

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Patterson at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor Patterson

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Students from Joe Henderson Elementary School led the pledge to the flag.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS:

A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to the Council Chambers per Section 4.04.030 of City of Benicia Ordinance No. 05-6 (Open Government Ordinance).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Openings on Boards and Commissions:

- ❑ Benicia Housing Authority:
Two full tenant terms to January 31, 2012
- ❑ Civil Service Commission:
Three full terms to January 31, 2014
- ❑ Historic Preservation Review Commission:
One full term to January 31, 2014
- ❑ Human Services and Arts Board:
Two unexpired terms to June 30, 2010 and July 31, 2013
- ❑ Open Government Commission:
One full term to January 31, 2014
- ❑ Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission:
One full term to January 31, 2014
- ❑ Sky Valley Open Space Committee:
One full term to January 31, 2013

Mayor's Office Hours:

Mayor Patterson will maintain an open office every Monday (except holidays) in the Mayor's Office of City Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Other meeting times may be scheduled through the City Hall office at 746-4200.

APPOINTMENTS:

RESOLUTION 10-29- A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTHA CHRISTOPHER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO A FULL TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2014

The above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

RESOLUTION 10-30 - A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES J. PUCCI TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO A FULL TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2014

The above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

PRESENTATIONS:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

Recognition of the Joe Henderson Elementary School Student Council:

Ms. Kelly Hughes accepted the proclamation, and the students presented the Council with t-shirts from Joe Henderson Elementary School.

Recognition of Sunshine Week:

Ms. Claire McFadden and Mr. John Woods accepted the proclamation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the Agenda was adopted as presented, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Fred Deltorchio – Mr. Deltorchio discussed a recent burglary attempt at his home. He commended Staff for their efforts in responding to the call. He encouraged citizens to lock their vehicles and take an active role in protecting themselves.

2. Rosemary Thurston and Mary Eichbauer – Ms. Thurston and Ms. Eichbauer spoke on behalf of the Vallejo Symphony. They encouraged citizens to attend upcoming concerts.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council pulled items VII-D and VII-E.

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the Consent Calendar was adopted as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

Council approved the Minutes of February 17, 2010 and March 2, 2010. Mayor Patterson noted she would abstain from voting on the 3/2/10 minutes, as she was absent.

RESOLUTION 10-31 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS AFFIRMING STAFF-AUTHORIZED COSTS WITH CAILIN CONSTRUCTION INC. OF NOVATO, CALIFORNIA FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SERVICES FOR THE JAMES LEMOS POOL ROOF STRUCTURAL REPAIRS PROJECT, AND ACCEPTING THE JAMES LEMOS POOL ROOF STRUCTURAL REPAIRS PROJECT AT 181 EAST J STREET, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND CITY CLERK TO FILE SAME WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER

Council reviewed and accepted the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 2009.

Approval to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and adopted pursuant to this agenda.

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

Council took the following actions:

Approval of the job description and salary range for Land Use and Engineering Manager and modification to the allocation of positions in the Benicia Public Works and Community Development Department:

Council and Staff discussed whether one or two positions were being captured (two), salary savings (\$150,000), salary range, current frozen position, job description and background required for the position, organizational chart, how the proposed position affects the position of the department director, qualifications for the position (would like to have flexibility of having experience and education), having AICP as a desired or preferred qualification, and the issue of desired experience in the area of climate action.

Public comment:

None

RESOLUTION 10-32 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY RANGE FOR LAND USE AND ENGINEERING MANAGER AND MODIFYING THE ALLOCATION OF POSITIONS IN THE BENICIA PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor Patterson

Noes: None

Approval of contract amendment with Katama Development Inc. for Planning Division Professional Services and Project Review:

Council and Staff discussed the position and salary of the Associate Planner, and the cost of the current contractor.

Public Comment

None

RESOLUTION 10-33 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH KATAMA DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PROJECT REVIEW AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

On motion of Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Ioakimedes, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor Patterson

Noes: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Reports from City Manager:

Review of Legislative Support/Opposition Process:

Anne Cardwell, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the staff report.

Council and Staff discussed concern regarding giving blanket support for legislation, the need for the ability to express support in a systematic process, and the need to allow for public participation in the process. Council directed Staff to send this item back for refinement to reconsider procedures and the three steps.

Council Member Committee Reports:

1. Mayor's Committee Meeting - (Mayor Patterson) - Next Meeting Date: March 17, 2010
2. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - (Mayor Patterson & Council Member Ioakimedes) - Next Meeting Date: Spring General Assembly – April 22, 2010
3. Finance, Audit & Budget Committee - (Vice Mayor Schwartzman & Council Member Campbell) - Next Meeting Date: March 26, 2010
4. League of California Cities - (Mayor Patterson & Vice Mayor Schwartzman) - Next Meeting Date: Public Works and Planning Institutes and Mini Expos - March 24 –26, 2010 - Monterey
5. School Liaison Committee - (Council Members Ioakimedes & Hughes) - Next Meeting Date: August 7, 2010
6. Sky Valley Open Space Committee - (Council Members Campbell & Hughes) - Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2010
7. Solano EDC Board of Directors - (Mayor Patterson & Council Member Campbell) - Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2010
8. Solano Transportation Authority (STA) - (Mayor Patterson & Council Member Ioakimedes) - Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2010
9. Solano Water Authority/Solano County Water Agency and Delta Committee - (Mayor Patterson & Vice Mayor Schwartzman) - Next Meeting Date: April 8, 2010
10. Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee - (Council Members Hughes & Ioakimedes) - Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2010
11. Tri-City and County Regional Parks and Open Space - (Council Members Campbell & Hughes) - Next Meeting Dates: To be determined
12. Valero Community Advisory Panel (CAP) - (Council Member Hughes) - Next Meeting Date: April 29, 2010
13. Youth Action Coalition - (Vice Mayor Schwartzman & Council Member Campbell) - Next Meeting Date: March 24, 2010
14. ABAG/CAL FED Task Force/Bay Area Water Forum - (Mayor Patterson) - Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2010

Mayor Patterson inquired why there were not more minutes included from the committees. Staff verified they would look into the issue.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk