



**BENICIA CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Benicia City Hall, 250 East L Street  
May 26, 2020  
6:00 PM**

**Coronavirus (Covid-19) Advisory Notice**

The Solano County Public Health Department has advised that non-essential gatherings should be canceled, postponed, or done remotely. Additional information is available at <http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp>.

This meeting is necessary so that the City can continue to conduct its business and is considered an essential gathering. Consistent with Executive Orders No. 25-20 and No. 29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California, the meeting will not be physically open to the public. Members of the City Council and staff will participate in this meeting via videoconferencing as permitted under Executive Orders No. 25-20 and No. 29-20.

As always, the public may submit public comments in advance and may view the meeting from home. Below is information on how to watch the meeting via cable and/or live stream and how to send in public comments that will be part of the public record.

How to Watch the Meeting:

- 1) Cable T.V. Broadcast on Channel 27
- 2) Livestream online at [www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas).

How to Submit Public Comments for this videoconferencing meeting:

Members of the public may provide public comments to the City Clerk by email at [lwolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:lwolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us). Any comment submitted to the City Clerk should indicate what item of the agenda the comment relates to. Comments received by 3:00 pm will be electronically forwarded to the City Council and posted on the City's website. Comments received after 3:00 pm, but before the start time of the meeting will be electronically forwarded to the City Council, but will not be posted on the City's website. Comments received after the start time of the meeting, but prior to the close of the public comment period for an item will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of 5 minutes per individual comment, subject to the Mayor's discretion. All comments should be limited to a

maximum of 750 words, which corresponds to approximately 5 minutes of speaking time. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting but will not be read into the record.

Additionally, the public may provide live public comment via Zoom on a particular agenda item during the public comment period for that item by calling into the number listed below and entering the Meeting ID number and password. After dialing in, you will automatically be placed on hold until the moderator releases your call to provide public comment. Your comments will be limited to 5 minutes. After you have made your comments the host will mute your audio.

Call in Number to Provide Public Comment via Zoom: 669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 861 0493 7632

Password: 264530

Any member of the public who needs accommodations should email City Clerk Lisa Wolfe at [lwolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:lwolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us), who will use her best efforts to provide as much accessibility as possible while also maintaining public safety.

## **Call To Order**

### **1. Convene Open Session (6:00 P.M.)**

### **2. Roll Call**

### **3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

### **4. Reference To The Fundamental Rights Of The Public**

The fundamental rights of each member of the public can be found in the municipal code posted on the City's website per section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.

### **5. Adoption Of Agenda**

### **6. Opportunity For Public Comments**

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## **7. Written Comment**

## **8. Public Comment**

## **9. Workshop**

### **9.A - COVID-19 STUDY SESSION (City Manager)**

The State of California and Solano County issued shelter-at-home orders in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact on daily life across the State and in Benicia was immediate and dramatic. City facilities were closed to the public and many City services and programs were either discontinued or reduced. Many businesses were also forced to close or reduce services and, as a result, suffered financial losses. Impacts on businesses' revenue also affected the City's revenues and a financial forecast was presented to the City Council on May 5, 2020; a follow up report is scheduled for the City Council at its meeting on June 16, 2020. To view the financial forecast that was presented to the City Council on May 5, 2020, please go to <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas>, and view the City Council agenda for May 5, 2020 (Item 14.B), as well as the video of the meeting.

Shelter-at-home orders are beginning to be modified to permit some businesses to reopen but resuming full operations is still not likely until some point in the future. City Council members are keenly aware of the challenges experienced by the business community—especially small businesses—and wish to have an opportunity to discuss ways to provide assistance. In addition, the City has received emails requesting that the City mandate the wearing of face coverings in Benicia. Currently, the shelter-at-home orders for Solano County and the State of California do not mandate face coverings. Individual cities may adopt stronger regulations than the State or County in this area, so the City of Benicia has authority to mandate the wearing of face coverings. The objective of the study session is to provide a venue for Council discussion of ideas to assist businesses and to discuss interest in mandating face coverings. Council may provide direction to staff for action at a future Council meeting.

## **10. Adjournment (9:00 P.M.)**



## **Public Participation**

The Benicia City Council and its Boards and Commissions welcome public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The City Council allows speakers to speak on non-agendized matters under public comment, and on agendized items at the time the agenda item is addressed at the meeting. Comments are limited to no more than five minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the City Council.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the City Manager.

## **Disabled Access or Special Needs**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to accommodate any special needs, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact Alan Shear, the ADA Coordinator, at (707) 746-4200. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

## **Meeting Procedures**

All items listed on this agenda are for Council discussion and/or action. In accordance with the Brown Act, each item is listed and includes, where appropriate, further description of the item and/or a recommended action. The posting of a recommended action does not limit, or necessarily indicate, what action may be taken by the City Council.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge a decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. You may also be limited by the ninety (90) day statute of limitations in which to challenge in court certain administrative decisions and orders (Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6) to file and serve a petition for administrative writ of mandate challenging any final City decisions regarding planning or zoning.

The decision of the City Council is final as of the date of its decision unless judicial review is initiated pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedures Section 1094.5. Any such petition for judicial review is subject to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

## **Public Records**

The agenda packet for this meeting is available at the City Manager's Office and the Benicia Public Library during regular working hours. To the extent feasible, the packet is also available on the City's web page at [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us) under the heading "Agendas and Minutes." Public records related to an open session agenda item that are distributed after the agenda packet is prepared are available before the meeting at the

City Manager's Office located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, or at the meeting held in the Council Chambers. If you wish to submit written information on an agenda item, please submit to the City Clerk as soon as possible so that it may be distributed to the City Council. A complete proceeding of each meeting is also recorded and available through the City Clerk's Office.

<b>Contact Your Council Members</b>
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If you would like to contact the Mayor or a Council Member, please call the number listed below to leave a voicemail message.

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