

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2009

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Vice Mayor Tom Campbell at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Vice Mayor Campbell

Absent: Council Member Schwartzman (arrived at 6:34 p.m.) and Mayor Patterson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Campbell led the pledge to the flag.

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS:

A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to the Council Chambers per Section 4.04.030 of City of Benicia Ordinance No. 05-6 (Open Government Ordinance).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Ioakimedes, the agenda was adopted as presented, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Vice Mayor Campbell

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Schwartzman and Mayor Patterson

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney, read the announcement of Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONFERENCE WITHY REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54956.9)

Hearthstone Property

Negotiators: City Manager, City Attorney, Public Works & Community Development Director

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Vice Mayor Tom Campbell at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Schwartzman

Absent: Mayor Patterson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Campbell led the pledge to the flag.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Action taken during Closed Session:

Vice Mayor Campbell stated Council gave direction to Staff.

Openings on Boards and Commissions:

- ❑ Arts & Culture Commission:
The application period for this commission is closed. Appointments will be made on December 15, 2009.
- ❑ Community Sustainability Commission
The application period for this commission is closed. Appointments will be made on December 15, 2009.
- ❑ Senior Coalition of Solano County
1 full term opening (2-year term)
- ❑ Sky Valley Open Space Committee:
One full term to January 31, 2013
- ❑ Human Services and Arts Board:
One unexpired term to June 30, 2010
One full term to July 31, 2013

Mayor's Office Hours:

The Mayor will NOT have office hours during the month of December. Future meetings may be scheduled through the City Manager's office at 746-4200.

APPOINTMENTS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Council Member Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the Agenda was adopted as presented, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Schwartzman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Patterson

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bonnie Silveria – Ms. Silveria invited Council and the public to attend the first annual Parlor Tour on 12/4/09 from 1:00-7:00 p-.m.
2. Vice Mayor Campbell – Vice Mayor Campbell discussed the East E Street parking lot. There is a second entrance but still no gate. He requested Staff look into installing signage for access to the lot. He requested Council consider more frequent Sky Valley Open Space Commission meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Ayes: Council Members Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Vice Mayor Campbell

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Patterson

Council approved the Minutes of November 17, 2009:

ORDINANCE 09-19 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA AMENDING SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 4.08.050 (NOTICE AND AGENDA REQUIREMENTS REGULAR MEETINGS) OF CHAPTER 4.08 (PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS) OF TITLE 4 (OPEN GOVERNMENT) OF THE BENICIA MUNICIPAL CODE

ORDINANCE 09-20 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA AMENDING SUBSECTION A(2) OF SECTION 4.08.060 (NOTICE AND AGENDA REQUIREMENTS – SPECIAL MEETINGS) OF CHAPTER 4.08 (PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS) OF TITLE 4 (OPEN GOVERNMENT) OF THE BENICIA MUNICIPAL CODE

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

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

Approving the results of the General Municipal Election held November 3, 2009:
Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk, reviewed the staff report.

RESOLUTION 09-118 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENICIA APPROVING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2009

On motion of Council Member Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the above Resolution was adopted, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Schwartzman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Patterson

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mark Hughes and Alan Schwartzman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Schwartzman

Absent: Mayor Patterson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Council Member Hughes thanked his family, campaign committee, and friends for their support. He thanked Council Member Schwartzman for his efforts. He was looking forward to serving the community for the next four years.

Council Member Schwartzman thanked his family, friends, and campaign supporters for their support. He thanked Council Member Hughes for his efforts. He discussed the campaign expenditure limits and absence of independent expenditure groups in the recent election. He was looking forward to serving the community for the next four years.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

On motion of Council Member Hughes, seconded by Council Member Ioakimedes, Council Member Schwartzman was designated as Mayor Pro Tem, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Ioakimedes, and Vice Mayor Schwartzman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Patterson

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APPOINTMENTS:

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PRESENTATIONS:

None

PROCLAMATIONS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Patterson

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bonnie Silveria – Ms. Silveria invited Council and the public to the Tree Lighting event on Friday, 12/4/09.

2. Vice Mayor Schwartzman – Vice Mayor Schwartzman discussed the CAC’s need for donations and contributions. He also discussed AT&T’s recent installation of U-verse, and the fact that Comcast channel 27 was not one of the available channels.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

(END OF CONSENT CALENDAR)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Council Member Ioakimedes thanked Council for their hard work and support during the past two years.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Schwartzman adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk