

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

I.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Duncan, Ellis and Gacoscos, Vice Mayor Navarro,
Mayor Green

Absent: None

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.a Proclamation Declaring January 2011 as "National Blood Donor Month" in the City of Union City

Mayor Green read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Donor Recruitment Account Manager Ed Faso who expressed his appreciation on behalf of the American Red Cross.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Helen Kennedy introduced a delegation of teachers from the Hangzhou Youth Cultural Activities Center in China.

Myrla Raymundo encouraged community support for purchasing the *Union City Oral History*, a book published as a fund raiser for the Union City Historical Museum.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 5.e was removed from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Councilmember Gacoscos, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to approve Consent Calendar Items 5.a through 5.d, and 5.f through 5.i as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.a Waived 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 January 11, 2011, and Special Meeting of January 14, 2011
- 5.c Conducted Second Reading (by title only) and Adopted **Ordinance No. 757-11** Approving Municipal Code Amendment (AT-08-10) to: Re-establish Language Requiring Residential Waste Containers to be Screened from Public View; Re-establish Requirement that Sign Copy be Limited to Business Name and Address; Re-establish Senior Housing Parking Standard; delete Smoking Lounges from the List of Conditionally Permitted Uses in all Commercial Zoning Districts; and Update Floodplain Combining District for Consistency with Current FEMA Guidelines (Introduced on January 11, 2011)
- 5.d Adopted **Resolution No. 4090-11** Approving Specifications for Purchase of One (1) Regenerative Air Sweeper, City Project No. 11-02
- 5.f Adopted **RDA Resolution No. 429-11** Authorizing a Contract Amendment with ROMA Design Group to Consulting Services Agreement 3181 to Prepare Construction Documents and to Provide Construction Support for the Pedestrian Promenade and Children's Playground Located Between Block 3 and Block 4 in the Station District
- 5.g Adopted **Resolution No. 4091-11** to Amend Union City Master Fee Schedule to Include a New Annual Fee for Tobacco Retail Licenses per Municipal Code Section 5.42, Tobacco Retailers and Ordinance No. 741-10.
- 5.h Adopted **Resolution No. 4092-11** to Accepting Improvements for the Security Fence System at Police Department Parking Lot, City Project No. 10-04
- 5.i Adopt City Council **Resolution No. 4093-11**, and **RDA Resolution No. 430-11** Ratifying City Council Resolution No 4089-11 and Agency Board Resolution No 428-11 Resolutions Authorizing the Expenditure of Tax Increment Funds for Specified Public Improvements and Redevelopment Activities, Adopting Findings Required by Health and Safety Code Section 33445, and Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Union City, and Adopting CEQA Findings Regarding the Same

Consideration of Item 5.e removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 5.e Adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus

Public Works Director Cheng responded to questions from Councilmembers.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Ellis, to adopt **Resolution No. 4094-11** Declaring Certain Vehicles and Equipment as Surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.a An Overview of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Senate Bill 375, Which Will Develop a 25-year Land Use Strategy for the Bay Area in Order to Integrate the Regional Transportation Plan with Land Use

Economic and Community Development Director Malloy presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment. Mayor Green provided an update on Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) efforts by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and other agencies. Council recommended ABAG and Metropolitan Transportation Commission representatives provide periodic status updates regarding regional SCS efforts. No action was required or taken.

- 7.b Adopt a Resolution Approving the Preparation of Schematic Plans for the Liberty Park Renovation Project to be Funded by Measure WW Park Bond Funds, Including an Aquatic Facility, Parking Facilities, and Upgraded Children's Play Area and Picnic Areas

Deputy City Manager Acosta presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Barry Ferrier expressed support for a lap pool to be constructed in Union City.

Travis Sousa expressed opposition to the project given current economic challenges faced by the City.

Carol Beardsley expressed opposition to the project stating public safety issues should be a first priority.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Vice Mayor Navarro, to adopt **Resolution No. 4095-11** Authorizing the Preparation of Schematic Plans and CEQA Documentation for the Liberty Park Renovation Project to be Funded by Measure WW Park Bond Funds, Including an Aquatic Facility, Parking Facilities, and Upgraded Children's Play Area and Picnic Areas and Approving the Liberty Park Renovation Project.

Ayes: Councilmember Gacoscos, Vice Mayor Navarro, Mayor Green
Noes: Councilmembers Duncan and Ellis
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- 7.c Adopt a Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget for Restoration of Selected Budgetary Reductions

Administrative Services Director Digre presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Vice Mayor Navarro exited the Council Chambers at 8:50 p.m.

Vice Mayor Navarro returned to the Council Chambers at 8:55 p.m.

