

MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 6, 2007

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Patterson at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007, in the Commission Room, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Hughes, Ioakimedes, Schwartzman, and Mayor Patterson

Absent: Vice Mayor Campbell (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Patterson 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 Commission Room per Section 4.04.030 of City of Benicia Ordinance No. 05-6 (Open Government Ordinance).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

New Council Organization & Planning Meeting:

Direction to Staff discussed:

- Boundaries discussed – 15 minute rule
- Inquiries to department heads or via City Manager – City Manager to advise Staff to let him know if there is a problem and to review issue and advise Council of there is a problem. Reinforce existing system.

Representation on Boards and Commissions:

- Representing personal view or City view to be discussed later

Emergency exercise with Council per Jim Erickson:

Policy regarding employment help request needed:

- Code of conduct/resolution

Fema Training Schedule:

- Requested

Agenda Management:

- Consider noting upcoming items on agendas

- Description of consent calendar and note when it will appear if pulled
- Timing for speaking – variable if there are a lot of speakers – decide after polling audience

15 Minute “Rule”

- Reviewed Council’s policy

Records of Minutes from old days:

- Commissions need back-up in Library or note where to find them on City’s website
- Expand retention for tapes of meetings

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.