

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
7:00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

I.b Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilmember Ellis

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.a Resolutions Recognizing the 2010 Employee of the Year Recipients:

Avalon Schultz, General Government

Corporal Victor Derting, Public Safety

Jesus Garcia, Public Works Maintenance/Leisure Services/Transit

Mayor Green read each of the resolutions aloud and presented them to the 2010 Employee of the Year Recipients.

3.b Presentation by Superintendent Kari McVeigh on the Proposed New Haven Unified School District Parcel Tax Election

New Haven Unified School District Superintendent Kari McVeigh presented details regarding the proposed school district parcel tax.

Richard Valle, Campaign Chairperson of the Parcel Tax Citizen's Committee, requested the City Council:

- endorse the 2011 New Haven Unified School District Parcel Tax Measure B, "Taking Care Of Our Kids"
- authorize motorcycle officers be assigned to insure the safety of parcel tax supporters participating in a march from James Logan High School to Lowe's at Union Landing on March 19, 2011, from 10 am – 12 noon, the cost of which will be reimbursed to the City from campaign funds raised to support the school district parcel tax

- participate in a photo opportunity to be used on campaign literature in support of the proposed parcel tax

James Logan High School student Sara Dahdouh spoke about the benefits of participating in out-of-classroom programs provided at the schools within the district.

Louise Grohnke expressed support for the proposed parcel tax.

Chuck Lehnus distributed information regarding foreclosures in Union City, and expressed opposition to the proposed school district parcel tax.

By consensus, Consent Calendar Item 5.f was moved forward for consideration and adoption at this time. Councilmembers provided comment.

- 5.f Adopt a Resolution Endorsing the 2011 New Haven Unified School District Parcel Tax (May 2011 Special Election)

Carol Dutra-Vernaci expressed support for the proposed parcel tax.

Chuck Lehnus stated the rating for Union City’s schools is down, and funding should be used for core academic subjects rather than funding after school programs.

Charmaine Kawaguchi, President of the New Haven Teachers Association, expressed support for the proposed parcel tax.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Vice Mayor Navarro, to adopt **Resolution No. 4098-11** Endorsing the 2011 New Haven Unified School District Parcel Tax “Taking Care Of Our Kids” (May 3, 2011 Special Election).

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

Mayor Green and Councilmembers posed for a photograph alongside parcel tax committee members.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Carol Dutra-Vernaci distributed information from, and provided a brief report about, the January 2011 Alameda County Housing Commission meeting.

Susan Garcia questioned the decision to fund an aquatic center given other pressing needs in the City.

Barry Ferrier spoke about the Alameda County Transportation Plan currently undergoing an update process, and suggested interested citizens provide input as soon as possible.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 5.f was previously removed from the Consent Calendar for consideration under Agenda Item 3.b above.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items 5.a through 5.e as recommended by staff.

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

- 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 Regular and Special Meetings of January 25, 2011
- 5.c Rejected Claim No. 826, Submitted by CSAA Insurance on behalf of its insured Alfred Musgrove, as Recommended by the City's Claims Administrator
- 5.d Adopted **Resolution No. 4099-11** Modifying the Existing Appropriation and Re-appropriating 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Funds in the Sum of \$4,856 for the Purchase of 400 MHZ UHF Portable Hand Pack Radios
- 5.e Adopted **Resolution No. 4100-11** Designating Muni Services LLC as the Authorized City Representative to Examine Board of Equalization (BOE) Sales and Use Tax Records

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6.a Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City Union City amending Title 5 of the Union City Municipal Code "Business Licenses and Regulations" by amending Chapter 5.32 of the Municipal Code with respect to Bingo Games for Charity pursuant to Section 23701-d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code to conform to the provisions of Section 326.5 of the State Penal Code

Administrative Services Director Digre presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. A desk item was submitted reflecting additional edits to the proposed ordinance.

Stephanie Butler, representing the Tropics Resident's Club, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance amendment.

