

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
May 27, 2014

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

I. CALL TO ORDER :

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

II. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A. ROLL CALL

All Council Members were present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Openings on Boards and Commissions:

Arts and Culture Commission

1 unexpired term

1 full term

Open until filled

Historic Preservation Review Commission

1 unexpired term

Open until filled

Economic Development Board

1 unexpired term

Open until filled

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. BENICIA MAKERSPACE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE GROUP'S MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Ayes: Patterson, Strawbridge, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes
Noes: (None)

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. WRITTEN COMMENT

None

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ken Paulk - Mr. Paulk discussed his bucket list, the hard decisions Staff and Council have had to make over the past few years. He thanked them for their efforts.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. FILLING THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, reviewed the staff report.

Public Comment:

None

Council Member Hughes would like to maintain the position of City Treasurer, he would like to appoint someone, continue with the stipend, make them a voting member of the finance committee, keep the City's option open regarding a ballot measure on the elected/appointed issue, and he would like to have any references regarding waiving compensation removed from the application.

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed the issue of making the treasurer a voting member of the finance committee (but have it be an odd number). He agreed with Council Member Hughes' comments. He wondered if it would make sense to put a ballot measure on in November to affirm that was still what the public wanted.

Vice Mayor Campbell discussed the treasurer being a voting member on the

finance committee. It would cost approximately \$5,000 to put a ballot measure on the November ballot to see if the position is something the citizens want.

Council Member Strawbridge agreed with Vice Mayor Campbell. She would like to see it as a ballot measure in November.

Mayor Patterson asked for clarification from Vice Mayor Campbell on his suggestion for eliminating the treasurer position. Mayor Patterson supported his recommendation.

Council Member Schwartzman discussed putting the issue on a ballot measure.

Council Member Hughes asked whether there was support for eliminating the reference to foregoing a stipend on the application. Council and Staff confirmed the language would be removed from the application.

Staff will come back with options for a ballot measure, and Council will prepare to appoint a City Treasurer.

Public Comment:

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk