

February 13, 2007 Special Agenda

BENICIA CITY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER:**
- **CONVENE OPEN SESSION:**
 - **ROLL CALL**
 - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - **REFERENCE TO THE**
 - **UNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC**
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - **WRITTEN**
 - **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - **Consideration of campaign related ordinances to regulate campaign financing and to establish a voluntary expenditure ceiling for candidate elections. (City Attorney)**

At the December 19, 2006 City Council meeting, the City Council requested revisions to the draft ordinances to regulate spending for campaigns and to establish reporting requirements. The ordinances have been redrafted to include some of the changes suggested and to provide some options for Council to consider. The next step would be to schedule the ordinances for the first reading.

Recommendation: Review and receive public input on campaign related ordinances and agendaize them for introduction at a future regular City Council meeting, if desired.

- **Consideration of a City Council Code of Conduct and Best Practices. (City Manager)**

City Council Members have expressed an interest in adoption of a Code of Conduct outlining best practices for City Council Members. Included in this review are requests made by two Council Members regarding specific practices: Vice Mayor Schwartzman regarding service on more than one commission and Council Member Whitney regarding Council Member attendance at Board and Commission meetings. Following review and discussion, the Council will consider giving direction to staff to develop a Code of Conduct and Best Practices.

Recommendation: Consider development of a City of Benicia Council Code of Conduct and Best Practices; review samples of Codes of Conduct from other cities and provide direction to staff.

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

Public Participation

The Benicia City Council welcomes public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The City Council allows speakers to speak on agendized and nonagendized matters under public comment. Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the City Council.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the City Manager.

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