

June 22, 2004

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
JUNE 22, 2004**

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Messina at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2004, in the Commission Room, City Hall, 250 East L Street.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Campbell, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina, City Manager, City Attorney, All City of Benicia Department Heads

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP:

Jim Erickson provided an overview of the meeting plan, explanation of the draft Council Work Program worksheets and the plan for maintaining focus on work program projects.

Police Building

- Jim Trimble, Chief of Police, described the design-build concept.
- It was clarified that a majority of the Council considers architectural and engineering costs being in addition to the \$6.5 million project construction costs. The design-build concept requires State legislation to allow the City to use.

BUSD Joint Power of Authority for Maintenance and Grounds

- Mike Alvarez, Director of Parks and Community Services, indicated the difficulties of finding ways to join in a cooperative maintenance plan given BUSD's severe maintenance cutbacks. Staff was asked to look at additional partnership areas beyond maintenance.
- It was suggested that "Valero 3rd Party Review" be renamed to include "Industrial Safety Review".

911 Center/Prisoner Holding Facility

Jim Trimble indicated:

- **\$674,000 needed to complete.**
- **\$630,000 available funding.**
- **Staff looking at in-house construction management to save money.**

Seeno Property

Jim Erickson indicated:

- **Public workshop needed to consider the mixed use potential; will be conducted by Planning Commission soon.**

VIP

Jim Erickson indicated:

- **Very important fiscal and air quality benefits from the project.**

Intermodal Transportation Station (ITS)

Dan Schiada, Public Works Director, reported TLC and SRTP would help identify a preferred station location.

Downtown Parking Lot, E Street

- **Council endorsed the idea of pursuing a public process to invite the community to examine the possibility of a combined multi-family housing development and public parking facility.**

Business License Tax (BLT)

Karen Majors reported:

- **Economic Development Board (EDB) to discuss on June 23, 2004.**
- **BIPA and Chamber endorsed Option 4 providing the target \$300,000 additional revenue, a \$450 maximum gross receipts fee and a maximum \$7.50 per employee charge.**
- **Council to consider at the July 6, 2004 meeting.**

Wood Burning Ordinance

- **Council directed placement on a long-term project list.**
- **Place notice that City has a ban on new wood-burning fireplaces in a City newsletter.**
- **City adopted Uniform Building Code in 2002 that places restrictions on new fireplaces.**

Von Pfister Adobe

- Council directed staff to obtain confirmation of cost of restoration work.
- Staff to return to Council with Budget appropriation action.

Council discussed other projects:

1. Include Rose Drive in Traffic Calming Project.
2. Marina Storm Drain Project:
 - Legal issues have stalled project until next summer for construction; staff working with Regional Board on maintaining compliance with their directives.
3. Arsenal Historic Plan: It is already included in the work program.
4. Jefferson Street easement questions:
 - \$15K estimated for title work; City Attorney directed to present budget appropriation proposal to investigate possible rights of public access.

Council approved the recommended work program by consensus. Council also indicated a 6-month review would be appropriate, instead of quarterly. City Manager Jim Erickson will provide an electronic monthly spreadsheet update to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk