

MINUTES

CITY OF UNION CITY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009
7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

I.b Roll Call

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

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Valle, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to approve Consent Item 3.a as recommended by staff.

3.a Adopted **Resolution No. 3773-09** Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Letter Commenting on the Tentative Order for the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Permit No. CAS612008) Dated February 11, 2009 to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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

IV. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

4.a Report to the City Council Regarding Reductions in Police Services and Requesting Approval to Seek Grant Funds to Offset Pending Reductions from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act

City Manager Cheeves presented the staff report and, along with Police Chief Stewart, responded to questions from Councilmembers.

The following individuals expressed their gratitude for the many contributions made by the Union City Police Department staff, especially in establishing and supporting Neighborhood Watch Programs and working with youth in elementary and

secondary schools, and requested Council approve the search for grant funds: Jaime Jaramillo, Shawna Curtain, Edith Miranda, Ernest Avaya, Reiner Glausch, Sheryl Glausch, Lillian Martinez, Maria Spagle, Elizabeth Silva, Kathy Saldivor, and Bob Singer.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez, to:

- 1) Receive community feedback regarding the proposed reductions and the funding opportunities available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act;
- 2) Acknowledge the Police Department will need to reduce its budget by up to \$3.7 million dollars and that the ensuing budget reductions will require the reduction of ten (10) police officer positions and a hiring freeze of six (6) vacant police officer positions if alternative funding resources are not located and accessed;
- 3) Authorize staff to seek alternative funding sources for police officer positions through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Grant applications; and
- 4) Approve **Resolution No. 3774-09** to seek \$3.7 Million Dollars in Grant Funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and Justice Assistance Grant to Mitigate Loss of Police Department Services.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 7:46 p.m. in memory of Conrado Barba.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk