

July 30, 2002

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
SPECIAL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL
JULY 30, 2002

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 6:31 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

Notice was duly given twenty-four hours prior to the meeting by the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bidou, Campbell, Smith and Mayor Messina

Absent: Council Member Whitney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

On motion of Council Member Bidou, seconded by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried, Agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

Mayor Messina stated that a letter had been received from Benicia Industrial Park Association (BIPA) supporting the ½ cent tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any requests for items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Smith requested Item IV-A be pulled.

On motion of Council Member Bidou, seconded by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved under the Consent Calendar:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-124- A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2002-03 SECURED TAX RATES FOR THE 1978 SEWER BONDS AND THE 1997 SEWER BONDS

Waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and adopted pursuant to this Agenda.

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN (CTEP) APPROVED BY THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (STIA) FUNDED BY THE PROPOSED ½ CENT, 20 YEAR LOCAL SALES TAX

Council Member Smith requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar; in favor of the plan when it was linked to sound land use planning; plan as proposed is short sighted; favors the tax but not the Expenditure Plan.

Vice Mayor Campbell supported the Plan when it was connected to land use; tax as proposed will favor the North County; figures show that it will not benefit Benicia financially; will not support.

Council Member Bidou stated that a lot of time has gone into this Plan; support is needed for continued growth of the Industrial Park; let the voters decide; questioned whether or not vote could be postponed until the full Council was present.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, explained the process by which this item could be brought back to the Council for further discussion; expressed concerns that if this tax is not passed that Benicia will suffer an economic crisis; City is at residential build-out; those with jobs in the Industrial Park must have reasonable access.

Three concerned citizens spoke on this item.

Mayor Messina stated that people need reasonable access to and from Benicia; 20% of funding from this tax will go to fix the 680/80 Interchange; read a list of items that would get possible funding and benefit Benicia if this tax passes.

Vice Mayor Campbell stated that he wanted to make it clear that he did not agree with the Plan, but would vote in favor of the Resolution to put it on the ballot.

Council Member Smith stated that there were several compelling arguments that had been made in favor of this Plan; this Plan is not forward thinking; would like to see more money allotted to transit; cannot support the Plan as proposed.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-125 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN (CTEP) APPROVED BY THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED ½ CENT SALES TAX IN SOLANO COUNTY

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

Ayes: Council Members Bidou, Campbell and Mayor Messina

Noes: Council Member Smith

Absent: Council Member Whitney

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 6, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Messina explained the reasons for the proposed cancellation.

On motion of Council Member Bidou, seconded by Council Member Smith, and unanimously carried, the Council Meeting of August 6, 2002 was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk