



**BENICIA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chambers  
July 06, 2010  
6:00 PM**

*Times set forth for the agenda items are estimates.  
Items may be heard before or after the times designated.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 PM):**

**II. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC:**A plaque stating the fundamental rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to this meeting room per section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.

**III. CLOSED SESSION (6:05 PM):**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION**

**(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)**

Name of case: Maricich, et al. v. City of Benicia

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

Name of case: Amatrone v. City of Benicia

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Council on any matter not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. State law prohibits the City Council from responding to or acting upon matters not listed on the agenda. Each speaker has a maximum of five minutes for public comment. If others have already expressed your position, you may simply indicate that you agree with a previous speaker. If appropriate, a spokesperson may present the views of your entire group. Speakers may not make personal attacks on council members, staff or members of the public, or make comments which are slanderous or which may invade an individual's personal privacy.

**A. WRITTEN COMMENT**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (6:20 PM):**

**A. City Manager Reports**

**1. Special report on the proposed consolidation of Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit Services. (Finance Director)**

Transit Services in California have been fiscally challenged due to funding shortfalls related to the downturn in the economy. In order to provide more cost-efficient services, staff from Benicia and Vallejo began meeting to discuss areas of commonality and concern. In August 2010, an agreement between the two cities established a series of guiding principles and a structured work plan to aide in researching the merits of consolidating services. Daryl Halls, Executive Director of the Solano Transportation Authority, has been coordinating the efforts of three advisory groups and will present an update on the status of the work plan and proposed City Council review process.

**Recommendation: This is an informational item.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT (7:00 PM):**

**Public Participation**

The Benicia City Council welcomes public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The City Council allows speakers to speak on non-agendized matters under public comment, and on agendized items at the time the agenda item is addressed at the meeting. Comments are limited to no more than five minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the City Council.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the City Manager.

**Disabled Access**

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**Meeting Procedures**

All items listed on this agenda are for Council discussion and/or action. In accordance with the Brown Act, each item is listed and includes, where appropriate, further description of the item and/or a recommended action. The posting of a recommended action does not limit, or necessarily indicate, what action may be taken by the City Council.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge a decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. You may also be limited by the ninety (90) day statute of limitations in which to challenge in court certain administrative decisions and orders (Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6) to file and serve a petition for administrative writ of mandate challenging any final City decisions regarding planning or zoning.

The decision of the City Council is final as of the date of its decision unless judicial review is initiated pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedures Section 1094.5. Any such petition for judicial review is subject to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

**Public Records**

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and Minutes." Public records related to an open session agenda item that are distributed after the agenda packet is prepared are available before the meeting at the City Manager's Office located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, or at the meeting held in the Council Chambers. If you wish to submit written information on an agenda item, please submit to the City Clerk as soon as possible so that it may be distributed to the City Council. A complete proceeding of each meeting is also recorded and available through the City Clerks Office.

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 6, 2010**  
**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**DATE** : June 9, 2010  
**TO** : City Manager  
**FROM** : Finance Director  
**SUBJECT** : **SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF BENICIA BREEZE AND VALLEJO TRANSIT SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational item.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Transit Services in California have been fiscally challenged due to funding shortfalls related to the downturn in the economy. In order to provide more cost-efficient services, staff from Benicia and Vallejo began meeting to discuss areas of commonality and concern. In August 2010, an agreement between the two cities established a series of guiding principles and a structured work plan to aide in researching the merits of consolidating services. Daryl Halls, Executive Director of the Solano Transportation Authority, has been coordinating the efforts of three advisory groups and will present an update on the status of the work plan and proposed City Council review process.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Relevant Strategic Plan Issues and Strategies:

- Strategic Issue #4: Preserving and Enhancing Infrastructure
  - Strategy #2: Increase use of mass transit
    - Action 2(d): Evaluate feasibility of merging transit services with Vallejo and STA

**BUDGET INFORMATION:**

There is no budget impact at this time.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Memorandum of Understanding approved in August 2010, called for the creation of Coordinating Committees to discuss the merits of consolidation, a Transitional Plan and a Task List for the creation of a Business Plan. After several meetings, the groups have approved a

*Draft* Joint Powers Agreement and are near the completion of a *Draft* Business Plan. Together, the documents will guide the Structure and Governance, Financial Management, Organization and Human Resources Management, Service Planning and Operations, Capital Project Management, and Implementation Schedule of a proposed separate transit agency.

It is anticipated the City Council will review these documents for approval at the July 20 or August 3, 2010 City Council Meetings.

Benicia staff conducted two Public Forums in December 2009 and January 2010 and received favorable comments from both fixed-route transit riders and Paratransit riders. The comments indicated that improvements in system operations between Benicia and Vallejo would be greatly appreciated and that many riders knew of the funding problems that all transit agencies are facing. Staff will conduct further outreach programs as the consolidation project moves to the next phase of research.

Daryl Halls will present an update on the status of the work plan and proposed City Council review process during the special meeting. Mr. Halls has been successful in obtaining funding to retain consultants to research several elements of the business plan and recently coordinated the funding to have a “Joint” Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) assembled for both cities and the proposed Joint Powers Authority. The SRTP will address many key issues, including service delivery and route design for the south county area.

Comments received during the special meeting will be incorporated into the research process and the outcomes presented during future City Council meetings.