Naomi Aylesworth spoke in support of the proposed ordinance amendment.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Navarro, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, to adopt changes to Bingo Section 5.32 of the Municipal Code to be in conformance with the State Law, and introduce an Ordinance Approving Municipal Code Approving Municipal code Amendments to Title 5 of the Union City Municipal Code "Business Licenses and Regulations" by Amending Chapter 5.32 of the Municipal Code with Respect to Bingo Games for Charity Pursuant to Section 23701-D of the California Revenue and Taxation Code to Conform and Incorporate the Provisions of Section 326.5 of the State Penal Code.

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

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

7.a Provide Direction to Staff Regarding City Council Retreat Tentatively Scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011

City Manager Cheeves presented the report to solicit Council feedback and direction regarding a City Council Retreat tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Holly Community Center.

Councilmembers provided comments regarding elements of the upcoming retreat, including the following topics for discussion:

- Meeting protocols
- Agenda protocols and process
- Referrals from Council
- Communication protocols
- Strategic Plan
- Budget
- Progress reports on pending projects (i.e., Mid Peninsula, Police Substation)
- Effects of bond sales
- General Plan
- Question and Answer period

VIII. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

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 attended his first meeting of the Associated Community Action Program.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she had met with a representative from Assemblymember Wieckowski's office and discussed priorities and issues important to Union City. Councilmember Gacoscos stated she was glad to have had available the

documents relating to Redevelopment projects completed by Union City which should enable Assemblymember Wieckowski to have a clear understanding of the benefits of such projects.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she would be attending an Alameda County Housing Commission meeting early Wednesday morning with Carol Dutra-Vernaci.

Councilmember Duncan reported attending the League of California Cities East Bay Division meeting on January 26, where the discussion focused on the potential impacts to RDA budgets as a result of the governor's proposal.

Councilmember Duncan reported attending an Economic Development Advisory Team meeting, along with Councilmember Ellis, on January 26. Councilmember Duncan will propose to the team that it present information regarding its current work in Union City at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Duncan reported attending an Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting on January 27.

Mayor Green provided a brief update on StopWaste.Org projects including the "Lose Your Lawn Campaign", and the "Ready, Set, Recycle Contest".

Mayor Green stated the Alameda County Transportation Commission was working on its expenditure plan, and stressed the importance of compromise to achieve the two-thirds vote required to pass a new County-wide ½-cent sales tax measure.

Mayor Green stated the Housing Methodology Program committee had met, and requested Vern Smith attend future meetings on behalf of Union City.

Mayor Green stated he and City Manager Cheeves will be attending a press conference in Oakland on Wednesday morning regarding redevelopment.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Duncan stated she had also met with Assemblymember Wieckowski's staff, and noted Assemblymember Wieckowski plans to hold a public meeting and panel discussion regarding the State budget on February 24, 2011, from 6-8 pm, in the Union City Council Chambers.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she had attended a Lion's Club event to raise money for Centro de Servicio's Food Pantry.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she had attended an Indian Independence Anniversary Celebration event.

Councilmember Gacoscos stated she had attended a kickoff event for the 2011 Relay For Life cancer fundraiser to be held this August at James Logan High School.

Vice Mayor Navarro inquired about the status of purchasing property for a new police station. City Manager Cheeves stated there was no plan at this time, but a project has been

discussed to construct a new evidence storage facility at the Corporation Yard, which would result in freeing up space currently used in the police department.

Mayor Green stated he was scheduled to speak this Thursday night on KFOX radio at 6 p.m.

Mayor Green stated Coach Webb's annual track-and-field clinic was scheduled for this Saturday.

Mayor Green stated he had forwarded the name of a potential volunteer to Community and Economic Development Director Malloy, and inquired as to the process of utilizing volunteers to assist in city departments. City Manager Cheeves stated the City is always happy to receive volunteer assistance, and volunteers are registered through the Human Resources department with a goal of matching skills or interests to needs within a particular department.

Mayor Green stated he had met with YMCA representatives in Oakland, and had passed along Deputy City Manager Acosta's name to them for potential discussions and/or partnering regarding youth and gang violence outreach efforts. Deputy City Manager Acosta stated he will be meeting with YMCA staff soon.

Mayor Green stated he had spoken with John Torres, Fire Union President, about how well things were going with the transition to Alameda County Fire.

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk