

**October 17, 2006
BENICIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS & POLICE STATION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

October 17, 2006

6:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER:**
- **CONVENE OPEN SESSION:**
 - **ROLL CALL**
 - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - **REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC**
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - **WRITTEN**
 - **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
 - **Tour & Video of the Police Station. (Police Chief)**

The City Council will take a tour of the Police Station and then return to the Council Chambers to view a video made by a Benicia resident, Constance Beutel. She filmed this video in order to communicate her concerns regarding the current condition of the Police Station.

Recommendation: For information only, no action necessary.

**BENICIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

October 17, 2006

7:00 P.M.

- **CALL TO ORDER:**
- **CLOSED SESSION:**
 - **NONE**
- **CONVENE OPEN SESSION:**
 - **ROLL CALL**
 - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - **REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PUBLIC**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - **Announcement of action taken at Closed Session, if any.**
 - **Openings on Boards and Commissions:**
People Using Resources Efficiently (PURE) Committee:
-One immediate opening
 - **Planning Commission:**
-One unexpired term to October 7, 2007

- **Civil Service Commission:**
-One full term to August 30, 2009
 - **Sky Valley Open Space Committee:**
-One full term to September 30, 2010
 - **Open Government Commission:**
-One full term to November 30, 2010
 - **Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Commission:**
-One full term to November 30, 2010
- **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - **Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Commission Youth Commissioner**
-Ellen Quigley
- **PRESENTATIONS:**
 - **People Using Resources Efficiently (PURE) Update**
-Bob Craft, Chair of PURE
 - **Solano County Constructing Connections Program**
-Kim Johnson & Gerry Raycraft - Children's Network
- **PROCLAMATIONS:**
- **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - **WRITTEN**
 - **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- **Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2006. (City Clerk)**
- **Recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Commission to name the Bocce Ball Courts at Civic Center Park after Al Bertellotti. (Parks & Community Services Director)**

The Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Commission, on September 13, 2006 heard a presentation requesting that the City name the bocce ball courts at Civic Center Park after Al Bertellotti. The Commission felt it would be appropriate to name the courts after Al Bertellotti for his influence and involvement in the construction of the courts. The budget impact of this proposal is insignificant. The local Native Sons organization has offered to purchase the plaque recognizing Mr. Bertellotti.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution naming the bocce ball courts at Civic Center Park after Al Bertellotti.

- **Approval of Benicia Priority Projects eligible for future funding through the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). (Public Works Director)**

At the request of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), each local agency within Solano County will submit their list of priority projects eligible for future funding from federal and state grant programs including new sources of funds from Proposition 84 and other bond propositions on the November 2006 statewide ballot. For Benicia, staff is recommending five priority projects for submittal to the STA for future funding consideration.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving a list of five Benicia priority projects eligible for future funding from federal and state funding administered through the Solano Transportation Authority (STA).

- Approval to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and adopted pursuant to this agenda.
- **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - **Submittal of an application for 2006-07 Community Development Block Grant Funding. (Community Development Director)**
The City has been asked by Affordable Housing Affiliation of Benicia (AHA) to submit an application for \$500,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and to waive an estimated \$264,000 in permit and impact fees to facilitate construction by AHA of 10-12 apartments for lower-income residents on a vacant lot on the south side of East Military between East 4th and 5th Streets. The CDBG funds, administered by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), became available to the City in September 2006, and grant requests in the 2006-2007 cycle must be submitted to HCD by November 3rd.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving submittal of an application, as proposed by Affordable Housing Affiliation of Benicia, for funding from the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant General Allocation With Focus on Public Works, with the condition that the City Council will consider deferral for up to five years, but not waiver of, permit and impact fees for the anticipated project to be developed using the CDBG funds.

- **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - **Review of Economic Development Board's Top Priorities for new Economic Development Strategy. (City Manager)**

Over the past few months, the Economic Development Board (EDB) has discussed priorities for inclusion in a new Economic Development Strategy, updating the existing one from 1995. At this point, it is appropriate to review the priority areas that have emerged as key for EDB, and receive Council direction on them as the groundwork for the new Strategy. The EDB's top priorities are increasing tourism, supporting downtown as the community's core, and adding more research and development/campus-style offices in the industrial park.

Recommendation: Receive a presentation on the EDB's top priorities in terms of policy areas for a new Economic Development Strategy, and provide feedback to the EDB and staff.

- **Award of construction contract for the Military West Sidewalk and Slope Repair Project. (Public Works Director)**
The Military West Sidewalk and Slope Repair project will repair damage to the

pedestrian pathway and roadway slope that occurred during the December 31, 2005 winter storm. The project costs total \$157,540, requiring an appropriation of \$78,770 from the General Fund Reserves.

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution accepting the bids for the Military West Sidewalk and Slope Repair Project, awarding the construction contract to W.R. Forde Associates of Richmond, California, in the amount of \$128,425, appropriating \$78,770 from the General Fund Reserves for the construction, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

- **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Reports from City Manager.
- Council Member Committee Reports.

(Council Members serve on various internal and external committees on behalf of the City. Current agendas, minutes and meeting schedules, as available, from these various committees are included in the agenda packet. Oral reports by Council Members are made only by exception.)

- **Mayors' Committee Meeting (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: October 18, 2006
- **Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2006 (Fall General Assembly)
- **Audit & Finance Committee (Vice Mayor Schwartzman and Council Member Hughes)**
Next Meeting Date: November 3, 2006
- **League of California Cities (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: November 15 & 16, 2006 (Legislative Briefings)
- **School District Liaison (Council Members Whitney and Hughes)**
Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2006
- **Sky Valley Area Open Space (Council Members Patterson and Whitney)**
Next Meeting Date: November 1, 2006
- **Solano EDC Board of Directors (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2006
- **Solano Transportation Authority (STA) (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2006 (Annual STA Awards Ceremony)
- **Solano Water Authority/Solano County Water Agency (Mayor Messina)**
Next Meeting Date: November 9, 2006
- **Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee (Council Members Patterson and Hughes)**
Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2006
- **Tri-City and County Regional Parks and Open Space (Council Member Whitney)**
Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2006
- **Valero Community Advisory Panel (CAP) (Council Member Hughes)**
Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2007

- Youth Action Task Force (Vice Mayor Schwartzman and Council Member Whitney)
Next Meeting Date: October 25, 2006
 - ABAG/CAL FED Task Force/Bay Area Water Forum (Council Member Patterson)
Next Meeting Date: October 30, 2006
 - COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 - ADJOURNMENT:
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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 agendized and nonagendized 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.

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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.