

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY OF UNION CITY  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
Saturday, December 1, 2007  
8:30 a.m.  
Union City Sports Center Classroom  
31224 Union City Boulevard**

A continental breakfast was served beginning at 8:30 a.m.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mayor Green led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

## II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

## III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 3.1 Strategic Planning Update

- A) Review and Discussion of Six Current Priorities
- B) Next Steps

City Manager Cheeves provided introductory remarks and presented a report on Union City's Strategic Plan. Current priorities, not listed in order of importance, are to:

- foster economic sustainability to realize the City's vision and maintain infrastructure and services
- demand the highest aesthetic quality to create a sense of place that is recognized in the Bay Area
- engage in regional and local partnerships to leverage resources
- expand park facilities and leisure service programs available to the entire Union City community
- foster safety and security throughout the community
- improve the quality and diversity of housing stock

Councilmembers provided comment.

### 3.2 Emergency Preparedness

- A) Review Legal Requirements
- B) Current Status of City Efforts
- C) Coordination with NHUSD and Other Agencies

Fire Chief Rodriguez, and Fire Engineer Rogge, presented information regarding the legal requirements and current status of the City's efforts in developing an Emergency Preparedness plan. Fire Chief Rodriguez provided an overview of the basic structure of the Incident Command System (ICS) and discussed key roles each position will play in the event of an emergency.

Councilmembers commented about the:

- potential for problems associated with power generation (i.e., transmission lines, gas pipelines) during a disaster
- importance of coordinating with private and public agencies as well as managing anticipated volunteers, both trained and untrained
- need to develop a master plan database and communications system (i.e., satellite phones, radio options)
- importance of utilizing the cable channel as a resource for public information during an emergency

Fire Engineer Rogge provided an example of Newark's Short Range AM Broadcast System (AM1610).

**Mayor Green recessed to a break at 11:15 a.m.**

**Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 11:27 a.m.**

**3.3 2008 Public Safety Revenue Enhancement**

- A) Review of City Options; Parcel Tax, General Tax
- B) Timing Issues; Process Required to Place on Ballot
- C) Citizen Survey Timing and Content

City Manager Cheeves introduced the item, and spoke about the timeline for the current parcel tax measure approved by voters in 2004.

Administrative Services Director Digre presented information regarding revenue comparisons between Union City and other cities.

Deputy City Manager Acosta provided an overview of public safety revenue enhancement options and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers provided comment and directed staff to return with options for a June ballot measure.

**Mayor Green recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:40 p.m.**

**Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 1:25 p.m.**

**3.4 Future Directions for Union City**

Economic and Community Development Director Leonard provided an overview of land use and development synopsis.

Councilmembers provided comment.

**IV. CLOSING REMARKS**

Councilmembers directed staff to schedule a work session on Youth Violence issues for Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers and City Manager Cheeves expressed appreciation to staff for the level of effort in compiling information presented at today's work session.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Castain  
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