

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF UNION CITY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 28, 2006
6:00 P.M.

City Council Conference Room
34009 Alvarado Niles Road

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Mayor Green, Councilmembers Fernandez and Navarro
Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci arrived at 6:16 p.m.
Vice Mayor Valle arrived at 6:30 p.m.

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER ALBERTO TORRICO, 20TH DISTRICT

A. Discussion regarding the need for State funding through the State Budget or a New Library Bond. Assemblymember Torrico expressed support for library funding, noting there has been talk at the State level regarding a potential statewide library bond and high speed rail bond for the 2008 ballot.

B. Discussion regarding Intermodal Transit Station Project Funding

--Dumbarton Rail Corridor – Organize and support meeting with NUMMI to lobby Port of Oakland and UPRR to support funding of Segment F & G from 11/07 Bond with match from Regional Measure 2 (outcomes include a new freight rail bridge across the Alameda County Flood Control Channel, a Capitol Corridor stop in Union City, and remove freight trains from Centerville)

--Dumbarton Rail Corridor – Meeting with Oakland A's regarding Segment G impacts on stadium access to Capitol Corridor, ACE train, UC BART, Caltrain and Diridon Station (Note: can provide access to 49er stadium in Santa Clara, too)

C. Discussion regarding Regional Transportation Priorities and the need for regional coordination on funding priorities. Mayor Green reviewed regional transportation project needs in the East Bay. Assemblymember Torrico noted he had requested the opportunity to continue to serve on the Transportation Committee, and his support for insuring that the Bay Area received its fair share of available funding.

D. Discussion regarding Mobile Home Park Legislation

--Require Joint Power Authorities (California Mobile Home Park Authority) that issue tax exempt bonds to determine household income based on actual income and family size, rather than the current presumption that a double

wide unit is assumed to have three household members and an income of \$37,000 a year.

E. Discussion of the Legislative Outlook for 2006-07

- Healthcare
- No on-time budget
- Bond support
- Redistricting
- Public safety / prison system problems

Police Chief Randy Ulibarri spoke about the importance of supporting Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding (SLEF) Grants and booking fees for cities.

Fire Chief Carlos Rodriguez spoke about the importance of insuring that smaller cities have adequate funding for EOC planning, and that funds not be directed to large cities only.

Vice Mayor Valle spoke about Kaiser's practice of providing emergency room services to members only, which creates a strain on other local area hospitals to provide emergency services to individuals who are not members of Kaiser.

Vice Mayor Valle requested support for including the California Wine industry in the California Redemption program, noting lobbyists had succeeded in exempting the wine industry from participating thus far.

City Manager Cheeves expressed appreciation for Assemblymember Torrico's past support for cities, and requested Assemblymember Torrico continue to be open to listening to the causes of General Law cities.

Assemblymember Torrico expressed his appreciation for working with Union City's elected officials as well as its staff, noting the excellent quality of life for Union City residents. Assemblymember Torrico assured Councilmembers of his continued advocacy and support.

No reportable action was taken.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk