

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
November 01, 2011

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. CLOSED SESSION:

III. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A. ROLL CALL

Council Member Campbell arrived at 7:07 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scouts Kristina Flores, Emily Martin, and Cassidy McGuire, from Troop 20634, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Patterson stated the meeting would be adjourned in honor of Mr. George De La Cruz. She recognized Mr. De La Cruz' contributions to the community. She expressed Council's condolences to his family.

1. Announcement of action taken at Closed Session, if any.

Ms. McLaughlin reported that Council received information from Staff on item V.A. Council and Staff were not done discussing item V.B, and would be returning to Closed Session after the Regular meeting was adjourned.

2. Openings on Boards and Commissions:

Soltrans Public Advisory Committee: Three Full Terms Open until Filled

Sky Valley Open Space Committee: One full term to January 31, 2015
Open until filled

Building Board of Appeals: Three full terms to January 31, 2015 Open
until filled

Solano Transportation Authority Pedestrian Advisory Committee: One
Full Term Open Until Filled

3. Mayor's Office Hours:

4. Benicia Arsenal Update: Verbal Update

Ms. McLaughlin reported there would be a public meeting with DTSC at 3:00 p.m. on 11/14/11.

B. APPOINTMENTS

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF MARION McKOWN

Ms. McKown invited Council to BERT's upcoming muster on 11/10/11.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, Council adopted the Agenda, as presented, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes
Noes: (None)

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. WRITTEN COMMENT

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Stan Golovich - Mr. Golovich discussed the issue of micro utility, a wind turbine that was recently installed in the City of Fairfield, and his wish for a Sky Valley wind energy park.

Staff confirmed they had not yet penciled in a future agenda item regarding a wind energy park.

2. Council Member Campbell discussed the issue of micro utilities.
3. Kristina Flores, Emily Martin, and Cassidy McGuire, Girl Scout Troop 20634 - The girls announced an upcoming service project they will be working on where they will pick people's fruit of their trees and donate it to the Benicia CAC and St. Paul's Church.
4. Dan Smith - Mr. Smith thanked the community for being kind during his campaign process. He encouraged people to vote on November 08, 2011.
5. Larry Fullington - Mr. Fullington discussed the upcoming candidate forum that would be held by the Open Government Commission.
6. Nancy Martinez - Ms. Martinez discussed the attendance (85,248 people attended the Farmer's Market this year). She discussed the success of Benicia Main Street's Haunted Depot. They collected over four barrels of food for the local food bank.
7. Christina Strawbridge - Ms. Strawbridge discussed the Save the Parks event that took place in Downtown Benicia and Sacramento today.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council pulled items VII.A and VII.D for discussion.

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, Council adopted the Consent Calendar, as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes

Noes: (None)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 18, 2011

Mayor Patterson reviewed her requested changes (see handout), removing her as the person who made the motion, and correcting the vote to reflect her 'no' vote. She also requested that the minutes reflect her support for approving the \$4,300 to CAC.

Vice Mayor Schwartzman discussed the addition of Mayor Patterson's support for \$4,300 to CAC. He would like his support for the \$4,300 to CAC reflected in the minutes as well.

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, Council approved the minutes, as amended, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes

Noes: (None)

B. RE-DESIGNATION OF STA AS ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT (AVA) PROGRAM SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR SOLANO COUNTY

RESOLUTION 11-134 - A RESOLUTION OF RE-DESIGNATION OF THE SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (STA) AS THE ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT (AVA) PROGRAM SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR SOLANO COUNTY

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, Council adopted the Resolution, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes
Noes: (None)

C. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF RETAINING WALL AT SOUTHAMPTON PARK

RESOLUTION 11-135 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RETAINING WALL AT SOUTHAMPTON PARK, AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO H. BRAY CONSTRUCTION OF BENICIA, CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,600, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

On motion of Vice Mayor Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, Council adopted the Resolution, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes
Noes: (None)

D. GRANT A UTILITY EASEMENT TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC TO CONNECT THE VETERANS' HALL TRANSFORMER WITH THE UNDERGROUND POWER SOURCE

RESOLUTION 11-136 - A RESOLUTION GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CONNECT THE VETERAN'S HALL TRANSFORMER WITH THE UNDERGROUND POWER SOURCE

Mayor Patterson and Staff clarified that Council Member Hughes did not have a conflict of interest on this item.

Council Member loakimedes and Staff confirmed the cost in the staff report, and clarification that the City was not setting a precedent with the low dollar amount that could come back later and be used against the City in a different circumstance.

Public Comment:

None

On motion of Council Member loakimedes, seconded by Vice Mayor

Schwartzman, Council adopted the Resolution, on roll call by the following vote:
Ayes: Patterson, Schwartzman, Campbell, Hughes, loakimedes
Noes: (None)

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

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 7:38 p.m.

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk