

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

City Attorney Riback 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 Recognition of Captain John Whiting as the 2008 Outstanding Firefighter of the Year

Mayor Green announced that Captain Whiting was out of town on assignment and the item would, therefore, be continued to the November 25, 2008 Council meeting.

3.b Presentation of Proclamations for Make A Difference Day 2008

Mayor Green read the resolution aloud, thanking and commending the following establishments for supporting Make-A-Difference-Day in Union City 2008:

Kelly-Moore Paint	Krispy Kreme Donuts
Mark Thomas & Co.	Nolte Associates Inc.
ROMA Design	Straw Hat Pizza
Tri-Valley Electrical	TY Lin International
West Bay Builders	

Public Works Director Cheng provided a brief overview of the events of Make-A-Difference Day 2008.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 5. d, 5.e, 5.g, and 5.h were removed from consideration.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Navarro, to approve Consent Items 5.a, 5.b, 5.c and 5.f as recommended by staff. Motion carried 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 Regular Meeting of October 28, 2008
- 5.c Rejected Claim No. 753, submitted by Victoria Doering, as Recommended by the City's Claims Administrator
- 5.f Waived Reading the Full Text of the Ordinance and Conducted the Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 716-08** Approving Municipal Code Text Amendment, AT-06-08, to Amend Chapter 2.27 to Increase the Term of Office for Public Art Board Members from Two to Four Years

Consideration of Items 5.d, 5.e, 5.g, and 5.h removed from the Consent Calendar.

- 5.d Adopt a Resolution Reappointing Ronald Quinn to Serve on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement Board

Mayor Green noted no interview had been necessary given Mr. Quinn's years of dedicated service on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement Board.

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez, to adopt **Resolution No. 3723-08** reappointing Ronald Quinn to serve on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement Board, with a term expiring January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.e Adopt a Resolution Appointing Daniel Rivera, David Acosta, Adam Lopez III and Benjamin Liu to the Parks & Recreation Commission

It was moved by Mayor Green, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez, to adopt **Resolution No. 3724-08** reappointing Daniel Rivera, David Acosta, Adam Lopez III, and appointing alternate Benjamin Liu, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, with terms expiring August 15, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.g Adopt a Resolution Approving an Emergency Purchase of an Affordable Home in Foreclosure for Future Resale

HCD Coordinator Smith responded to questions from Agency Members.

It was moved by Agency Member Dutra-Vernaci, seconded by Vice Chair Fernandez, to adopt **RDA Resolution No. 380-08** approving a purchase and sale agreement among the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pinole, Grace Hsu and Edward Yau and First Federal Bank of California for the purchase of real property located at 35473 Monterra Circle, authorizing the appropriation of \$288,000 of Housing Funds for acquisition of the property, and authorizing the appropriation of funds necessary for related costs. Motion carried unanimously.

- 5.h Adopt a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Manager to submit a Grant Application under the 2008-2010 California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program (California Office of Emergency Services) in an Amount Not to Exceed ~~Two~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for Youth Violence Prevention Outreach

Program Staffing and a Joint Effort with the Cities of Fremont and Newark to Develop and Implement a Tri-Cities Gang Injunction Program

Councilmembers commended community members and staff for their successful efforts in promoting the Measure UU campaign, and for the timeliness of submitting this grant application for youth violence prevention outreach program implementation.

It was moved by Councilmember Valle, seconded by Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci, to adopt **Resolution No. 3726-08** authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit a grant application under the 2008-2010 California Gang Reduction , Intervention and Prevention (CALGRIP) Program (California Office of Emergency Services) in an amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for youth violence prevention program implementation. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

7.a Report on Turfgrass Replacement for Major Roadways

Public Works Director Cheng introduced Public Works Superintendent Sealana who presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Barry Ferrier inquired about potential maintenance and water savings with a bay friendly approach to landscaping major roadways.

Public Works Director Cheng stated staff would return with recommendations for roadway projects and related costs as part of the Capital Improvement Budget Plan discussion in the spring of 2009.

7.b Union City Boulevard Lane Configuration Study

Public Works Director Cheng introduced City Engineer Louie who, in turn, introduced a representative from Nolte Associates who presented the lane configuration study. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Barry Ferrier commented about traffic issues on Union City Boulevard.

Hugh McNamara commented about traffic issues on Rose Way.

Councilmembers provided comment. No action was taken.

Mayor Green recessed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

7.c Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fire Department Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover Analysis

Fire Chief Rodriguez introduced Assistant Fire Chief Smith, and consultant Fire Chief Ronny Coleman, and presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Chief Coleman presented the *Standards Of Cover Analysis* and *Annex* reports, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Barry Ferrier expressed concern about the ability of an engine company to respond quickly during heavy traffic periods, and the importance of each fire station being adequately staffed and equipped.

It was moved by Councilmember Valle, seconded by Vice Mayor Fernandez, to adopt **Resolution No. 3727-08** adopting the Fire Department Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover Analysis. 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 stated she would be attending a Housing Commission meeting Wednesday morning.

Councilmember Valle reported attending a Library Commission meeting last week, and inquired about the cost of repairing or replacing the library balcony overlooking the lagoon.

Mayor Green reported attending a ground breaking for the toll lane over I-680.

Mayor Green inquired whether the city had received any feedback with regard to the workshop on Route 84. City Manager Cheeves provided a brief overview of the workshop he had attended.

Mayor Green stated the Joint Policy Commission for ABAG and MTC were looking at a possible reduction in board membership from 28 down to 20.

Mayor Green stated interviews would be conducted next week for the Waste Management Agency Executive Director position vacancy created by the retirement of Karen Smith.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Valle spoke about the importance of commemorating Veterans Day in honor of those individuals who sacrificed so much in service for their country.

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci reported receiving an email from a resident questioning if just median trees were being trimmed or if the pine trees on the side of Alvarado-Niles Road near Sherman Drive were also to be trimmed, noting there was ivy growing up the sides of the trees. Public Works Director Cheng stated staff would look into the matter and respond.

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci stated a resident had complained about a traffic matter where the city's contractor had coned off an area for median work, and subsequently one of the contractor's employee's was seen lying down on the roadway inside the coned off area apparently taking a break.

Councilmember Navarro reported having attended the viewing held for former Senior Commissioner Miles Price.

Councilmember Navarro inquired about the status of bus transportation to the Sikh temple. Public Works Director Cheng stated bus trips had been terminated in August 2008 due to low ridership numbers, in keeping with Council direction.

Vice Mayor Fernandez recommended staff look into developing a plan for trees whose roots encroach upon the pavement by using equipment designed for cutting back the tree roots to prevent damage and, thereby, saving trees from being removed.

Vice Mayor Fernandez suggested the city recognize Union Sanitary District for having received the U.S. EPA's 2008 National Clean Water Act Recognition Award for Outstanding Pretreatment Program.

Councilmember Dutra-Vernaci stated she had received a request from a resident for tickets to attend the 2009 Presidential inauguration.

Mayor Green inquired about the status of the police sub-station. City Manager Cheeves stated staff was continuing to work with the property owner on a proposed land lease option for the property. Economic and Community Development Director Leonard stated staff was awaiting a response from the property owner to a proposal forwarded by staff last week.

Mayor Green asked about the status of proposed horse stables on EBRPD property. Deputy City Manager Acosta provided an update. Mayor Green stated he would like to meet with EBPRD staff about the matter.

Mayor Green reported a street light outage on Christine Drive, between Jennifer and Michelle.

Mayor Green reported having attended the Roy Williams Hall of Fame event with the Deputy City Manager.

Mayor Green stated he had attended the funeral of former Commissioner Miles Price held earlier today.

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m. in memory of former Commissioner Miles Price.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk