

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

**Monday, June 8, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Dutra-Vernaci called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

I.a Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Dutra-Vernaci led the salute to the flag.

I.b Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilmember Valle

Mayor Green (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Ondrasek, Friends of Coyote Hills, spoke in favor of open space, and expressed opposition to proposed development of property along Mission Boulevard.

Kathleen Wade spoke in favor of preserving the flatlands and open space on Mission Boulevard.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR - None

IV. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

4.a Public Workshop on the Operating Budget (FY 2009-10 and 2010-11), Capital Improvement Plan (FY 2009-10 through FY 2013-14), Redevelopment Agency Budget (FY 2009-10 and 2010-11)

City Manager Cheeves introduced the matter under review, and stated replacement pages for the budget document had been distributed that reflect updated information. City Manager Cheeves provided background information, and presented an overview of the projected economic outlook for the City.

Administrative Services Director Digre presented information regarding a shift of fund balances that has been identified to help balance the General Fund budget.

Deputy City Manager Acosta presented a brief discussion of proposed reductions to the City Council, City Manager, and City Attorney operating budgets.

Administrative Services Director Digre presented information regarding the Administrative Services operating budget.

Economic and Community Development (ECD) Director Malloy presented information regarding the ECD operating budget, Housing and Redevelopment Agency budgets.

Fire Chief Rodriguez presented an overview of the operating budget for the Fire Department.

Deputy City Manager/Leisure Services Director Acosta presented information regarding the Leisure Services operating budget. Alameda County Librarian Jean Hofacket responded to questions regarding library usage, noting patronage at branch libraries continues to increase year after year.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor Green recessed the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Police Chief Stewart presented the operating budget for the Police Department.

Public Works Director Cheng presented the operating budget for the Public Works Department.

Staff presented information relative to non-departmental budget matters.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Elizabeth Ames spoke about the importance of economic sustainability, and expressed opposition to the proposed development of property along Mission Boulevard by Masonic Homes.

Laura Mapes, Union City Fire Marshal, stated targeted positions for layoff within the Fire Department remain unchanged to date.

Denise Daly, Union City Fire Inspector, spoke about the importance of maintaining fire prevention programs and life safety inspections.

Ronnie Oatis acknowledged decisions regarding staff reductions are difficult to consider, and spoke about the potential negative impacts of reassigning the workload from laid off staff members to remaining personnel.

Gene Troxell inquired about the potential for a reduction in response time as the result of decreased police staffing.

Administrative Services Director Digre acknowledged the contributions of staff members Anita Castillo and Will Fuentes for their work assisting with the preparation of CIP budget materials. Director Digre presented the proposed CIP and Redevelopment budgets. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk