of Old Alvarado Park;
- C) the Proposal Submitted by the Parks and Recreation Commission to Name the Mini Park Located off Lowry Road adjacent to the Ponderosa and SummerHill Subdivisions as Cerruti Park; and
- D) Resolution Amending Resolution No. 1137-70 to Establish Criteria for the Renaming of Parks in Union City

Deputy City Manager/Leisure Services Director Acosta presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

The following individuals spoke in favor of renaming Hall Ranch Park as Veteran's Memorial Park: Winton Turner, Garrett Yee, Lee Messinger, Roger Narciso, Dick Wentzel, Irv Williams, Mr. Santos, Rick Simmons, Pat Gacoscos, and George Addis.

Diana Gomez, Oscar Pinaranda, Carmen Saldoval, and George Addis spoke in favor of retaining the name of Cesar Chavez in the current park name of Old Alvarado/Cesar Chavez Park.

Yolanda Triana, Donna Sacramento, Dina Hernandez, and Gertrude Corchero expressed support for Al Rose's request to revert the name of Old Alvarado/Cesar Chavez Park to Old Alvarado Park.

Al Rose requested Council restore the name of Old Alvarado Park.

Dan Rose referenced a letter written by his father Al Rose detailing the history of the Old Alvarado area, and spoke in support of working together to recognize city founders.

Hugh McNamara stated that whatever decision was made regarding the renaming of the parks, someone would be dissatisfied.

Ray Montalvano suggested the monument at Kennedy Park be moved to the Veteran's Memorial Park.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, to adopt **Resolution No. 3336-07** amending Resolution No. 1137-70 to establish criteria for the renaming of parks in Union City. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Valle, to approve the request submitted by the Parks and Recreation Commission to name the tot lot located between the Ponderosa and SummerHill subdivisions adjacent to Lowry Road as Cerruti Park. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilmember Valle, seconded by Vice Mayor Navarro, to approve the request submitted by the League of Filipino-American Veterans to rename Hall Ranch Park as Veteran's Memorial Park, in conjunction with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission; to name the athletic fields located in Veteran's

Memorial Park after the Hall family (i.e., Hall Ranch Fields); to retain the recognition plaque currently installed at the tennis courts; and, to direct staff to look into the possibility of moving the Kennedy Park Memorial and flag poles to Veteran's Memorial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

The request submitted by Al Rose to revert the name of Old Alvarado/Cesar Chavez Park to Old Alvarado Park was continued for consideration to the July 10, 2007 regular City Council meeting. In the meantime, staff will work with Rose family members, as well as supporters of recognizing Cesar Chavez and interested parties in the community, to develop a compromise solution.

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

Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Yolanda Triana requested Council reconsider the suggestion that the Kennedy Park memorial be relocated to Veteran's Memorial Park inasmuch as Decoto residents had paid for the memorial and would not appreciate seeing it moved.

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 Valle reported attending an ACAP board meeting where social issues were discussed.

Councilmember Valle expressed appreciation for the letters in support of SB 156 prepared by staff members.

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci reported attending a division meeting for the League of California Cities where a speaker from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission spoke on funding for transportation uses.

Mayor Green announced the Waste Management Authority had moved their offices to the City of Oakland. Mayor Green announced ACTIA offices were relocating to the CMA office on Broadway in Oakland.

Mayor Green announced attending an ABAG hazardous materials meeting, noting that Alameda County leads with approximately 280 green businesses. Mayor Green noted some counties are offering incentives to green businesses.

- 13.b Referral by Councilmember Valle to schedule a discussion regarding a proposed zoning code amendment prohibiting super stores

Councilmember Valle requested a formal discussion of a draft "superstore ban" ordinance at the April 10, 2007 regular Council meeting.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Valle thanked the Public Works department staff for their good work on street sweeping.

Vice Mayor Navarro noted a fence had been knocked down near Kitayama Elementary School.

Vice Mayor Navarro spoke about the noise level late at night near the gun club.

Vice Mayor Navarro expressed his appreciation for the stones installed at the Flight 93 memorial.

Vice Mayor Navarro requested an update regarding street light outages. Public Works Director Cheng stated the contractor had reported some additional wiring work was required.

Mayor Green spoke about graffiti at Delores and Union City Boulevard.

Responding to a request from Mayor Green, Deputy City Manager Acosta provided a brief update on the new gymnasium noting 800 memberships had been received to date, with an average of 30 drop-ins per day. Additionally, the Public Art Review Board was taking a second look at bay friendly landscaping.

Mayor Green noted a portable toilet was observed in a parking lane on northbound Alvarado Boulevard.

Mayor Green suggested yellow signage was needed advising drivers to turn north upon exiting the new gymnasium facility.

Councilmember Valle reported attending a Local Government Commission event at Yosemite, and distributed information to Councilmembers regarding affordable housing funds available and the Ahwahnee Principles.

Mayor Green inquired when the general plan amendment was due. Community and Economic Development Director Leonard stated staff would be bringing forth a comprehensive update in April 2007.

Mayor Green stated Parks and Recreation Commissioner Stanley had resigned over the weekend, and expressed appreciation for the years of service Commissioner Stanley had given to the City. Mayor Green noted his plan to appoint alternate Shawna Curtain at the April 10, 2007 meeting to fill the vacancy created by Commissioner Stanley's resignation.

Mayor Green adjourned the regular meeting to Closed Session at 9:39 p.m.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of GC Section 54956.9
(One Case)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Larry Cheeves, Tony Acosta
Employee organizations: International Association of Firefighters, Local 1946; SEIU Local 790; and, Union City Police Officer's Association

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the Closed Session with no reportable action at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott, City Clerk