As directed by City Manager Cheeves, the following department directors provided specific information regarding the funding restoration proposals for their departments:

- Deputy City Manager Tony Acosta for the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and Leisure Services budgets.
- Administrative Services (ASD) Director Digre for the ASD budget.

- Economic and Community Development (ECD) Director Malloy for the ECD budget.
- Police Chief Stewart for the Police budget.
- Public Works Director Cheng for the Public Works budget.

John Repar expressed appreciation for the detailed information included in the report, but stated the proposals are actually budget increases not restorations and should include measurable benefits.

Councilmembers provided comment.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Councilmember Gacoscos, to adopt **Resolution No. 4096-11** Amending the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 8.a Adopt Resolutions of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Union City Documenting Redevelopment Agency Investments in the Project Area, that Benefit the Community, Stimulate Economic Development, Expand the Tax Base, and Create Jobs, and Therefore Opposing the Governor's Proposal to Disband Redevelopment Agencies

City Manager Cheeves expressed pride in Union City's Redevelopment Agency efforts, and stated the length of the staff report was necessary in order to adequately chronicle the Agency's investments in the project area.

Redevelopment Agency Manager Evanoff presented the staff report and responded to questions from Council/Agency Members. Council/Agency Members provided comment.

It was moved by Council/Agency Member Duncan, seconded by Council/Agency Member Ellis, to adopt City Council **Resolution No. 4097-11**, and **RDA Resolution No. 431-11**, Documenting Redevelopment Agency Investments in the Project Area, that Benefit the Community, Stimulate Economic Development, Expand the Tax Base, and Create Jobs, and Therefore Opposing the Governor's Proposal to Disband Redevelopment Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None

X. CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

XI. SECOND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

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

Vice Mayor Navarro stated he is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Associated Community Action Program on February 2.

Councilmember Gacoscos reported having attended the two-day training with the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Academy in Sacramento.

Councilmember Ellis stated he served as a facilitator for the Union City Chamber of Commerce retreat on January 22.

Councilmember Ellis reported attending the Hillview Crest Resource Center opening on January 14.

Councilmember Ellis reported having attended the two-day training with the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Academy in Sacramento.

Councilmember Duncan reported having attended the two-day training with the League of California Cities New Mayor and Council Academy in Sacramento.

Councilmember Duncan stated she will attend the League of California Cities East Bay Division meeting on January 26.

Councilmember Duncan stated she will attend the Economic Development Advisory Team meeting on January 26.

Councilmember Duncan stated she will attend the Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting on January 27.

Mayor Green reported attending a meeting of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) on January 20, where Ana Apodaca was appointed as ABAG's south bay representative on the Bay Conservation Development Commission.

Mayor Green reported attending an ABAG anniversary event with Economic and Community Development Director Malloy, where a discussion occurred regarding interagency issues between East Bay Regional Park District, Alameda County Flood Control, and the City of Union City related to the construction of the Bay Trail on the western edge of the City.

Mayor Green reported attending an Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting where new members have joined from Fremont, Alameda, and Alameda County.

Mayor Green stated he would be signing documents at the Waste Management Authority related to an Environmental Protection Agency grant to be used for training and technical support for reducing pollution as it relates to storm water runoff.

Mayor Green stated he would be attending the farewell for East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Pat O'Brien on Saturday, January 29.

Mayor Green stated Fremont Councilmember Chan reported her husband would be running a dental clinic on February 5 at the University of the Pacific clinic on 12th & J

Streets in Union City.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Ellis stated the parking machines were mal-functioning at BART, causing long lines for riders trying to purchase parking permits. Redevelopment Manager Evanoff stated Public Parking Associates would be providing staff during morning commute hours to assist with parking permits until the equipment problems are remedied.

Councilmember Ellis stated residents had requested consideration for crosswalk striping on Winchester Drive between Medallion and Kitayama, and on Claremont Street between Sheila Drive and Medallion.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she was pleased to see construction begin for a police sub-station at the Four Corners Area. Mayor Green requested quarterly updates in The Week That Was.

Vice Mayor Navarro announced a Lions Club crab feed event is scheduled at the Ruggieri Senior Center on January 29.

Vice Mayor Navarro announced an Indo-American Federation celebration is scheduled for January 30 at the Newark Pavilion.

Vice Mayor Navarro announced a Chinese New Year event with the Rotary Club is planned at the Mayflower on February 13.

Mayor Green will attend a Greenbelt Alliance tour at Mission Gateway on January 29 at 2:00 p.m.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

A Special Meeting Closed Session was called by Mayor Green via special meeting agenda posted January 24, 2011. Minutes of the Special Meeting Closed Session will be submitted separately.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the regular meeting to the Special Meeting Closed Session at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk