

August 1, 2000

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
AUGUST 1, 2000

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:32 p.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2000, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

UPCOMING OPENINGS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Messina announced openings on Human Services Fund Board and Library Board of Trustees. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office.

APPOINTMENTS:

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR JIM TRIMBLE, CHIEF OF POLICE

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, administered the oath of office to Mr. Trimble. Mayor and Council members welcomed Chief Trimble and thanked Mr. Giuliani for his service during the last six years as Chief of Police.

Mayor Messina called for a break at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Messina reconvened the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

On motion of Councilmember Bidou, seconded by Councilmember Corbaley, and unanimously carried, Agenda was adopted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B Street, stated that the final Grand Jury Report was now available in the City Manager's office; spoke on acceptance by the City of the public improvements made by Kaufman and Broad at the Marina; concerned about problems at the Marina.

James O. Milburn, 280 East J Street, spoke on the hiring of the Police Chief; recalled previous activities at the waterfront area.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Messina asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Messina requested that Item E be pulled.

On motion of Councilmember Gizzi, seconded by Councilmember Corbaley, and unanimously carried, the following items were approved under the Consent Calendar:

Minutes of July 17, 2000 and July 18, 2000.

Denial of Claim and referral to insurance company - MURPHY.

Monthly Investment Reports - April through June 2000.

Check Registers for June 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-112- A RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF TASK ORDER NO.33 TO CAMP DRESSER AND MC KEE, INC. IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$210,000 AND REALLOCATING FUNDS IN THE WATER OPERATIONS BUDGET

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 00-5 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AT 191 WEST J STREET (PLN 2000-23)

RESOLUTION NO. 00-113- A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2000-01 SECURED TAX RATES FOR THE 1978 SEWER BONDS AND THE 1997 SEWER BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 00-114- A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEW CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNICIAN I/II, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SALARY RANGES, AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN

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

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

REVISION TO THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Mayor Messina requested this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar; applauded the concept of reviewing the investments on a quarterly basis at the Council level; would like to amend policy to also have these investments reviewed at the Finance and Audit Committee meetings twice a month.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-115 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY AND GUIDELINES, (POLICY AMENDED).

On motion of Mayor Messina, seconded by Councilmember Gizzi, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

INCREASE IN LIBRARY BOOK FEE

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated this fee is based on the Consumers Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Bay Area and would only affect new construction; this applies to both the Library Book Fee and the Park Land Dedication Fee.

Mayor Messina opened the Public Hearing. Legal notice was given. No written protests received.

The following person spoke:

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B Street, Slip No. 68, asked how figures were determined.

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, gave a brief explanation.

Mayor Messina closed the Public Hearing.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-116 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN THE LIBRARY BOOK FEE

On motion of Councilmember Bidou, seconded by Councilmember Corbaley, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

INCREASE IN PARK LAND DEDICATION FEE

Mayor Messina opened the Public Hearing. Legal notice was given. No written protests received.

The following person spoke:

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B Street, Slip No.68, stated her questions were answered during the prior hearing.

Mayor Messina closed the Public Hearing.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-117 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN THE PARK LAND DEDICATION FEE

On motion of Councilmember Gizzi, seconded by Councilmember Bidou, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

INCREASES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LICENSE TAX FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES, MULTIPLE-DWELLING STRUCTURES AND COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated these increases were based upon the Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Region and were determined by square footage.

Mayor Messina opened the Public Hearing. Legal notice was given. No written protests received. No one spoke for or against the increases.

Mayor Messina closed the Public Hearing.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-118 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING INCREASES FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LICENSE TAX FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES, MULTIPLE-DWELLING STRUCTURES, AND COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

On motion of Councilmember Corbaley, seconded by Councilmember Bidou, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORTS
Brenda Gillarde, Principal Planner, gave a report; currently the City has two active grants (CDBG) and one Housing Rehabilitation revolving loan;

Councilmember Gizzi questioned the time line of the program.

Mayor Messina opened the Public Hearing. Legal notice was given. No written protests received.

The following person spoke:

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B Street, Slip No. 68, in favor of revolving loan fund; spoke about programs for children funded by Proposition 10 money.

Mayor Messina closed the Public Hearing.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-119 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORTS

On motion of Councilmember Bidou, seconded by Councilmember Corbaley, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 AND PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Otto Giuliani, City Manager, stated that this positive report was due to the City's department heads managing their budgets well, a strong sales tax, and the revenue generated by the sale of the Exxon Refinery to Valero; pointed out the various adjustments that were being requested.

Gary Kalian, 633 Belvedere Drive, Chair, Planning Commission, stated the Commission is frustrated with the amount of time it is taking to implement the General Plan; a letter restating

the support of the Commission, to enable the Planning Department to hire consultants to help with this implementation, was sent to the Council on July 25, 2000.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-120 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 AND PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

On motion of Councilmember Corbaley, seconded by Councilmember Bidou, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (SRTP)

Alan Nadritch, Finance Director, explained the reasons for the revisions; these revisions will enable the City to compete for Grant funds; gave an overview report on both the Fixed Route Service (Benicia Transit) and Paratransit Service (Dial A Ride).

Councilmember Corbaley commented on the effort that was expended to obtain Public Comment on this issue.

Council took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 00-121 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (SRTP)

On motion of Councilmember Bidou, seconded by Councilmember Gizzi, the above Resolution was adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Bidou, Corbaley, Gizzi and Mayor Messina

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Whitney

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk