

# MINUTES

## CITY OF UNION CITY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

Cesar Chavez/ Former Barnard White Middle School  
725 Whipple Road, Room B-1  
Union City, CA

### I. Call to Order

Mayor Green called the special meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., acknowledging it was his Mother's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

### II. Roll Call

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

### III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Green led the salute to the flag.

### IV. Introduction of Special Guests

Mayor Green acknowledged the following special guests in attendance:

Supervisor Gail Steele  
Jo Cazenave (representing Congressman Pete Stark)  
Heidi Kitayama  
John Seoane and wife Wanda (son of Joseph Seoane, Jr.)  
Irv Williams  
Delaine Eastin  
Todd Carscadden (son of Jean Westgard)  
Mayor Dick Oliver  
Former City Manager Karen Smith  
Former City Clerk Linda West  
Former Economic & Community Development Director Mark Leonard  
Economic & Community Development Director Joan Malloy  
Fire Chief Carlos Rodriguez  
Police Chief Greg Stewart  
Public Works Director Mintze Cheng  
Administrative Services Director Rich Digre  
City Clerk Renee Elliott

City Attorney Mike Riback  
City Manager Larry Cheeves  
Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta  
Dan and Al Rose  
Gertrude Cochero  
Mattie Rousseau  
Isabel Loyola  
Jaime Jaramillo  
Kenita and Brenda (daughters of Kenneth Garcia)

**V. Slide Presentation: Union City Incorporation History and the First Council Meeting**

City Manager Cheeves narrated a slide presentation commemorating the incorporation history of Union City, and the first City Council meeting held January 26, 1959.

**VI. Slide Presentation: 50 Years of Progress in Union City**

Deputy City Manager Acosta narrated a slide presentation retrospective of the first 50 years of growth and progress in Union City.

**VII. Oral Communications: Presentation of Legislative Proclamations; Comments from Former Mayors, Council Members and City Managers; Public Comments**

Supervisor Gail Steele presented a proclamation from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors celebrating Union City's 50 Golden Years, and spoke about the unique qualities of life in Union City.

Jo Cazenave, representing Congressman Pete Stark, presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition commemorating the City of Union City's incorporation on January 26, 1959.

Jason Overman, representing Senator Ellen Corbett, presented a Certificate of Recognition in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Union City.

The following individuals offered their memories of living, working, and serving in Union City:

Heidi Kitayama	Dick Oliver	Delaine Eastin	Karen Smith
Al Rose	Gertie Cochero	Mattie Rousseau	Isabel Loyola
Jaime Jaramillo	Myrla Raymundo	Jess Martinez	Sarabjit Cheema
Alexandra San Felipe	Rev. Jerome Brown		

Mayor Green read aloud an out-of-country acknowledgement received from Graham Hornel, former Park and Recreation Commissioner.

**VIII. Reception for Birthday Cake Cutting & Refreshments**

Mayor Green recessed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.  
A reception was held in celebration of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**IX. Presentation: Opening the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule**

Mayor Green opened the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary time capsule which contained the following items:

- Daily Review newspaper dated January 25, 1984 (advertising the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Daily Review newspaper dated January 26, 1984
- Brochure from Tap Plastics (created time capsule used in 1984)
- “I Love Union City” 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary coffee mug from the Union City Lionesses’
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary silver emblem cake topper
- Letter from Leisure Services staff member Jackie Watson stating the collection of items for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary time capsule had been completed on March 19, 1987, and a program from the March 21, 1987 dedication ceremony of the sealing and burying of the time capsule
- June 24, 1984 Fire Station dedication program
- VHS video tape of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Book entitled “Looking Back – Early Glimpses of Union City”
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary scrap book of memorabilia, including an original seal and old photographs

**X. Presentation: Collection of Items for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule**

A number of items were received from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Additional donations are welcome and should be delivered to City Hall.

**XI. Presentation: UC50 Sponsor Keys to City**

Mayor Green presented ‘Keys to the City’ to representatives of the following major contributors, supporters and sponsors of the City’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

ABAXIS

FREMONT BANK

**XII. Slide Presentation: Future Union City 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Events in 2009**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairperson Helen Kennedy provided an overview of upcoming events planned for 2009.

**XIII. Video Presentation: “50 Ways To Love Union City”**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairperson Helen Kennedy introduced the video “50 Ways To Love Union City”.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott  
City Clerk