

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

**Monday, December 21, 2009
4:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
34009 ALVARADO NILES ROAD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Valle called the special meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

I.a Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Valle led the salute to the flag.

I.b Roll Call

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

Absent: Mayor Green (arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR FIRE/PARAMEDIC SERVICES

City Manager Cheeves provided introductory remarks and presented background information related to a proposal to contract with Alameda County for fire/paramedic services.

Alameda County Fire Chief Sheldon Gilbert provided an overview of the contract for fire services and responded to questions from Councilmembers. Alameda County Fire Community Relations and Training managers provided examples of programs offered and coordinated through the Alameda County fire/paramedic services program.

Administrative Services Director Digre provided a financial comparison of Union City to ACFD costs and cost savings, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Fernandez exited the Council Chambers at 5:37 p.m.

Councilmember Fernandez returned to the Council Chambers at 5:41 p.m.

The president of IAFF stated there would be a willingness to discuss costs related to leave balance payouts.

Fire Chief Rodriguez stated current staff provides excellent service but, due to its small size, cannot compete with the level of service available through a county-wide program.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor Green stated Council would make its decision by April 1, 2010. Staff will schedule another work session on the matter after the first of the year.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green adjourned the special meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Elliott
City Clerk