

October 2, 2007
BENICIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
City Council Chambers
October 2, 2007

6:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- II. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:
 - A. ROLL CALL
 - B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC
- III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - A. WRITTEN
 - B. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. CLOSED SESSION:
 - A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code Section 54957)
Titles: City Manager
City Attorney
 - B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
54956.9)
1 Claim: Barco
- V. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:
- VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:
 - A. [Top 12 Priority Projects Quarterly Review](#)

Staff has prepared updates for the City Council on the Top 12 Priority Projects adopted with the 2007-09 Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: Review project updates.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT:

BENICIA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
City Council Chambers
October 2, 2007

7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- II. CLOSED SESSION:
- III. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:
 - A. ROLL CALL
 - B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS
PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Announcement of action taken at Closed Session, if any.
2. Openings on Boards and Commissions:

Benicia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners:

-Two terms to December 31, 2009 (Tenant Openings)

Sky Valley Open Space Committee:

-One unexpired term to September 30, 2010

Library Board of Trustees

-One full term to November 30, 2009 (Poet Laureate)

Open Government Commission

-One full term to November 30, 2011

B. APPOINTMENTS:

C. PRESENTATIONS:

D. PROCLAMATIONS:

1. [Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Monticello Dam](#)

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. WRITTEN

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes of [September 18, 2007](#), (City Clerk)

B. [Approval of Benicia's Priority Transit Projects for Solano Transportation Authority's 10-Year Transit Capital Plan](#). (Finance Director and Director of Public Works)

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has requested that each agency within the County provide a list of Priority Transit Projects to be included in their 10-year Transit Capital Plan. This document will then serve as a guide to secure outside funding for eligible projects countywide and for Benicia projects that are on the priority project list. There is no budget impact; projects will be funded through the Solano Transportation Authority with outside grant funding.

Recommendation: By motion, City Council approve the list of Benicia's Priority Transit Projects to submit to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for their 10-Year Transit Capital Plan.

C. [Amendment of the City Manager's Employment Agreement](#). (City Manager)

The City and Jim Erickson have entered into an agreement to employ Mr. Erickson as City Manager. This amendment to the agreement extends the term of the agreement until June 30, 2009. There is no additional cost associated with this extension.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the extension of the City Manager's employment agreement until June 30, 2009.

D. [Amendment of the City Attorney's Employment Agreement](#). (City Manager)

The City and Heather Mc Laughlin have entered into an agreement to employ Ms. Mc Laughlin as City Attorney. This amendment to the agreement extends the term of the agreement until June 30, 2009. There is no additional cost associated with this extension.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the extension of the City Attorney's employment agreement until June 30, 2009.

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

VIII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

IX. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. [Approval of a contract with Placemaking Group for tourism branding.](#) (Economic Development Manager)

Placemaking Group of Oakland was the most qualified submitter that responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a tourism branding plan issued by City staff in July 2007. The contract value is \$40,000, and it will be funded from the tourism allocation in the 2007-09 Budget.

Recommendation: Approve, by minute order, the contract with the Placemaking Group for a tourism branding plan, and authorize the City Manager to execute it.

- B. [Energy Efficiency Status and Options.](#) (Economic Development Manager)

Reducing our organization's energy consumption and carbon footprint while improving the community's air quality is a Strategic Plan Top 12 Priority for 2007-09. City staff has taken a number of energy efficient steps, particularly in facilities and fleet management. Among the many options for approaching this series of issues are undertaking discrete projects - like lighting retrofits - and considering larger policy initiatives. No definite budget impact is currently identified; the lighting retrofit project was estimated at \$71,000 in January 2007. Staff plans to utilize the California Energy Commission's low-interest loan program to fund the project.

Recommendation: Review the status of energy efficiency efforts underway; by consensus, approve moving forward on a new lighting retrofit project at an estimated cost of \$71,000 funded through the California Energy Commission's low interest loan program, and direct staff to pursue larger policy initiatives based on the options discussed.

X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Reports from City Manager.

- 1. [Policy Calendar Review](#)

XI. **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Public Participation

The Benicia City Council welcomes public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The City Council allows speakers to speak on agenda and non

agenda matters under public comment. Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the City Council.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the City Manager.

Disabled Access

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Meeting Procedures

All items listed on this agenda are for Council discussion and/or action. In accordance with the Brown Act, each item is listed and includes, where appropriate, further description of the item and/or a recommended action. The posting of a recommended action does not limit, or necessarily indicate, what action may be taken by the City Council.