CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

(Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.)

4-1. Minutes, December 6, 2010.

Staff recommendation: Approve

4-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $189,331.19; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $248,575.97. Total payroll in the amount of $437,907.16. Payroll period: 12/17/10; $207,112.68; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $156,236.44. Total payroll in the amount of $363,349.12. Period: 12/31/10.

b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of $49,580.07; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $60,695.92. Total payroll in the amount of $110,275.99. Payroll period: 12/17/10. 58,216.05;
taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $40,045.51. Total payroll in the amount of $98,261.56.

Staff recommendation: Ratify.


4-4. a. Mayor Javandel appointments: Peter Goodman & Susan Adame, Arts Committee; Jeri Holan, Charter Review; Steven Schwartzberg, Civil Service; Clay Larson, Community Media Access; Linda Yamamoto, Library; Judy Kerr, Social & Economic Justice Commission; Janet Smith-Heimer, Sustainability; Lubov Mazur, Traffic & Safety; Brian Parsley, Waterfront.
b. Council Member Thomsen appointments: Peggy McQuaid, Arts Committee; Caryl O’Keefe, Charter Review; Jack Rosano, Civil Service; Naomi Sigal, Community Media Access; Sarah Whitmer, Library; Gary Class, Parks & Recreation; Del Price, Sustainability; Ruth Ganong, SEJC; Ray Anderson, Traffic & Safety; Francesco Papalia, Waterfront.
c. Council Member Lieber appointing Eddy So, Parks & Recreation Commission.
d. Council Member Atkinson appointments: Sheryl Black, Arts Committee; John Bailes, Charter Review; Kaz Mori, Civil Service; Ellen Toomey, Community Media Access; Rosalie Gonzales, Library; Steve Granholm, Waterfront.

Staff recommendation: Information.

4-5. Ratification of Planning & Zoning Commissioners:
   a. Mayor Javandel, David Arkin.
b. Council Member Thomsen, Phil Moss.

Staff recommendation: Ratify.


Staff recommendation: Approve the updated schedule of inter-fund transfers.

4-7. Resolution No. 2011-1 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Authorizing the City of Albany Fire Department to Contract with Fire Recovery USA for the Collections of Fire Engine Response Fees.

Staff recommendation: Approve.

Staff recommendation: Ratify.

5. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING

6-1. Presentation of Proclamation to the American Red Cross – Blood Donor Month.

6-2. Appeal of the Planning & Zoning Commission Action denying an application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow operation of a Medical Marijuana Dispensary at 1019 Solano Avenue.

Planning & Zoning Commission action: The Commission voted 3-0 to deny the application based on the YMCA at 921 Kains Avenue being a youth-oriented facility and the number of children that walk by the proposed dispensary location on their way to and from school.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8-1. City Council appointments to regional and local bodies.

Staff recommendation: Confirm any changes in appointments to regional commissions, committees and boards.

9. OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

(Council and staff announcements: Council Member reports on State, regional and local boards, commissions and committees to which they are appointed by the City Council; Council Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).
9-1. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Therefore, the regular scheduled Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10-1. Adjourn in memory of Catherine Kerr, founder of Save the Bay, the first organization devoted exclusively to protecting the San Francisco Bay.

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