

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

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

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Mayor Green announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session held earlier this evening.

I.b Roll Call

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

Absent: None

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.a Presentation by Ron Mickle Regarding the 2008 Olympians Track & Field Clinic at Logan High School

Ron Mickle presented an informative video and requested support for Coach Webb and the Olympian track and field clinic at Logan High School. Mayor Green stated City staff would replay the video on the City's cable government channel to advertise the event.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Cara requested Council consider scheduling a work session in January to discuss the issue of youth violence prevention.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent items 5.g, 5.h and 5.i were removed from consideration.

It was moved by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to approve Consent Items 5.a through 5.f 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 Regular Meeting of November 13, 2007
- 5.c Adopted **Resolution No. 3557-07** Canceling the December 25, 2007 Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting.
- 5.d Adopted **Resolution No. 3558-07** Appropriating Thirty-two Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$32,300) from the Fund Balance of Fund 2010, Leisure Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2007-08 for Leisure Program Activities.
- 5.e Adopted **Resolution No. 3559-07** Accepting Public Improvements for Tract 7576; 32727 Alvarado-Niles Road; Pan-Cal Kenita (Former Hiramine Nursery Site).
- 5.f Adopted **Resolution No. 3560-07** Accepting Improvements for the 2006-07 Slurry Seal Program, City Project No. 07-01.

Consideration of items removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 5.g Adopt a Resolution Awarding the 2007-08 Tree Pruning and Removal Project, City Project No. 07-15

Public Works Superintendent Sealana responded to questions from Councilmembers. It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Valle, to adopt **Resolution No. 3561-07** awarding the 2007-08 tree pruning and removal project, City Project No. 07.15. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.h Report and Recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission Recommending a Playground Design Concept for Charles Kennedy Park

Councilmembers requested staff include color renderings and equipment photographs, whenever possible, in future presentations. It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to adopt **Resolution No. 3562-07** approving the **California Dreamin'** concept for Charles Kennedy play lot renovation, City Project No. 05-32. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.i Adopt a Resolution Approving a Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and Local 1946, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Adopting a Revised Fiscal Year 2007-08 Compensation Plan for IAFF and City Department Heads

Mayor Green announced that, at this time, Council would not be considering approval of a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Union City and Local 1946, International Association of Fire Fighters.

It was moved by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, seconded by Councilmember Valle, to approve the adoption of **Resolution No. 3563-07** amending the Employee Compensation Plan for City Department Heads and City Manager, effective July 1, 2007.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.a Consider Adoption of a Resolution approving the Short Range Transit Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 through 2017

Transit Manager Lee introduced the item and Consultant Bonnie Nelson presented an overview of the short range transit plan. Transit Manager Lee and Ms. Nelson responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor Green opened the public hearing. Naomi Aylesworth requested Council consider retaining and promoting Sunday bus service to the Tropics Mobile Home Park. Eric (last name not available) stated he depended on bus transportation to and from work, and requested Council consider retaining the route servicing Perry Road. Berry Ferrier distributed information regarding bus schedules, and questioned the accuracy of a reference in the transit plan to 50,000 people being employed in the City. Hugh McNamara requested Council consider expanding future routes to include additional commercial areas. Fred Barker spoke in opposition to closing the number 3 line on Sundays. There were no other speakers on the matter. Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

Transit Manager Lee read aloud the following comments he had received:

- October 23, 2007 (e-mail), Theresa San Pedro, Supports Sunday 1B.
- October 19, 2007 (letter), "Concerned Rider", Union City residents need the Sunday Route 3. People shop at Walmart and FoodMaxx and Route 3 is the only direct bus service there. Several people use the Route 3 every Sunday. Use smaller buses to save money. The purpose is to serve the public, not make money. Buses are usually on-time and the drivers are helpful and considerate.
- October 23, 2007 (comment card), "Concerned Rider", Keep Route 3 on Sundays. Only direct service to Walmart and FoodMaxx and it would be a hardship for those without a car.
- October 26, 2007 (e-mail), Anthony Sapienza, Agree with elimination of Sunday Route 3. Should replace with 1B that should cover the Tropics. Sunday Route 2 should go to FoodMaxx. Need to increase frequency of buses.
- November 6, 2007 (phone), City of Hayward Staff, Will need approval before operating on Hayward city streets. Would like to see a bus stop on Lexington @ Mission Blvd. to serve Hayward's affordable housing as well.
- November 12, 2007 (comment card), Charles Cameron, Hayward, CA, Supports Route 4 to Tamarack. Should share bus stops with AC Transit.
- November 19, 2007 (phone), AC Transit Staff, Support the SRTP in general. Route 4 service to Tamarack can be seen as a competitive service because it serves the same area.
- November 20, 2007 (phone), Carmella Pinto, lives near Mann and Starling, I ride the Route 4 to Seven Hills. Please do not change it.
- November 23, 2007 (e-mail), Julie Busbee, Rides the Route 4 along H-Street at least 4 times a day everyday. There are riders who will be affected by the route changes.
- November 26, 2007 (e-mail), Jenny, Frequent rider of 1B and supports Sunday 1B service.
- November 27, 2007 (phone), Lucila Magnon, 32330 Crest Lane, Do not change Route 3 on Almaden. Ride the bus to Safeway and it is very convenient.

