

February 16, 1999

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 16, 1999

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Jerry Hayes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 1999, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cox-Golovich, Gizzi, Messina and Mayor Hayes  
Absent: Councilmember Corbaley (excused absence)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hayes asked Student Council members, Matthew Turner Elementary School, to lead the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

RESIDENTS OF CASA DE VILARRASA TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Barbara Tinker spoke on behalf of the residents; publicly thanked Mayor and City Council for saving Casa de Vilarrasa and allowing the residents to keep their dignity.

Mayor Hayes thanked Linda Johnson, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Services Manager, for her efforts.

MIKE FLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BENICIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Flo thanked Mayor and City Council for their help in the Casa de Vilarrasa negotiations; also thanked Linda Johnson, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Services Manager.

Mr. Flo also read a Resolution from Benicia Housing Authority regarding preservation of Casa de Vilarrasa as affordable housing.

MICHAEL FRENN, DIRECTOR, EMS, RE: UPDATE ON JPA STATUS

Mr. Frenn, Director, EMS, reported that this was the closest Solano County has been to obtaining Countywide ambulance service; explained advantages and timeline to be followed; thanked Otto Giuliani, City Manager, for his assistance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mayor Hayes asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, requested Items E and F, Denial of Claims and referral to Insurance Carrier (Woodmansee) be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further follow up; will come back at a later date.

On motion of Councilmember Gizzi, seconded by Councilmember Messina, and unanimously carried, Agenda was adopted as amended.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Hayes asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Cox-Golovich requested Item G be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion of Councilmember Gizzi, seconded by Councilmember Cox-Golovich, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved under the Consent Calendar:

Minutes of February 2, 1999.

Check Registers for December 1998 and January 1999.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-9 - A RESOLUTION AWARDED GILLIG CORPORATION A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRANSIT BUSES FOR BENICIA TRANSIT NOT TO EXCEED \$570,000

Denial of Claim and referral to insurance carrier - CURTIS

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

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES TO OPERATE BENICIA DIAL-A-RIDE FROM JULY 1, 1999 TO JUNE 30, 2000

OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES TO OPERATE BENICIA TRANSIT FROM JULY 1, 1999 TO JUNE 30, 2000

Councilmember Cox-Golovich requested these items be pulled from the Consent Calendar; questions maintenance costs and ridership numbers.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated the complaints have gone down; all complaints are brought to the attention of the provider.

Alan Nadritch, Finance Director, confirmed that Dial-A-Ride numbers are back up to their old levels; Customer Service Center has been upgraded; this Contract provides considerable savings to the City; spoke on age and repair of current equipment.

Councilmember Gizzi informed the Council that in 1998, only 20 complaints were received - well within standards that City has set.

Council took the following actions:

RESOLUTION NO. 99-10 - A RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES TO OPERATE BENICIA DIAL-A-RIDE FROM JULY 1, 1999 TO JUNE 30, 2000

RESOLUTION NO. 99-11 - A RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES TO OPERATE BENICIA TRANSIT FROM JULY 1, 1999 TO JUNE 30, 2000

On motion of Councilmember Gizzi, seconded by Councilmember Cox-Golovich, the above resolutions were adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cox-Golovich, Gizzi, Messina and Mayor Hayes

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Corbaley

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ASSIGNMENT BY PLEASANT HILL BAYSHORE DISPOSAL-BFI, INC. TO ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC. OF REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT, STREET SWEEPING AGREEMENT AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, gave a report on meetings with Allied Waste Industries to improve customer service, employ local residents, if possible, and providing a collection bin for mixed paper at the Corporation Yard. This will be at no charge to the City.

Councilmember Cox-Golovich requested a public outreach program for Green Waste recycling.

Michael Caprio, District Manager, Northern California, Allied Waste Industries, Inc., gave a report.

Councilmember Gizzi questioned the recycle figures of 9%.

Mayor Hayes requested staff report back to Council on recycle numbers.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated the numbers fluctuate; difficult to calculate. By the year 2000, City must have a Green Waste Program.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 99-12 - A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF PLEASANT HILL BAYSHORE DISPOSAL-BFI, INC. TO ALLIED WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC. OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT, STREET SWEEPING AGREEMENT AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilmember Messina, seconded by Councilmember Cox-Golovich, the above resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cox-Golovich, Gizzi, Messina and Mayor Hayes

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Corbaley

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM WALTER CROSS REQUESTING A CHANGE IN THE LOITERING ORDINANCE, WHICH AFFECTS BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Hayes informed Mr. Cross his pictures, Petition and letters have been received.

According to procedure, these will be referred to staff and a report will be brought back to the Council. Mr. Cross may speak during Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Walter Cross, 1105 Church Street, spoke on loitering of teenagers in front of his home; illegal smoking, drug use and creating large amounts of trash; referred to Petition he presented to Mayor and City Council requesting a closed campus or the passing of an ordinance.

Mayor Hayes explained the procedure to Mr. Cross and assured him the City Manager would keep in touch.

Amber Cross, daughter of Walter Cross, 1105 Church Street, informed Mayor and Council she found a marijuana pipe in her yard.

John Cosmides, 588 Periwinkle Place, representing The Community Rights Association, spoke regarding additional housing in Benicia; Housing Element public hearings; submitted letters re: Quantified Objectives. HCD has failed to prove case.

James O. Milburn, 280 East J Street, spoke on placement of podium at previous meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hayes adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk