

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Green announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session held earlier this evening.

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

I.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Dutra-Vernaci, Navarro and Valle, Vice Mayor Fernandez,
Mayor Green

Absent: None

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

III. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.a Presentation of the Hetch Hetchy Water System Improvement Program by Surinderjeet "Jeet" Bajwa, Program Deputy Director for San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Deputy Director Baiwa presented information regarding the Hetch Hetchy Water System Improvement Program, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

3.b County Silver Sentinel Drill Update and Hayward Fault Presentation

Fire Chief Rodriguez presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Assistant Fire Chief Smith spoke about an upcoming Duck-Cover-Hold drill on October 23, 2008, which will conclude with an EOC exercise training session. Community and Economic Development Director Leonard spoke about seismic retrofitting of structures in Union City, and noted the next building code update could include provisions regarding retrofitting.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christian Hodgen expressed opposition to Measure UU.

Vince Fernelius inquired about the code section that allows for only one year of refund to be reimbursed for the 911 fee. City Attorney Ribback stated Government Code Section 911.2 was the appropriate reference pertaining to claims for money against public entities.

Lynne Mattos spoke about the low per capita tax rate in Union City, and expressed support for Measure UU.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Valle, to approve Consent Items 5.a through 5.h as recommended by staff. Motion approved 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 September 23, 2008
- 5.c Approved Minutes for the Special Meeting & Work Session of October 9, 2008
- 5.d Adopted **Resolution No. 3715-08** Appropriating Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from the Leisure Enterprise Fund (Fund 2010) to the Leisure Services Department Operating Budget for Computer Replacements and Upgrades during Fiscal Year 2008-09
- 5.e Adopted **Resolution No. 3716-08** Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from Alameda County Waste Management Authority for a Bay-Friendly Landscape Grant for Alvarado Boulevard Median Renovation, City Project No. 05-26
- 5.f Adopted **Resolution No. 3717-08** Establishing an Appropriation (Gann) Limit for Fiscal Year 2008/09
- 5.g Adopted **Resolution No. 3718-08** Granting a 299.60 Square Foot Aboveground and Underground Water Facilities Easement to Alameda County Water District for Provision of Water Service to the City's Fire Station No. 3, City Project No. 03-05
- 5.h Adopted **Resolution No. 3719-08** Accepting and Appropriating the Community Oriented Policing Services Technology Program Grant

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.a Report and Recommendations on Interim Spending Reductions Required to Balance the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget

Deputy City Manager Acosta presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. City Manager Cheeves responded to questions regarding the reduction of Fire Department overtime.

Police Athletic League (PAL) Board Member Tim Guterrez spoke in support of continuing the PAL organization.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, to approve the proposed Interim Spending Reduction Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-09, including further spending reductions in the General Fund as follows:

- Fire Department overtime reduced five percent (5%)
- Transferring the Police Department's PAL Officer to the Patrol Division and keeping the PAL Officer position vacant for the remainder of FY 2008-09
- Make-A-Difference-Day overtime reduced fifty percent (50%).

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci provided an overview of the various sessions presented at the 2008 League of California Cities conference she attended at the end of September.

Mayor Green announced Administrative Services Director Rich Digre will be a member of the CMA Audit Committee.

Mayor Green stated Waste Management had received 41 applications for the position vacated by former Executive Direction Karen Smith.

Mayor Green stated he had attended an EDAB awards ceremony for green business practices.

Mayor Green spoke about the need for widening Hesperian Boulevard, above Whipple to Industrial, to mitigate the anticipated traffic impacts that are certain to occur once the Costco store opens in mid to late 2009. Mayor Green spoke of the importance of both cities meeting to discuss the matter.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Navarro expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Cheng for the signage placed at the new fire station.

Councilmember Navarro announced the Filipino Heritage Association of the East Bay will be sponsoring a free flu vaccination event on November 22 at Fire Station No. 1.

Vice Mayor Fernandez spoke about an aphid infestation in Old Alvarado, and requested staff investigate the matter.

Mayor Green expressed concern about the illegal placement of political signs in the city.

Mayor Green inquired about the status of the equestrian creek project. Deputy City Manager Acosta provided a brief status update related to property ownership, and the impact of a levee retrofit project on the north side of Alameda Creek.

Mayor Green inquired about the mini-Turk Island site. Community and Economic Development Director Leonard provided a brief status update.

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk