



**BENICIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Benicia City Hall, 250 East L Street
August 25, 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.
- 3) Zoom Meeting (link below)

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. Any comment submitted to the City Clerk should indicate to which item of the agenda the comment relates. Specific information follows:

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- 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.

Additionally, the public may view and provide public comment via Zoom (via computer or phone) link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87202237323?pwd=Q2F2ZkUzbU1HMm5HYmNNU0kxNGZ2Zz09>

- If prompted for a password, enter 454382.
- Use participant option to “raise hand” during the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on. Please note, your electronic device must have microphone capability. Once unmuted, you will have up to 5 minutes to speak.

Dial in with phone:

Before the start of the item you wish to comment on, call any of the numbers below. If one is busy, try the next one.

- 1 669 900 9128
- 1 346 248 7799
- 1 253 215 8782
- 1 646 558 8656
- 1 301 715 8592
- 1 312 626 6799

- Enter the meeting ID number: 872 0223 7323 *please note this is an updated ID number*.
- Enter password: 454382
- When prompted for a Participant ID, press #.
- Press *9 on your phone to “raise your hand” when the Mayor calls for public comment during the item you wish to speak on. Once unmuted, you will have up to 5 minutes to speak.

Any member of the public who needs accommodations should email City Clerk Lisa Wolfe at 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. Closed Session (5:00 P.M.)

1.A - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54757.6

Agency designated representatives: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organizations: Benicia Police Officers Association, Benicia Public Service Employees Association, Benicia Fire Fighters Association, Benicia Dispatchers Association, Benicia Supervisor and Professional Association, Middle Management Employees, Police

Management Employees, Senior Management Employees, and Unrepresented Employees including City Manager

2. Convene Open Session (6:00 P.M.)

3. Roll Call

4. Pledge Of Allegiance

5. 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.

6. Announcements

6.A - ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

7. Adoption Of Agenda

8. Opportunity For Public Comments

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9. Written Comment

10. Public Comment

11. Business Items

11.A - RECOGNITION OF BENICIA BLACK LIVES MATTER AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ADDRESS UNCONSCIOUS BIAS (City Manager)

With the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, residents in many cities across the country protested the police officers’ actions that led to his death. In Benicia, residents throughout the community attended protests on May 10 and June 13, 2020, to share their experiences and voice their concerns. Benicia Black Lives Matter formed an action committee and its leaders met individually with City leaders to voice their requests for changes in the Police Department and City operations. This report and the attached resolution provide information about actions already taken and new actions for the City Council to consider approving.

Recommendation:

Move to adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) that provides specific actions to address unconscious bias in City operations and recommends a budget allocation of \$216,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

*Staff Report and Attachments will be available August 20, 2020 by 5:00 P.M., in compliance with Section 4.08.050(b) of the Benicia Municipal Code.

12. 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 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.

Contact Your Council Members

If you would like to contact the Mayor or a Council Member, please call the number listed below to leave a voicemail message.

Mayor Patterson: 746-4213

Vice Mayor Strawbridge: 746-4213

Council Member Campbell: 746-4213

Council Member Young: 746-4213

Council Member Largaespada: 746-4213