



## **MINUTES**

### **CITY OF UNION CITY/ SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**City Hall - Council Chamber  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road  
Union City, CA 94587**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

##### **1.a. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci led the salute to the flag.

##### **1.b. Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Duncan, Gacoscos, Patiño, Vice Mayor Singh,  
Mayor Dutra-Vernaci

Absent: None

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci read aloud a prepared statement regarding the shootings and resulting loss of life that took place on Saturday, November 23, 2019. For the complete statement, please visit the Union City website at: <https://www.unioncity.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=75>

#### **2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

#### **3. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None**

#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Public comments were given by Glenn Nate, Harinder Kaur, Subru Bhat, Sandi Holder, Susie Garcia, and Alicia Chavez.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Duncan and seconded by Vice Mayor Singh to approve consent calendar items 5.a. through 5.c. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 the Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings Held on November 12, 2019

5.c. Adopted **Resolution No. 5542-19** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Helix Environmental Planning for Preparation of Environmental Documents for a New Gas Station and Convenience Market Proposed at 1998 Whipple Road in an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,400

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6.a. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Union City Calling an Election to be Held on March 3, 2020, for Voter Consideration of the Extension of an Existing Voter-Approved Local Public Safety Services Tax Ordinance for Eight Years for the Continued Maintenance of Public Safety Services; Establishing Policies and Procedures in Connection with Such an Election; Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda to Consolidate the Special Municipal Election with the Presidential Primary Election to Be Held on March 3, 2020; Requesting Certain Services of the Registrar of Voters of Alameda County with Respect to the Special Municipal Election; and Providing for Submittal of Ballot Arguments and Rebuttals and Authorizing the Filing of An Impartial Analysis

City Attorney Kokotaylo, City Manager Malloy and Communications and Marketing Manager Sugayan presented the staff report, providing detail on the process taken thus far for the placement of an extension measure for the public safety parcel tax. Staff also provided detail on the negative financial impacts to public safety and the youth and family services should the public safety parcel tax not be renewed.

October 22, 2019, City Council received a report seeking direction regarding the terms of a potential successor measure and provided direction to return with a resolution placing a successor measure for the March 2020 election with the following terms:

Eight-year extension

Rate of \$175 per year for the most common residential parcel (with other rates adjusted by the same factor)

Annual inflationary adjustments at 3% or CPI, whichever is higher

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci opened the public hearing.

Public comment was provided by the following individuals:

Sandi Holder	Anson Tjing	Phil Verzola
Vipan Bajwa	Susie Garcia	Joshua Leins
Leonardo Perales	Larry Gissible	Mary Schlarb
JP Sahi	Rich Martinez	Richard Valle
Ed Mackagbuya	Jo Ann Lew	

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci closed the public hearing.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Councilmembers Gacoscos and Patiño, and Vice Mayor Singh expressed their support for extending the public safety parcel tax, but at base tax rate of \$168.00 for most common residential parcel. The Councilmembers stated the amount \$168.00 was a good compromise and a rate they can support in seeking the extension.

Councilmember Patiño and Vice Mayor Singh also expressed support for an annual inflationary adjustments at a flat 3%.

Councilmember Duncan expressed her support for the previously directed tax rate of \$175.00 for the most common residential parcel. She stated there were many areas to compromise, but in her opinion, public safety was not the area for compromise. However, Councilmember Duncan stated she will support the measure irrespective of the rate decided upon by the majority of Council.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci responded to some of the statements made during public comment and expressed support for extending the public safety parcel tax under the terms previously directed on October 22. However, Mayor Dutra-Vernaci stated she will support the measure irrespective of the rate decided upon by the majority of Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Duncan and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to adopt a resolution Calling an Election to be Held on March 3, 2020, for Voter Consideration of the Extension of an Existing Voter-Approved Local Public Safety Services Tax Ordinance for Eight Years for the Continued Maintenance of Public Safety Services at the rate of \$175.00 for most common residential parcel and an annual inflationary adjustments at 3% or CPI, whichever is higher. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember Duncan and Mayor Dutra-Vernaci
NOES:	Councilmembers Gacoscos, Patiño, Vice Mayor Singh
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Councilmember Gacoscos to adopt **Resolution No. 5543-19** Calling an Election to be Held on March 3, 2020, for Voter Consideration of the Extension of an Existing Voter-Approved Local Public Safety Services Tax Ordinance for Eight Years for the Continued Maintenance of Public Safety Services at

the rate of \$168.00 for most common residential parcel and an annual inflationary adjustments at 3% or CPI, whichever is higher. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Gacoscos, Patiño, Vice Mayor Singh, and Mayor Dutra-Vernaci  
NOES: Councilmember Duncan  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

