City Council Agenda  
September 05, 2006  
8:00PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
1000 San Pablo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **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. 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.)

3-1. City Council minutes, July 17 & 24, 2006.

Staff recommendation: Approve.

3-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $159,750.29; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $193,916.03. Total payroll in the amount of $353,666.32. Payroll period: 05/28/06.

b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of $40,656.49; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $31,537.33. Total payroll in the amount of $72,193.82; Payroll period: 05/26/06.

c. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $168,769.34; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $210,145.12. Total payroll in the amount of $378,914.46. Period: 07/21/06.

d. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA in the amount of $45,824.63; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $48,831.70. Total payroll in the amount of $94,656.33. Period: 07/21/06.

e. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $167,957.14; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $127,069.73. Total payroll in the amount of $295,026.87. Period: 08/04/06.

f. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA in the amount of $46,241.27; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $33,266.15. Total payroll in the amount of $79,507.42. Period: 08/04/06.
g. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $164,549.30; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $180,897.52. Total payroll in the amount of $345,446.82. Period: 08/18/06.

h. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA in the amount of $45,910.47; taxes, benefits and withholdings in the amount of $35,668.63. Period: 08/18/06.

Staff recommendation: Ratify.

3-3. a. Ratification of bills, claims & demands against the City of Albany in the amount of $2,380,903.61. Period: 06/30/06.

b. Ratification of bills, claims & demands against the City of Albany in the amount of $17,515.91. Period: 07/01/06.

c. Ratification of bills, claims & demands against the City of Albany in the amount of $223,437.09. Period: 07/16/06. (1st Run)

d. Ratification of bills, claims & demands against the City of Albany in the amount of $425,523.72. Period: 07/16/06. (2nd Run)

Staff recommendation: Ratify


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3-5. Consideration of Claim #AL527; Leemans v. City of Albany.

Staff Report

Staff recommendation: Reject the claim and authorize the City Clerk to send out the appropriate rejection letter.

3-6. Consideration of Claim #AL533; Ramos v. City of Albany.

Staff Report

Staff recommendation: Reject the claim and authorize the City Clerk to send out the appropriate rejection letter.

3-7. Consideration of Claim #AL534; Ramachandran v. City of Albany.

Staff Report
Staff recommendation: Reject the claim and authorize the City Clerk to send out the appropriate rejection letter.


**Staff Report**
Attachment: Exhibit A
Attachment: Exhibit B

Staff recommendation: Authorize staff to enter into a consulting services agreement with WHM Incorporated, engineering consultants, for the design of the Ohlone Greenway Lighting Improvements for contract amount at $18,000.


**Staff Report**
Attachment: Resolution 06-53
Attachment: Fee Subsidy Information

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-53.

3-10. Resolution #06-54 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council Authorizing a Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans Regarding the Bicycle Path

**Staff Report**
Attachment: Resolution 06-54
Attachment: Agreement

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-54.


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Attachment: Resolution 06-55

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-55.

3-12. Resolution #06-57 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council Approving a Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy in Conformance with Assembly Bill 1234.

**Staff Report**
Attachment 1: Resolution 06-57
Attachment 2: Reimbursement Policy
Attachment 3: City Council Travel/Conference Policy (Existing Policy)
Attachment 4: City Council Code of Ethics (Existing Policy)
Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-57.


**Staff Report**
*Attachment: April 13, 2006* Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Codornices Creek Restoration Project (Phase I-UPRR to 5th Street, Berkeley/Albany)

Staff recommendation: Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with FarWest Engineering in the amount of $26,278 for monitoring of Codornices Creek pursuant to the requirements of the permitting agencies.


**Staff Report**
*Attachment: Resolution 06-58*
*Attachment Exhibit A: Condition of Approval*
*Attachment: P & Z Notice Of Action*

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-58.

3-15. Resolution #06-52 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Albany Approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan, dated August 1986.

**Staff Report**
*Attachment: Resolution 06-52*
*Attachment - Proposed Amendment No. 2: Alameda County Transportation Expenditure Plan (with maps)*

Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-52.

3-16. Update on City-initiated Waterfront Planning Consultant Selection Process.

**Staff Report**
*Attachments & Resolution 06-56*
*(Please Note: This is a very large file and may be slow to download)*

Staff recommendation: Provided for information only.

4. **GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM**

For persons desiring to address the City Council on an item that is not on the agenda please note that City policy limits each speaker to five (5) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Council's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.
5. **PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING**

5-1. Vacation of Right-of-Way at 1001 Eastshore Highway, Albany. This public hearing was continued from the July 24, 2006 Council meeting.

**Staff Report**  
Attachment: Resolution 06-56  
Attachment: Exhibit A  
Attachment: Grant Deed

Staff recommendation:

1) Conduct public hearing.  
2) Approve Resolution #06-56 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council Ordering Vacation and Abandonment of a Portion of Eastshore Frontage Road and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant Deed.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6-1. Council Member Lieber submitting Resolution #06-51 urging the Legislature and the Governor to Enact Senate Bill 840 - the California Health Insurance Reliability Act.

**Staff Report**  
Attachment: Lieber Recommendation  
Attachment: Senate Bill 840 (partial)  
Attachment: Resolution 06-51

Staff recommendation: Consider Resolution #06-51.

Council Member Lieber recommendation: Approve Resolution #06-51 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council Urging the State Legislature and the Governor of California to Provide Comprehensive Universal Health Care for the People of California by Enacting Senate Bill 840 "The California Health Insurance Reliability Act.

6-2. Proposed Key Route Median Irrigation Improvements.

**Staff Report**

Staff recommendation:

1) If the Council wishes to pursue a Key Route median irrigation improvement project, it is recommended that Council:

   a) Authorize staff to seek a design contract, for all or a portion of these medians, to be readied upon an amendment to the fiscal year 2006-07 1988-1 Lighting and Landscaping District budget;
b) Discuss with the Albany Unified School District its involvement in this project if the median between Portland and Thousand Oaks is included.

2) That the City Council set a public hearing for October 3, 2006 to amend said 1988-1 Landscaping and Lighting budget.

6-3. Policy regarding the selection of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

**Staff Report**

Staff recommendation: To allow public comment on the nomination and appointment of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, as required by the Brown Act.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS/REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED, ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS**

(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).

7-1. The regular scheduled City Council meeting of October 2, 2006, will be cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006, in observance of Yom Kippur.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

(The Council meeting packet is available for public inspection at the Albany Library (526-3720), the Fire Department and the City Clerk’s Office. If you have any questions pertaining to any agenda item or Council meeting procedure, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 528-5720.) *The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambiance, responding to the needs of the Community and providing a safe, healthy environment now and in the future.*

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administration Office 510-528-5710. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102.104 ADA Title II)"