

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

**Thursday, June 11, 2009  
7:00 P.M.**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

I.a Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Green led the salute to the flag.

I.b Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Navarro, Vice Mayor Dutra-Vernaci, Mayor Green

Absent: Councilmember Fernandez (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Councilmember Valle (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

**II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**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 provided an overview of the proposed operating budget with revisions as discussed at the June 8, 2009 budget workshop. City Manager Cheeves discussed the projected economic outlook for the City. Department directors presented an overview of the proposed operating budgets for each department, and reviewed reduction plans. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Sandy Hurley, a Crime Watch captain, spoke about the importance of securing grant funding to provide crime prevention programs by the Police Department.

Maria Adas suggested discontinuing Union City Transit buses to save money, and rely on the AC Transit system to provide bus transportation for Union City travelers.

John Mapes spoke about the importance of maintaining the Fire Marshal position.

Mike Brown, representing Union City Fire managers, spoke about the importance of maintaining the Fire Marshal position.

Michelle Rodgers spoke about the importance of maintaining the COPS unit, and requested positions not be eliminated.

Jerome Brown requested all revenue options be explored in an effort to save public safety jobs.

George Adas expressed opposition to state takeaways from cities, and support for more youth and neighborhood watch programs.

**Mayor Green recessed the meeting at 8:52 p.m.**

**Mayor Green reconvened the meeting at 9:02 p.m.**

Staff responded to questions regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and Councilmembers provided comment.

Barry Ferrier inquired about the replacement of ladder trucks. Administrative Services Director Digre stated there was no budget in the 5 year plan to purchase fire apparatus.

Police Chief Stewart responded to questions regarding the structure of the COPS program, and estimated it would take one full time staff member to maintain the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Ronnie Oatis expressed his appreciation to Council and staff for their continued efforts on the budget.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor Green stated the proposed budget was scheduled for adoption on June 23, 2009.

Mayor Green stated the August 11, 2009 regularly scheduled Council meeting would be canceled, and noted he would be absent from the July 28, 2009 regularly scheduled Council meeting for a trip to Washington D.C. with other representatives from the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott  
City Clerk