

**July 19, 2005**

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  
REGULAR MEETING - CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 19, 2005**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005, 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, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS**

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Messina announced the following openings on Boards and Commissions:

- **Planning Commission: 1 term to September 30, 2008**
- **Human Services Fund Board: 1 term to June 30, 2009**
- **Open Government Commission: 5 openings - terms from 1-4 years**

Mayor Messina announced that the August 2, 2005 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be August 16, 2005.

Benicia was included as one of the top 100 'Best Places to Live 2005' by Money Magazine.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Benicia Historical Museum - New exhibit - Anne Toxey and Patrick McMillan:  
Rescheduled for the 8/16/05 Council meeting.**

**West Nile Virus Presentation - Jon Blegen, Solano County Mosquito Abatement District:**

**Mr. Blegen reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on West Nile Virus.**

**Update on PURE Committee Activities - Bob Craft, Chair:**

Mayor Messina stated that there is not a PURE Committee meeting in July, Mr. Craft will report on PURE Committee Activities at the 8/16/05 Council meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Messina presented a proclamation for 'National Night Out 2005' - Officer Patti Baron, Benicia Police Department, accepted the proclamation. Ms. Baron introduced Mr. Lance Dupuis, Police Volunteer. Mr. Dupuis invited all neighborhoods to participate in the 'National Night Out 2005' on 8/16/05. For more information, contact the Police Department.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Jim Erickson, City Manager, suggested continuing item IX-C (proposed changes to the Joint Use Agreement (JUA)) to the 8/16/05 Council meeting. Staff needs more time to meet with BUSD Staff to discuss the changes in the JUA.

Council Member Smith stated that he is concerned we are getting into a 'ping-pong' scenario with the JUA. He stated that having a joint meeting with BUSD and Council is critical.

Mr. Erickson stated that Staff could report back at the next Council meeting on the progress made between now and 8/16/05.

Mr. Erickson stated that there were some minor revisions to the job description items on the agenda. Vice Mayor Patterson submitted the revisions.

Mr. Erickson stated that, regarding the Economic Development Manager position, Staff needs more time to look into the issue of salary. He suggested approving the position description, but not the salary.

Council Member Smith noted that the Agenda was full, and asked if there were any items that Council legally needed to address tonight. Mr. Erickson stated that the bus item and the taxi rate item (X-D, X-E, and X-F) need to be addressed tonight Vice Mayor Patterson reminded Council that the recently adopted Sunshine Ordinance seriously frowns upon moving items around in the agenda.

On motion of Council Member Whitney, seconded by Vice Mayor Patterson, the Agenda was adopted as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

**Noes:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**WRITTEN:**

Various written communications submitted to Council (copies on file with the agenda packet).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Council Member Whitney stated that he read in the Contra Costa Times newspaper that San Ramon was considering getting a Poet Laureate. He stated that he wanted to express his support for Benicia getting a Poet Laureate.
2. Council Member Smith announced the following events:
  - Farmers Market will take place on Thursdays during the Summer
  - 7/21/05 - There will be a blood drive at the First Baptist Church
  - 7/21/05 - Chamber of Commerce Monthly Business After-hours event
  - 7/22/05 through 7/24/05 - Full size reproduction of submarine will be at the Benicia Historical Museum
  - 7/22/05 - Outdoor Movie Night at the City Park- Shrek II will be playing
  - 7/24/05 - Holy Ghost Celebration and parade
  - 7/24/05 - Reception for the new exhibit at ArtsBenicia 'Cream from the Top'
  - 7/26/05 - Vallejo City Council will discuss the Bordoni Ranch Project
  - 7/29/05 through 7/31/05 - Waterfront Festival and offshore races at the Marina
  - 8/5/08 - First Friday on First
  - 8/13/05 - Peddlers Fair
  - 8/14/05 - BPAF will host a concert by the David Thom Band

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Council pulled items VII-D, VII-G, and VII-H

On motion of Council Member Whitney, seconded by Council Member Smith, the Consent Calendar was adopted as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

The minutes of June 21, June 28, and July 5, 2005 were approved.

**RESOLUTION 05-114 - A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS, AND REQUESTING THE SERVICES OF THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Denial of the following claims against the City and referral to insurance carrier was approved:

- Jo Gregory
- Maria Parrish

**RESOLUTION 05-115 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TECHNICIAN, LEVEL I AND II, AND ESTABLISHING THE**

## **SALARY RANGE**

**RESOLUTION 05-116 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF ASSOCIATE PLANNER AND PRINCIPAL PLANNER**

**RESOLUTION 05-117 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PLACEMENT OF A PARCEL TAX BALLOT MEASURE BY THE BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ON AN UPCOMING BALLOT**

**Approval to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and adopted pursuant to this agenda.**

**(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)**

**Council took the following actions:**

**Order a sidewalk conditions study on West 7th Street:**

**Vice Mayor Patterson wanted this item pulled because the terminology 'private drainage ditch' is for a particular goal in the Public Works department. It is important to note that this is a Blue Line Stream on the United States Geological Society map. The stream has been violated in more ways than one could count. Our General Plan has a number of policies and plans that address these channels and streams. She asked for revisions taking this into consideration (she reviewed the proposed changes).**

**RESOLUTION 05-118 - A RESOLUTION ORDERING A STUDY OF THE SIDEWALK CONDITIONS AT 1251 WEST 7TH STREET**

**On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Whitney, the above Resolution was adopted as amended, on roll call by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: None**

**Approval of the new job description for Economic Development Manager:**

**Council Member Smith stated that he wanted to take out the word 'redevelopment' and have it read 'development.' He also agreed with Mr. Erickson's suggestion of leaving out the salary information.**

**Vice Mayor Patterson's suggested on page VII-G-5 under 'distinguishing characteristics' replacing the word 'stable' with 'sustainable.' On the last bullet 'maintains close liaison with governmental and non-governmental organizations, developers, real estate and commercial brokers involved in economic development activities.' On page VII-G-7, add 'familiarity with land use planning and process.' On the last bullet, under 'ability to', add 'establish and maintain effective working relationships with stakeholder, individuals and groups, including business executives, etc.'**

**RESOLUTION 05-119 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGE**

**On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Mayor Messina, the above Resolution was adopted**

as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

**Noes:** None

**Purchase of three vehicles for Benicia Transit Dial-A-Ride:**

Council Member Smith wanted to encourage the use of ultra low sulfur diesel fuel as soon as it becomes available. Valero is obligated to produce that type of fuel by next year. Mr. Andoh stated that the fuel could be used in the vans without modifications.

**RESOLUTION 05-120 - A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER TO EL DORADO BUS SALES FOR THREE (3) PARATRANSIT BUSES**

On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Patterson, the above Resolution was adopted as presented, on roll call by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

**Noes:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Approval of zone change and tentative map approval for a development containing single family houses at 608 Military East Street:

Ms. Margaret Cavanaugh-Lynch, Consultant, reviewed the Staff report.

Council Member Campbell had questions on patch paving and paving. He asked which is better and why. Mr. Schiada described why patch paving would be better in this case. It would bring the alley up to a better condition. It was a better use of funding. Council Member Campbell asked what the City was going to do to compensate for taking all of the trees out. Ms. Cavanaugh-Lynch stated that one tree would be preserved and a total of 23 new trees will be added.

Council Member Smith asked if a traffic study had been done. Ms. Cavanaugh-Lynch stated that a traffic study had not been done, as there was not much traffic in the area. It was not necessary.

**Applicant:**

Mr. Jeff Lockwood - Mr. Lockwood discussed the project. He discussed the pedestrian friendly walkways, adding trees, better accessibility in alleyway, etc. It is a viable project that will be an asset to Benicia.

Council Member Whitney asked Mr. Lockwood's use of the term 'affordability by design.' He asked what the price range would be for the homes. Mr. Lockwood stated that he could not give a price due to the constant increases in construction costs. Affordability by design refers to the size of the home being offered at a reasonable price.

**Public Hearing Opened**

**No comment**

**Public Hearing Closed**

Vice Mayor Patterson stated that she had a few concerns. She commended the developer for the overall project and that the project suits Benicia. However, she is concerned with the maintenance of the alley. She would like the City to begin the process of figuring out the maintenance of the alley (from both the City and Developer) before the project is approved tonight. She also noted that a boundary survey should be required of all city projects including this one. Thirdly, two of the units face the alley. She has concerns about garbage cans being left out, broken down cars being left in the alley, overall appearance, etc. She wanted to know if Staff has thought about some ways that these concerns could be addressed so that the value of the new homes would not be diminished by what is going on with the other uses in the alley.

Mr. Schiada discussed the City's current procedures for maintaining alleys. In the latest budget, the alley maintenance was budgeted at \$20,000 per year (it was \$10,000 last year).

Vice Mayor Patterson suggested having Mr. Lockwood consent to waive the right to protest if an assessment district were to be implemented.

Mr. Lockwood stated that he was willing to waive the right to protest in the event of an assessment district being implemented. However, his business partner is out of town, and he cannot speak for him. He would have to get back to Council on that issue. Regarding the issue of overall appearance of the alleyway, if there are abandoned vehicles they would be removed via legal process. Mr. Lockwood discussed putting 'disclosure' regarding this issue into the purchase agreement with the new owners. Vice Mayor Patterson suggested referencing the existing code in the purchase agreements.

Council Member Smith discussed the park (Saraiva Park) that has the alley running through it. He sees too liberal of an application exemption from CEQA. He does not understand how this (alley issue) is exempt. He supports the zone change but not the exemption.

Council Member Campbell questioned the issue of 'waiving the right to protest.' Mr. Schiada reviewed how this was done and the forms that Staff uses for this type of issue.

Vice Mayor Patterson wanted to address the CEQA exemption. The exemption is appropriate in this case because through the CEQA assessment we are seeking the impacts to the physical environment. She stated that she understood, from her Police Department tour in a patrol car, that in this particular area it is the use of the park that diminishes the risk. By providing police patrols on a regular basis, people know they are safe. Because of that, there is extensive use of the park and therefore, the danger level is considerably less than one would think.

Council Member Smith stated that Staff should be doing CEQA to make sure development pays its own way and to protect our local businesses. He cannot imagine that this is not an impact worth studying. He asked Staff if there was any part of the project Council could approve, and if they wanted to, send it back for CEQA analysis. Ms. Cavanaugh-Lynch stated that state law precludes segmenting any part of the project. If the CEQA were in question, the whole project would be continued.

Council Member Smith made a motion to send this item back for an environmental review. The safety of the citizens using the park is in question. The motion 'died' for lack of a second.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RM) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) FOR APN: 0088-134-010 IN THE 600 BLOCK OF MILITARY EAST STREET**

On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Whitney, the introduction and first reading of the above ordinance was approved, on roll call by the following vote:

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: Council Member Smith**

Vice Mayor Patterson clarified that the motion included the following change to the language: 'consent to waive the right to protest for a future assessment district for the alley maintenance.' Also, we need to add that 'there will be 'patch paving' in lieu of the frontage improvements.'

Mr. Golick suggested adding, as a condition of approval, there 'shall be a boundary survey.' Vice Mayor Patterson agreed that that should be part of the motion as well.

Mr. Lockwood stated that he could agree to everything with the exception of the waiving the right to protest issue. He needed to discuss that with his business partner. Vice Mayor Patterson reminded him that if his partner did not agree to that, it would have to come back to Council. Mr. Lockwood confirmed that he understood.

**RESOLUTION -5-121 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TENTATIVE MAP OF SIX PARCELS FOR PARCEL APN: 0088-134-010 FOR THE MILITARY OAKS PROJECT AT 608 MILITARY EAST**

On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Whitney, the above Resolution was adopted as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: Council Member Smith**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Revisions to Tree Resolution No. 05-76:**

Ms. Trisha Togonon, Parks and Community Services Management Assistant, reviewed the Staff report.

Ms. Allison Fleck, Tree Subcommittee member, reviewed a slideshow presentation on 'Creating a Tree Program for the City of Benicia.'

Ms. Fleck stated that Mr. Greg Gartrell has joined the Tree Subcommittee. He is a source of great information and is an asset to the subcommittee.

**Public Comment:**

1. **Mr. Randy Anderson, Tree Subcommittee member - Mr. Anderson encouraged Council to consider making trees a priority.**

**Council Member Smith stated that trees are on Council's list of priorities. He thanked Ms. Fleck and the Tree Subcommittee for its efforts.**

**Vice Mayor Patterson thanked Mayor Messina for making the Tree Subcommittee go through the process. It was very beneficial. The results were excellent.**

#### **RESOLUTION 05-76 - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TREE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BENICIA**

**On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Smith, the revisions to Resolution 05-76 were approved, on roll call by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: None**

**Mayor Messina called for a 5-minute break at 9:27 p.m.**

**The meeting resumed at 9:35 p.m.**

#### **Update on Bordoni Ranch:**

**Jim Erickson, City Manager, stated that he, Mayor Messina, Vice Mayor Patterson, and Mr. Golick would be meeting with their counterparts in Vallejo on 7/20/05 to discuss the issues of traffic and maintenance of the buffer. The developer has agreed to maintain the 500 ft. buffer. They have also agreed to keep development off of the major ridgeline. The major issues remaining are the State Park Road bridge, grading and visual impacts, and the potential of a traffic circle in addition to the previous traffic mitigation measures requested. He discussed the current MOU (regarding the buffer zone) and how it relates to this project.**

**Vice Mayor Patterson thanked Staff for the meeting with Council on Thursday.**

**Mayor Messina discussed the geographic boundary on Columbus Parkway and Rose Drive. He discussed the repairs that need to be done. He asked how the repairs would be paid for. Mr. Erickson stated that the City of Vallejo is prepared to fully commit the project to be responsible for the repairs from Benicia Road to Columbus Parkway/Rose Drive, with the understanding that if the Fulton project moves forward, they pay their fair share of the costs.**

**Mayor Messina asked who would be responsible for the minor improvements (striping and stop signs) that will need to be put in at the Rose Drive/Columbus Parkway intersection.**

**Mr. Schiada stated the City of Benicia would take care of the minor modifications at that intersection. The funds have been set-aside in the traffic mitigation fee program (\$250,000). The one exception to this is that the Bordoni EIR states that they will be responsible for modifying to provide for the**

separate right turn lane coming down from Rose Drive. Regarding the bike/pedestrian bridge, the City has been successful in getting the monies through STA for the design of the bridge. However, we need an additional \$1.5 million for the construction of the bridge. There have been more grant monies available for bicycle/pedestrian and TLC projects. We are on STA's priority list for that project. Staff is suggesting that we may want to consider a local match between Benicia and Vallejo for those grant funds. Mr. Schiada stated that the contour grading of the ridgeline should also be discussed at the meeting with Vallejo's Mayor, Vice Mayor, and staff.

Council Member Smith stated that he was confused by some of the Mayor's comments. He was not sure if the Mayor was advocating for the development or the City of Benicia. Mayor Messina stated that he was advocating for the City of Benicia.

Council Member Smith asked for clarification on the 'improvements being in place prior to the 171 units being occupied.' Mr. Schiada stated that the condition is worded so that the improvements are to be in place before the issuance of any permits beyond the 171 units. Council Member Smith asked for a copy of the buffer agreement. He stated that we should have taken the position that we can visibly see the grading in the buffer zone from the State Park. It should not indicate an unchanged view from the State Park. The impact on the community will be enormous.

Council Member Whitney asked Mr. Golick about his experiences in Concord and how they might relate to this project. Mr. Golick discussed the traffic improvements. Council Member Whitney feels like the City has soft-pedaled the issue of the off ramp coming off of the freeway onto Columbus Parkway. Traffic gets congested during commute time. Mr. Schiada discussed the conditions of the project and the traffic study. With the four lanes west of Rose Drive on Columbus Parkway, you now have the ability to modify the right turn only lane into a combination through-right turn lane. You could allow two lanes of traffic to stack up now, instead of one. Staff has a plan B - if the improvements don't work, Staff has money to widen the lanes if it becomes necessary.

Council Member Campbell discussed the two different traffic studies that were done and the discrepancy in the amount of documented traffic that flows through the area. He asked if anyone on Staff has looked at Vallejo's General Plan to see what it says about the buffer zone. Mr. Schiada stated that would be a discussion for tomorrow's meeting with Vallejo. Finding out the intention of the original MOU zone will answer a lot of questions.

Vice Mayor Patterson stated that the tone of the meeting (with Vallejo's Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Staff) is very important. The intent is to go to Vallejo and state that we would like to collaborate and try to solve some very serious planning and traffic problems. She intends to talk about the trigger point for the road improvements. The 40% figure is high. There is a fundamental aspect of the design of the project that is troubling. It falls into the traditional patterns that we've seen that we know don't work. Part of dealing with the traffic issue is to make development more walkable and less auto-dependent. We need to express the concern that a lot of the traffic will be coming into Benicia, there ought to be planning solutions to address this. We have a few ideas that will be brought up. The livability and walkability aspect is trying to get at the traffic concerns. The proposed grading that is in there now is an engineered grading approach. There are better ways of doing that. Vallejo's grading

ordinance does not seem to be guiding the grading plan for this project i.e., the limitation on grading above 25% slope, issues of contours, etc. She shares Council Member Smith's concerns about the tone of the meeting. These very serious problems will affect our community in a large way.

**Consideration of Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) School Board proposed revisions to Joint Use Agreements with City:  
Continued to the 8/16/05 Council Meeting**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Benicia Public Service Employees' Association (BPSEA):**

**Diane O'Connell, Human Resources Director, reviewed the Staff report.**

**Council Member Campbell stated that he wanted to vote straight across the board on all of the groups. He asked if there were any other groups, besides the firefighters, that are not settled. Ms. O'Connell stated that there are six groups (1 represented by a bargaining group and 5 unrepresented) that still need to be settled.**

**Mayor Messina asked if the following resolutions could be continued to the next meeting to see if the other groups could be settled, and they could all be voted on at the same time.**

**Council Member Smith discussed the 'elephant in the room' and that Valero's property tax appeal has left the City's financial status in a difficult position. Our finances are in limbo until that is settled. The contracts have expired and we need to bargain in good faith with the groups. He wished Valero were showing its good faith with the City. This is the best thing to do to honor our fine employees. A longer-term agreement would have been better, but we cannot do that because of the position that Valero has put the City in.**

**Vice Mayor Patterson asked a question on X-A-15 (paragraph 15) 'Financial Reports.' She asked about 'private sector/agency'. Ms. O'Connell stated that the referenced section was not changed at all. It has been in the City's MOU's for years. This section only pertains to the private sector. Vice Mayor Patterson asked Mr. Sousa to explain page X-A-39 regarding retirement benefit options. Ms. O'Connell explained what occurred with PERS that affected retirement benefit options.**

**Council Member Whitney asked Mr. Sousa how many dollars in increased expenditures from the General Fund are spent for every percent the employee salaries are increased. Mr. Sousa stated that it amounts to approximately \$209,000 for all City funds. The General Fund is approximately 75% of that, which would be about \$150,000. He cautioned Council that he was shooting from the hip on the figures.**

**RESOLUTION 05-122 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006 AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BENICIA PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**

**On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Patterson, the above Resolution was**

adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Approval of amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Benicia Dispatcher's Association (BDA):

Diane O'Connell, Human Resources Director, reviewed the Staff report.

**RESOLUTION 05-123 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 20, 2006 AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BENICIA DISPATCHER'S ASSOCIATION**

On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Smith, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Approval of amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Benicia Police Officer's Association (BPOA):

Diane O'Connell, Human Resources Director, reviewed the Staff report.

**RESOLUTION 05-124 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006 AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BENICIA POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION**

On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Patterson, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Creation of a Benicia Safe Ride Program:

Mr. John Andoh, Transportation Manager, reviewed the Staff report.

Council Member Smith had a question on page X-D-8. He said it should be reworded to read 'taxi tickets are not complete fare beyond the City of Benicia.' Mr. Andoh stated that he would reword it so it is accurate. He asked for an explanation of the budget information on X-D-10 - 'a small budget of \$1,500- \$5,000 for advertising.' Council Member Smith stated that he could support that budget. Mr. Andoh stated that business owners did not want to commit to any funding. Several businesses expressed willingness to assist with donations towards the cost of printing tickets, etc. Council Member Smith stated that there is no doubt that this program will provide more than \$1,500- \$5,000 worth of benefit to Benicia. Mr. Andoh agreed, but stated that for the time being, to get it free of charge with no contribution from the City.

On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Whitney, Council approved the creation of a Benicia Safe Ride Program and authorized the City Manager to sign agreements with Vallejo/ Benicia City Cab and Vallejo/Benicia Yellow Cab for accepting tickets from passengers using

**the Benicia Safe Ride Program, on roll call by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: None**

**Adoption of a taxi rate adjustment for Vallejo/Benicia City Cab and Vallejo/Benicia Yellow Cab:**

**Mr. John Andoh, Transportation Manager, reviewed the Staff report.**

**Mayor Messina asked if it is found that the taxi service is not being utilized like we are anticipating, could we go back to the old rates? It is not in the agreement, and it cannot be changed. The last increase was done in 1998.**

**RESOLUTION 05-125 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A REVISED TARIFF FROM VALLEJO/BENICIA CITY CAB AND VALLEJO/BENICIA YELLOW CAB FOR THE OPERATION OF TAXI SERVICE IN THE CITY OF BENICIA**

**On motion of Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Whitney, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: None**

**Implementation of a taxi script program:**

**Mr. John Andoh, Transportation Manager, reviewed the Staff report.**

**Vice Mayor Patterson expressed concern on how senior citizens would get to City Hall to purchase the booklets. Mr. Andoh stated that they could use the dial-a-ride; possibly, we could go to the senior center and sell them, through the mail, etc. Vice Mayor Patterson stated that it would be easier if they could provide their documentation through the mail; she encouraged Staff to consider that option.**

**Council Member Smith commended Staff for their efforts on these issues.**

**RESOLUTION 05-126 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TAXI SCRIPT PROGRAM**

**On motion of Vice Mayor Patterson, seconded by Council Member Smith, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Patterson, Smith, Whitney, and Mayor Messina**

**Noes: None**

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

**Announcement of new format and organization of City Web Site:**

**Ms. Diane O'Connell, Human Resources Director, reviewed changes and new format of the City's website.**

**REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Mayors' Committee Meeting - Mayor Messina - Next meeting date: July 20, 2005**

2. **Arsenal Restoration Advisory Board - Council Member Campbell - Next meeting date: September 28, 2005**
3. **Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - Vice Mayor Patterson - Next meeting date: October 27, 2005**
4. **Audit & Finance Committee - Council Members Campbell and Patterson - Next meeting date: August 5, 2005**
5. **Carquinez Strait Preservation Trust - Council Member Smith - Next meeting date: To be determined**
6. **First Street Revitalization Committee - Council Members Campbell and Smith - Next meeting date: September 28, 2005**
7. **League of California Cities - Council Member Smith - Next meeting date: August 4, 2005 - Council Member Smith stated that 'Telecommunications regulatory changes in California's future' would be discussed.**
8. **Police Station and Civic Center Restoration Committee - Mayor Messina and Council Member Smith - Next meeting date: Not scheduled**
9. **School District Liaison - Council Members Smith and Whitney - Next meeting date: August 25, 2005**
10. **Sky Valley Area Open Space - Council Members Patterson and Smith - Next meeting date: July 20, 2005**
11. **Solano EDC Board of Directors - Vice Mayor Patterson - Next meeting date: July 28, 2005**
12. **Solano Transportation Authority (STA) - Mayor Messina - Next meeting date: August 10, 2005**
13. **Solano Water Authority/Solano County Water Agency - Mayor Messina - Next meeting date: August 11, 2005**
14. **Sunshine Committee - Council Members Campbell and Patterson - Next meeting date: Not scheduled**
15. **Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee - Council Members Campbell and Patterson - Next meeting date: July 21, 2005 - Vice Mayor Patterson encouraged the public to attend the meeting.**
16. **Tri-City and County Regional Parks and Open Space - Council Member Whitney - Next meeting date: September 12, 2005**
17. **Urban Water Management Planning Task Force - Vice Mayor Patterson and Mayor Messina - Next meeting date: July 28, 2005**
18. **Valero Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) - Council Member Whitney - Next meeting date: August 11, 2005**
19. **Youth Action Task Force - Council Member Whitney - Next meeting date: August 24, 2005**

**20. ABAG/CAL FED Task Force/Bay Area Water Forum - Vice Mayor Patterson - Next meeting date:  
To be determined**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.**

**Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk**