

October 22, 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 WORKSHOP - CITY COUNCIL - PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2002

A special workshop of the City Council and the Planning Commission of the City of Benicia was called by Mayor Steve Messina at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2002, in the Commission Room, City Hall, 250 East L Street.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Council Member Bidou

WORKSHOP PRESENTATION:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE URBAN GROWTH
BOUNDARY

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, and Richard Taylor, Shute Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, gave the presentation on the Urban Growth Boundary as it relates to the current General Plan, range of options available and examples in which other cities have addressed similar issues.

Questions were asked and comments made by the Mayor and Council Members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Natalie DuMont, Representative, Solano Green Belt Alliance, encouraged public involvement in the process.

Bonnie Silveria, 641 West I Street, expressed concerns about circumventing the CEQA process given the history of City; suggested putting some of the property into the Tri-City Land Trust.

Kitty Griffin, 236 Baker Street, commented on inconsistencies in the General Plan; definition of Urban Growth Boundary not the same as growth management.

Jon Van Landshoot, 175 West I Street, questioned whether or not all types of development could be banned.

Sarah Rohrs, 625 First Street, asked about the background of the issue and why this was coming up now.

Bob Mutch, 695 Knight Drive, stated that it made sense to move forward; resolve the inconsistencies.

Marilyn Bardet, 333 East K Street, questioned whether or not the possible proposed measure could address contradictions in the General Plan.

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B Street, stated definitions need to be resolved; would like to maintain Lake Herman Road as a rural road.

Ron Glas, commented on the Urban Growth Boundary.

Questions were asked and comments made by the Mayor and Council.

Consensus of the Council was to appoint a committee to made recommendations about how to manage and restrict development on property north of Lake Herman Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk