

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2008

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Benicia was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Patterson at 5:48 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 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, Schwartzman, and Mayor Patterson
Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Schwartzman 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).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WRITTEN:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

Name of case: City of Benicia vs. Nationwide Auto Auction et al.

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54957.6 (a))**

Agency negotiators: City Manager and Administrative Services Director

Employee Organizations: Benicia Senior Management Group, Benicia Middle Management Group, Police Management Group, Benicia Firefighters Association (BFA), Benicia Police Officers Association (BPOA), Benicia Dispatch Association (BDA), Local #1, Benicia Public Service Employees' Association (BPSEA), BPSEA Part-Time Unit, and Unrepresented Employees

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:50 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Patterson reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Annual review of protocols and rules:

Jim Erickson, City Manager, and Heather McLaughlin, City Attorney reviewed the various documents that were provided to council.

Public Comment:

1. Roger Straw - Mr. Straw complimented the city on all of the rules and procedures of open government and would like it to extend more to the public.

Mayor Patterson called for a 5-minute break before starting the Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Patterson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.