- November 27, 2007 (phone), Adiana Santos, 35096 Perry Road, Do not change Route 3. Wants to go to Walmart and FoodMaxx and visit sister on Crest.

It was moved by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, seconded by Vice Mayor Navarro, to increase the ridership goal from 1.2 percent to 4 percent, and to adopt **Resolution No. 3564-07** approving the Union City Short Range Transit Plan for Fiscal Years 2008 through and including 2017.

Ayes: Mayor Green, Vice Mayor Navarro, Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci and Fernandez
Noes: Councilmember Valle
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Green recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

7.a Report on 2007 Make A Difference Day

Public Works Superintendent Sealana presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment. Mayor Green acknowledged the contributions of Mark Thomas & Company, KB Homes, DeSilva Gates, Robert Mowat, Tylin International, Blommers Chocolate, Starbucks Coffee, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Paddy's Coffee House, Jaime Jaramillo, John Haley, Colin Kwok, and Brenda Lightfoot.

VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None

X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

XI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Barry Ferrier spoke about the recurring problem of grocery carts left on City streets, and requested staff work with cart owners regarding the problem. Public Works Director Cheng stated notices had been sent to cart owners advising them to comply with the City's ordinance. Notices will be resent and citations issued to non-compliant owners effective January 15, 2008.

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

Mayor Green stated the City of Dublin had hosted the last Mayor's Conference, which included a tour of their fine Historical Museum, and noted the museum had a very professional appearance.

Mayor Green stated the Chamber of Commerce was moving to Holly House effective December 1.

Mayor Green stated he had attended an ABAG meeting where priority development areas were discussed.

Mayor Green stated Fremont Councilmember Bob Wieckowski had been appointed to serve as the BCDC representative for the southern part of the Bay Area.

Mayor Green stated he had attended a nice Thanksgiving service in the Mission San Jose area.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci stated she had received a telephone call from a resident who was happy with the new park on Railroad Avenue, but the resident had noticed a bolt was missing on the stairs for the 'adventure ship'.

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci requested staff explore the possibility of including environmental awareness programming on the cable channel in an effort to increase ridership on busses as well as carpooling.

Councilmember Valle stated the Veteran's Memorial Park Committee was meeting on a regular basis and working on developing memorial concepts and a fundraising plan.

Councilmember Fernandez inquired about the status of a new sign for Cesar Chavez Park. Deputy City Manager Acosta stated the sign would be installed by Spring 2008 at the latest.

Vice Mayor Navarro commented the microphones appeared to be cutting in and out during the meeting. City Manager Cheeves stated staff would check into the matter.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the Liberty Park gymnasium. Deputy City Manager Acosta stated staff had not received a return call from a telephone message left with the HOA, but would continue attempting to schedule a meeting.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the horse stables. Deputy City Manager Acosta provided an update, noting Robert Mowat had offered to view the site and provide pro bono site development sketches.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the Turk Island site. Economic and Community Development Director Leonard provided an update stating staff was ready to move forward, and the Developer was interested and reviewing funding options.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the audio-visual upgrade for the Council Chambers. Deputy City Manager Acosta provided an update, noting expensive funding challenges were anticipated for equipment upgrades.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the replacement for Fire Station No. 3 on 7th Street. Public Works Director Cheng stated the architect was currently working on the final drawings, and staff expected to return to the Council by the second meeting in January 2008.

Mayor Green asked about the status of the police substation. Police Chief Stewart stated the prevailing wage issue had been settled, and staff was attempting to schedule a meeting with the owner and architects.

Mayor Green announced Council was scheduled for a Special meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2008, to discuss strategic planning, emergency preparedness, the public safety revenue enhancement bond measure, and future directions for the City.

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk