

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
JULY 17, 2009

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Patterson at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2009, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Schwartzman led the pledge to the flag.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS:

A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to the Council Chambers per Section 4.04.030 of City of Benicia Ordinance No. 05-6 (Open Government Ordinance).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

Award of contracts for construction and construction management/engineering support services for the BHS Traffic Signal and Entrance Circulation Improvement Project:

Jim Erickson, City Manager, discussed the delays for the project. Staff would like to proceed with construction.

Mike Roberts, Senior Engineer, reviewed the staff report.

Mayor Patterson suggested the use of police volunteers to save money. Staff discussed the need to have skilled officers.

Council Member Ioakimedes and Staff discussed the possible backup on East Second Street due to the lighted crosswalk. It will only be of concern during the day when school is starting and ending.

Public Comment:

1. Anna Miller – Ms. Miller stated she represented the neighborhood on the 700 block of West K Street. She discussed concerns regarding current and future traffic on their street. She discussed the need for solar powered speed signs.

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed the issue of using consultants for the project. The City has always used consultants for engineering projects, as it does not have enough staff.

Mr. Roberts discussed the issue of consultants, the project possibly being done in three months, and the issue of consultant incentives.

RESOLUTION 09-66 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ENTRANCE CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, REJECTING THE BID PROTEST, AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PRISM ENGINEERING INC. OF SANTA CLARA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$574,842 INCLUDING BID ALTERNATES A, B, C, D, AND E AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Schwartzman, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

RESOLUTION 09-67 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SUPPORT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE BENICIA HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND ENTRANCE CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH FEHR & PEERS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED COST OF \$193,521 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT MODIFICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Schwartzman, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor
Patterson

Noes: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk

