

November 20, 2002
Benicia Special Workshop Minutes

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING - CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2002

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called by Mayor Steve Messina at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk, stated the Benicia City Council meeting is called to order and announced that the Council will immediately convene in Closed Session to discuss the following:

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of
Section 54956.9 of the Government Code)

1 case

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:17 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP - CITY COUNCIL - PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 20, 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. Wednesday, November 20, 2002, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Council Member Bidou

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Messina led the pledge to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Messina announced action taken in Closed Session as follows: Re: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - 1 case - received a report and direction given to staff.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATION:

OVERVIEW OF VALERO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

Colette Meunier, Community Development Director, acknowledged and introduced Planning Commissioners in attendance; Planning Commissioners Gary Kalia and Ron Askham were not present due to Conflict of Interest; stated that this meeting was to inform the Council and Planning Commission about the contents of the Draft EIR for the Valero Improvement Project (VIP); announced that a Public Information Night was scheduled for November 21, 2002, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; approval of the project was not part of this workshop.

Kitty Hammer, Consultant, and staff members from Environmental Science Associates, environmental consulting firm, gave the presentation.

The Mayor, City Council Members and Planning Commissioners asked questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following eight concerned citizens asked questions on this presentation:

Dana Dean, 503 Cambridge Drive.

Marilyn Bardet, 333 East K Street.

Catherine Machalinski, 1561 Shirley Drive.

Kitty Griffin, 236 Baker Street.

Cathy Ann Hewitt, 266 East B. Street.

Paul Slaight, 696 Snapdragon.

Linda Lewis, 282 West I Street.

Bob Craft, 323 Columbia Circle.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Linda S. Purdy, City Clerk