**7.a. Report on the City's Public Information Process as it Relates to the Renewal of the Public Safety Parcel Tax**

Communications and Marketing Manager Sugayan presented an informational staff report on the public information process as it relates to the renewal of the public safety parcel tax. Information reviewed included communication standards, methods, audience, and protocols.

Staff responded to questions from Council. Councilmembers provided comment.

The item was informational and required no further action of the Council.

**7.b. Presentation on the Draft Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice**

Housing and Community Development Manager Alin Lancaster presented the staff report, providing detail on fair housing issues, contributing factors, and actions to promote fair housing enforcement and outreach.

Staff responded to questions from Council. Councilmembers provided comment.

The report was informational and required no further action of the Council. Ms. Lancaster noted the final report will be adopted in January 2020.

**8. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None**

**9. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES - None**

**10. CITY COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**11. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION - None**

**12. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

Oral Reports by Mayor and Councilmembers on meetings of County or Regional Board and Commissions

*Alameda County Fire Department Advisory Commission – No report.*

*Alameda County Library Advisory Commission* – No report.

*Alameda County Mayors Conference* – No report.

*Alameda County Oversight Board* – No report.

*Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)* – Mayor Dutra-Vernaci reported that the regularly scheduled meeting had been rescheduled to take place next week.

*Alameda County Waste Management Authority (WMA)* – Councilmember Duncan reported on her attendance of the last Stop Waste meeting where they discussed possible steps for introducing reusable/compostable food waste ordinances.

*Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)* – No report.

*City of Union City Audit Subcommittee* – No report.

*City of Union City Legislation and Policy Committee* – No report.

*Disaster Council* – No report.

*East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors (EBCE)* – Councilmember Patiño reported on his attendance of the last EBCE meeting where the Cities of Tracy, Pleasanton and Newark joined the EBCE as new members.

*East Bay Economic Development Alliance (EDA)* – No report.

*Economic Development Advisory Team (EDAT)* – No report.

*General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)* – Councilmember Duncan reported on her attendance of the final GPAC meeting where they reviewed the complete General Plan 2040. The plan will be presented to the full Council at an upcoming City Council meeting.

*Housing Authority of the County of Alameda (HACA)* – Councilmember Gacoscos stated that she missed the last HACA meeting due to illness.

*League of California Cities, East Bay Division (LOCC)* – No report.

*Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)* – Mayor Dutra-Vernaci stated at the last MTC meeting she received a bus transit audit report that detailed excellent ridership numbers but revealed a need for improved reporting methods.

*New Haven Unified School District Joint Sub-Committee* – No report.

*Union City Chamber of Commerce* – No report.

*US Conference of Mayors* – No report.

**13. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councilmember Patiño reported on his attendance of community meetings and events including CSUEB's Alumni of Color Mixer, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center's Mardi Gras in November, Union City DIPSA meeting and the General Plan presentation.

Councilmember Patiño expressed gratitude for the Union City Police Department, Youth and Family Services, and other community members and organizations for their response to the events on Saturday.

Councilmember Gacoscos reported on her attendance of a community meeting at Washington Hospital.

Councilmember Duncan recognized and thanked the Union City Police Department, Youth and Family Services and the Youth Violence Prevention Team for their response to the events on Saturday.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci reported on her attendance of the Hayward Navigation Center ribbon cutting. Mayor Dutra-Vernaci noted potential funding available through Proposition 47 and stated the City Manager will follow up to gather more information.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci reported on her attendance of the Interfaith Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fremont and commented that it reminded her of the Union City Sister Cities Festival.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci recognized the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and encouraged people to take this opportunity to share their feelings of love, appreciation and gratitude for those they care about.

**14. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m., in memory of victims of gun violence.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Brown, CMC  
City Clerk