

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
BUDGET WORKSHOP (CONTINUED)
JUNE 16, 2003**

The Budget Workshop of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 6:37 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2003, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bidou, Smith, Whitney and Mayor Messina

Absent: Council Member Campbell

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

On motion of Council Member Bidou, seconded by Council Member Whitney, and unanimously carried, Agenda was adopted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF BENICIA 2003-2005 BUDGET

Jim Erickson, City Manager, gave an overview of items discussed at the two previous workshops; reviewed the problems facing the City; presented alternatives and possible solutions; Budget will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The following items were reviewed and discussed:

GENERAL BUDGET

City Attorney
Equipment Replacement

Vice Mayor Campbell arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Human Services
Six concerned citizens spoke on this item.

On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Whitney, funding for the Special Friends Program for all five schools (\$28,000) and Youth and Family Services low-cost counseling (\$14,000), was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Smith and Whitney

Noes: Council Member Bidou and Mayor Messina

A motion by Council Member Smith to provide \$3000 of funding for SAFEQUEST died for lack of a second.

Mayor Messina requested that the Human Services Fund Board review funding for Youth and Family Services and provide the Council with a recommendation for a funding level.

General Obligation Debt Service

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

General Fund Projects

Two concerned citizens spoke on this item.

Public Safety Building Construction
One concerned citizen spoke on this item.

Direction was given to staff to leave funding for the future Police Facility in place as long as acknowledgement of lower reserve levels was acceptable.

Mayor Messina called for a break at 9:22 p.m.
Mayor Messina reconvened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Street Projects
SP Depot
Storm Drain
Capital License Program
Park Dedication Program

Intermodal Transportation Center
Direction was given to staff to leave funding in place as long as acknowledgement of lower reserve levels was acceptable.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Water Utility
Wastewater Utility

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Mayor Messina, Council Member Bidou and Jim Erickson, City Manager, did not participate in this discussion due to Conflict of Interest. Vice Mayor Campbell chaired this portion of the meeting.

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CLOSING COMMENTS:

Mayor Messina commented on the need for a balanced budget, review on a quarterly basis, need for more clarity on State Budget and reserve levels.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Cathy Ann Hewitt. 266 East B Street, supports the decisions made by the Council; agrees with funding for Special Friends Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk