

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL  
July 23, 2013

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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

Ayes: Patterson, Strawbridge, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes  
Noes: (None)

**IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**A. WRITTEN COMMENT**

Two items received (copies on file).

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

On motion of Council Member Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member

Hughes, Motion to Approve CONSENT CALENDAR (6:15 PM):, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Patterson, Strawbridge, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes  
Noes: (None)

**A. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CALRECYCLE GRANT PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION 13-57 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF BENICIA IS ELIGIBLE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER , OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION(S)**

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

**VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE WESTERN GATEWAY INTERMODAL FACILITIES PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 13-58 - A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE JUNE 27, 2013 BID OPENING FOR THE WESTERN GATEWAY INTERMODAL FACILITY PROJECT, ACCEPTING ALL BIDS FOR THE JULY 16, 2013 BID OPENING, AWARDED THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO REDGWICK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,092,870, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

Melissa Morton, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report.

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed the issue of increased ridership. Once Staff has a year's worth of ridership, they would provide data on ridership increase.

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed the issue of the budget and what would happen if the project exceeded the contract amount.

Council Member Strawbridge and Staff discussed the issue of building maintenance into the project. Funding was not allocated in the General Fund for the landscape maintenance.

Council Member Hughes and Staff discussed the fact that the project was fully funded through grant dollars through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. They discussed the issue of reaching out to the neighbors near the

project site.

Mayor Patterson and Council Member Hughes discussed the success of the Intermodal project on First Street and Military.

Public Comment:

None

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Strawbridge, Council adopted Resolution 13-58, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Patterson, Strawbridge, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes

Noes: (None)

**B. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR'S 2014 AND 2015**

**RESOLUTION 13-59 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AND 2014-15**

**RESOLUTION 13-60 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14**

Anne Cardwell, Acting Assistant City Manager, introduced the item.

Council discussed skipping to the Internal Service Fund and the Enterprise Fund.

Brenda Olwin, Interim Finance Director, reviewed the Enterprise Funds.

Marina Fund:

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed how inter-fund transfers are made.

Staff will give council a date for a future workshop on the Marina Fund at the 8/20/13 meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Water and Wastewater Funds:

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed the \$447,000 transfer that was made (budget report page 50).

Public Comment:

None

Internal Services Fund:

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed 'charges for current services' listed under revenues.

Mayor Patterson and Staff discussed the shortage funds for equipment replacement, and the issues of injured workers/workers comp.

Energy Conservation Funds:

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed what the recommendations were to deal with the current shortfall. They discussed the solar projects and the city property that was involved in the lease.

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed the issue of the solar rebates the City had received to date, the City's overall energy bill, when the true-up bill would be received from PG&E, concern about the numbers coming in, and what will happen after the initial rebate goes away.

Council Member Hughes and Staff discussed the calculated risk Council and Staff took when the solar projects were approved. He was somewhat concerned and optimistic at the same time. The project is still in the infant stage and needs time to even out.

Mayor Patterson and Staff discussed when PG&E and Chevron Solutions, and the City could meet in the same room so the numbers could be rectified (September-October would be a good target date.).

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed the importance of getting a true-up number.

Follow-up questions from 7/16/13 meeting:

Council and Staff reviewed the follow-up to the budget questions from the 7/16/13 budget meeting regarding Public Works (water barriers used during special events) and Fire (total call volume).

Council and Staff discussed the recommended changes to the Fire and Public Works budgets.

Mayor Patterson and Staff discussed the need to do the analysis on the strategic plan to see what needs to be done. She discussed the tasks that Staff had identified that were organizationally centered (It appears to be a lot of work, and she was not sure how it would be accomplished.). She would like to see Staff's plan on the scheduling for the work topics (how they would be put together, progress being made, etc. - items such as the vehicle replacement fund, workers compensation fund, and the workforce planning, IT planning, Public Works issues). The public should be included in the plan.

Public Comment:

1. Ellen Kolowich - Ms. Kolowich discussed the revenue from the electronic billboard that was expected. Staff did not want to include that revenue until the billboard is built. She discussed the need to get more revenue generating businesses to come to Benicia.

Mayor Patterson thanked Staff for their efforts with the budget process.

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Schwartzman, Council adopted Resolution 13-59, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Patterson, Strawbridge, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes  
Noes: (None)

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Noes: (None)

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk