

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2007

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2007, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Patterson, Schwartzman, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Absent: Council Member Hughes (arrived at 8:02 a.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

None

Mayor Messina asked the City Attorney to explain the moratorium. Ms. McLaughlin explained that the City's existing regulations for this type of business have not been updated since 1980. The laws on adult entertainment have changed considerably since then. The City needs to make sure its regulations comply with current laws.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Steve Ridge – Mr. Ridge, Prudential California Realty, read letter he wrote to the City of Benicia (copy on file). He stated that he was the broker/owner of the Prudential California Realty office in Benicia. His purpose for speaking today was to state clearly the position of both himself and the company that they were adamantly opposed to allowing an adult entertainment enterprise to be established in Benicia. Furthermore, his office would not, now or at any time in the future, represent a client who wants to bring such a business into Benicia.

Council Member Hughes stated that he talked with Mr. Ridge yesterday and appreciated him coming down today to voice his opposition for this establishment.

On motion of Council Member Patterson, seconded by Vice Mayor Schwartzman, the Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 07-14 was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Council Members Hughes, Patterson, Schwartzman, Whitney, and Mayor Messina
Noes: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 8:08 a.m.