

May 16, 2000

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
SPECIAL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2000

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

CITY CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk, stated the Benicia City Council meeting is called to order and announced that the Council will immediately convene in Closed Session to discuss the following:

CLOSED SESSION

Conference With Labor Negotiator
(pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Diane O'Connell, Human Resources Director
Employee organization: BPOA

Notice was duly given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting by the City Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING - CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2000

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:31 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2000, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi, Whitney and Mayor Messina
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Messina announced action taken in Closed Session, re: Labor Negotiations - BPOA - information was provided by staff.

DISPLAY AT LIBRARY IN OBSERVANCE OF "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" MAY
21-31, 2000

Mayor Messina made the announcement.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE CITY'S CORPORATION YARD, 2400 EAST 2ND STREET, SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2000, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Mayor Messina made the announcement.

PROCLAMATIONS:

"NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" MAY 21-27, 2000
Mayor Messina read the Proclamation; accepted by Dan Schiada, Assistant Public Works Director, and Kathy Trinke, Department Head Secretary, Public Works Department.

BENICIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM "HISTORY HONORS AWARDS DAY" MAY 19, 2000
Mayor Messina read the Proclamation; accepted by Jackie Hebson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, requested Item A be pulled from Consent Calendar for comment/correction; Item B, Denial of claim (Dannucci) be pulled to enable the staff to do additional follow up work; reminded the Council that Item VII.A., Introduction and first reading of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance is continued to June 20, 2000; and added an item under Item VIII, Reports From City Manager re: Police Chief recruitment.

Mayor Messina requested that Communications section, Written and Public Comment, be brought forward before the Consent Calendar.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Blomdal, 406 O'Farrell Drive, presented a 15 page Petition to the City Council urging the support of the closure of K Street; requested that the K Street project be put on the June 20th Agenda; safety is an issue; expressed concerns about the length of the process.
Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated that the City is waiting for the final resolution from the School Board on the project and an indication that there would be adequate funds to complete the proposal.

Councilmember Corbaley formally requested that this item be agendized for the June 20th meeting.

James O. Milburn, 280 East J Street, stated the old timers will be present to support keeping East K Street open; also read a Proclamation into the record regarding the contributions of the late Gladys Wold.

Joe Garcia, 569 East I Street, thanked Council for agendizing the East K Street closure project. Mayor Messina explained that during Public Comment members of the Council can not discuss what is brought forward because these items are not agendized; in reference to East K Street closure clarified that as soon as all the conditions are met by the School Board the item will be placed on the Agenda, but the date of June 20th is not guaranteed.

Dan Smith, 369 Military East, spoke on the urgency of East K Street closure project; referred to the death of a child two years ago.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Messina stated City Manager requested Item A be pulled and Item B be pulled for additional staff follow-up.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated in Item A, an error in the Minutes under Renewal Of Lease Agreement For Rental At 356 East I Street; the Minutes indicate that the matter was continued to the next meeting, however the item was continued until staff was able to do a survey and bring it back to the Council; sentence needs to be struck or changed.

Councilman Whitney stated he would make the motion to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar, including Item A.

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

Minutes of May 2, 2000 (as amended)

RESOLUTION NO. 00-65 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO APPLY FOR A FAMILIES FOR LITERACY GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

RESOLUTION NO. 00-66 - A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR WEED ABATEMENT AND FIRE BREAKS FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND OPEN SPACES TO A&L SERVICES, INC. AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO. 00-67 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A RIGHT OF WAY CONTRACT WITH GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR UTILITY LINES OVER A PORTION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT THE R-1 RESERVOIR SITE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR BENICIA-MARTINEZ BRIDGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 00-68 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JANUARY 1, 2000 TO JUNE 30, 2005 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BENICIA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF BENICIA

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

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

PUBLIC HEARING:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE (CONTINUED TO THE JUNE 20, 2000 CITY COUNCIL MEETING)

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT:

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, requested this item be added to the Agenda; the deadline for applications is May 22, testing will be June 8 and appointment by August 1, 2000.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

BI-MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAG

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, reported that there had been a discussion of the schedule; Army Corp of Engineers is lead agency and things are proceeding on schedule; a report was given on the Public Outreach Project, possible use of mailings, newsletters and websites.

MAYORS COMMITTEE

ARTERIALS, HIGHWAYS AND FREEWAYS - SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Mayor Messina gave reports on both items. It is the hope that improvements on Hwy 680/80 interchange will coincide with the completion of the new bridge.

SEDCORP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilmember Whitney commented on the various seminars given by SEDCORP; "Room with a View" Open Space Meeting will be held on May 19, 2000.

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

YOUTH ACTION TASK FORCE

Councilmember Bidou gave reports on all three items. There are continuing studies for the proposed Railway Station; the warrants for the City have been reviewed by the Committee and are in order; the Youth Action Task Force will be attending and observing a meeting in Vacaville to see if their process is one that we can use.

CLOSURE OF LAKE HERMAN TRAIL

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, informed the Council a discussion of the the Lake Herman Trail was also held by the CAG; there was a possibility that Lake Herman Trail would be closed, but after discussion it was decided it would not be necessary.

RAB

Councilmember Whitney gave a report. An announcement of the next meeting on May 17, 2000 was given.

ROSE DRIVE

Councilmember Corbaley clarified that there would be the formation of a CAG; questioned whether or not it would include a resident of Rose Drive.

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, stated that a selection committee is being formed to pick members of the CAG; this will be similar to the one formed for the Tourtelot Property and will include a resident of Rose Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Messina explained that with the addition of Councilmember Gizzi to the Council he was appointing him as alternate to ABAG Committee to replace Councilmember Whitney, to Solano Transportation Authority as alternate to replace Mayor Messina, and to Solano Water Authority/Solano County Water Agency as alternate to replace Councilmember Corbaley.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-69 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA CONFIRMING MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

On motion of Councilmember Corbaley, seconded by Councilmember Bidou, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi, Messina and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Mayor Messina stated there are a number of appointments to the various Boards and Commissions that need to be made; he hopes to make these at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk