

**Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Green called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Navarro, Fernandez, Mayor Green
Absent: Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, Vice Mayor Valle

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Consideration of a Resolution approving Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for fiscal years 2006 through 2015

Transit Manager Lee introduced the staff report and advised that this hearing was continued from the December 13, 2005 meeting.

Tony Divito of AC Transit and AC Transit Board Member Chris Peeples addressed the Council about trends and ridership with regard to public transportation.

Barry Ferrier spoke of his experience using public transportation. He felt frequency, convenience and speed are critical in getting people out of their cars.

Hugh McNamara said he always uses BART when going into Oakland. He said he was very familiar with the number of seniors who use public transportation.

Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Fernandez suggested a promotion campaign to encourage people to ride the buses. He felt educating the public on how to use the bus system would be helpful. He said users need to feel comfortable about using public transportation.

Mayor Green expressed a desire for staff to explore new creative approaches to increase the ridership. He asked the length of time it would take to complete a longer-term study.

Mr. Lee said a long-term restructuring study and implementation program could take up to a year.

Motion: It was m/s by Fernandez/Green to adopt **Resolution No.** approving the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for Fiscal Years 2006 through 2015. Motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Fernandez, Navarro, Mayor Green

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, Vice Mayor Valle

IV. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Diaz. MMC
City Clerk