

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION
CITY OF UNION CITY
CITY COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008
7:00 PM**

**UNION CITY SPORTS CENTER
31224 Union City Boulevard**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.a Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Green lead the salute to the flag.

1.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Navarro and Valle, Mayor Green

Absent: Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Vice Mayor Fernandez (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

II. ORAL COMMUNICATION - None

III. WORK SESSION

3.a Council Work Session on Spending Reductions to Balance the Adopted FY 2008-09 General Fund Budget

City Manager Cheeves provided an overview of the approved spending reductions made by department's to-date. City Manager Cheeves presented the remaining proposed balancing option alternatives for the fiscal year 2008-09 budget. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Sarabjit Cheema expressed concern regarding any reduction in library service hours.

Union City Librarian Mira Geroy expressed appreciation for the city's financial support of library services over the years, and encouraged support for Measure UU.

Vance Snyder, an Alvarado Middle School educator, spoke about the importance of maintaining the current level of library service hours, and requested continued financial support for Union City Library services.

Hugh McNamara inquired about the proposed reduction in Senior Center hours, and expressed support for Measure UU.

Frank Gonzales expressed support for maintaining the hours of operation at the Union City Sports Center; expressed his appreciation for the helpful staff; and, described the positive impacts the Sports Center has made in his developing a healthy new lifestyle.

Bonny Ngo expressed concern regarding any reduction in the hours of operation at the Union City Sports Center.

Elizabeth Silva expressed support for the city's continued financial assistance for the library and Union City Sports Center.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

By consensus, the City Council canceled the Special Meeting and Work Session previously set for Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m., at the Kennedy Community Center. Council will be prepared to make its decision regarding spending reductions to balance the adopted FY 2008-09 General Fund Budget at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the Special Meeting and Work Session at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk