

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
July 06, 2010

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 6:00 p.m.

II. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A. ROLL CALL

All Council Members were present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC:

III. CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. McLaughlin read the announcement of Closed Session.

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Patterson reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

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

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

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IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes,

Council approved the agenda as presented, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes
Noes: (None)

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. WRITTEN COMMENT

Various handouts were provided by Solano Transportation Authority (copies on file).

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Erickson reviewed the staff report.

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A. City Manager Reports

- 1. Special report on the proposed consolidation of Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit Services**

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VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.