

The Benicia City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Copies of Council Agendas are available in the City Clerk's office on the Friday afternoon before the Council meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING - CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2003, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bidou, Smith, Whitney and Mayor Messina

Absent: Council Member Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk, announced that in the new SBC Telephone Directory the main number to reach the City Hall (the City Clerk's office) had been omitted; stated that the City Clerk's office was available to help the citizens at 746-4200.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Messina announced the appointment of Teddie Bidou to the Human Services Fund Board to fill a full term to July 1, 2006.

RESOLUTION NO. 03 - 20 - A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TEDDIE BIDOU TO THE HUMAN SERVICES FUND BOARD TO FILL A FULL TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2006

The above Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Smith, Whitney and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Campbell

Abstain: Council Member Bidou

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

On motion of Council Member Bidou, seconded by Council Member Whitney, and unanimously carried, Agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sue Sweeney, 480 Panorama Drive, Carquinez Strait Stitchers, requested that the quilt presented to the City, commemorating the events of September 11, 2001, be unveiled. Mayor Messina stated that a recess would be taken and the unveiling of the quilt would be held at the City Hall entrance hallway.

Mayor Messina called for a break at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Messina reconvened the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

2. Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, announced that the Literacy Program Trivia Bee would be held on February 27, 2003 at the BDES Hall; tickets are available at the Library.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any requests for items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Whitney, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved under the Consent Calendar:

Minutes of January 7, 2003 and January 16, 2003.

Rejection of claim and referral to insurance carrier (Johnson).

Check Registers for December 2002.

Acceptance of program for Improved Transit System Monitoring.

Acceptance of Transit Fund Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2002.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RECIPIENT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE SOUTHAMPTON BUS STOP AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

RESOLUTION NO. 03-22 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISION 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN MACHINERY ELECTRIC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A 1000 KW STANDBY GENERATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and adopted pursuant to this Agenda.

(END OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR)

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

FINAL REPORT ON MARINA DREDGING 2002 EPISODE BY ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Mayor Messina, Council Member Bidou, and Jim Erickson, City Manager, did not participate in this discussion due to Conflict of Interest. Council Member Whitney chaired this portion of the meeting.

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, stated the Conflict of Interest; Mayor Messina has a business in the area, Council Member Bidou owns property in the area, and Jim Erickson, City Manager, is renting a condominium in the area.

Michael Throne, Senior Civil Engineer, gave a summary presentation of the 2002 Maintenance Dredging Episode conducted by the City and the Marina Operator, Benicia Harbor Corporation; the City dredged 21,655 cubic yards with a final cost of \$325,646; Marina Operator dredged 32,594 cubic yards, approximately 3000 cubic yards more than anticipated; most productive episode of dredging; gave an overview of the proposed 2003-2205 dredging project; will requests bids for a three-year contract.

Council Member Whitney questioned if there had been any damage to boats in the Marina or complaints from the boat owners.

Michael Throne, Senior Civil Engineer, reported that the City's contractor had damaged one boat, Marina Operator had moved boats prior to dredging and there had been no complaints.

Council Member Smith stated that the Marina was in better condition but job not done; dock

maintenance has fallen behind.

Karen Majors, Assistant City Manager, stated that guidelines from Cal Boating on the dock requirements would be received by mid-summer; discussions with the Marina Operator on dock maintenance would begin shortly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Whitney adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk