8:00 p.m.

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.)


Staff recommendation: Approve.

4-2. a. Ratification of City of Albany net payroll in the amount of $192,209.31; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $150,773.14. Total payroll in the amount of $342,982.45. Payroll period: 08/29/08.

b. Ratification of Albany Municipal Services JPA net payroll in the amount of $56,793.18; taxes, benefits & withholdings in the amount of $42,633.53. Total payroll in the amount of $99,426.71. Payroll period: 08/29/08

Staff recommendation: Ratify.
4-3. Pension payments in the amount of $111,069.65 for the month of August, 2008.

   Staff recommendation: Ratify.

4-4. Automated External Defibrillators in police patrol vehicles.

   Staff recommendation: Authorize the allocation of $9,000 from fire equipment funds for acquisition and placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in the police patrol vehicles.

4-5. Albany Pre-School Seismic Improvements – contract agreement with ESI Earthquake and Structures, Inc. for design services.

   Staff recommendation: Authorize staff to enter into a consulting services agreement with ESI Earthquake and Structures, Inc., engineering consultants, for design of seismic improvements for the preschool building, located at 850 Masonic Avenue, in the amount of $10,000.

4-6. Resolution #08-57 - A Resolution of the Albany City Council adopting the yearly tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 for the pension override tax to fund City pension obligations.

   Staff recommendation: Approve Resolution #08-57.

4-7. Design of a traffic signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Buchanan Street and Jackson Street, and along the route to Ocean View School.

   Staff recommendation: Authorize entering into a contract with DMJM Harris, in the amount of $36,000 for the design of the traffic signal and pedestrian enhancements at the intersection of Buchanan and Jackson Streets.

5. GOOD OF THE CITY/PUBLIC FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS

   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 three (3) 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.

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6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING

6-1. Mayor Lieber presenting a Proclamation to Susan Russel proclaiming September 15, 2008 as a day to honor and reflect on the life of Elizabeth Ann Shearer.

Staff recommendation: No action.

6-2. Mayor Lieber presenting a Proclamation to BANANAS, an organization for child care, congratulating and thanking the organization for thirty-five years of service to children and families in the City of Albany.

Staff recommendation: No action.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7-1. Resolution #08-58 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council supporting Albany Little League Ball Fields.

Staff recommendation: Adopt Resolution #08-58.

7-2. Civic Center Monthly Construction Progress report.

Staff recommendation: Information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8-1. Resolution #08-56 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Authorizing City Staff to Implement the Proposed Plan for the Albany Senior Center Community Shuttle Bus Project for Fiscal Year 2008-2010.

Staff recommendation: Adopt Resolution #08-56, which is supported by grant funding from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority in the amount of $161,600.


a. Resolution #08-60 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council opposing Proposition 4, an initiative constitutional amendment establishing a waiting period and parental notification before termination of minor’s pregnancy.

b. Resolution #08-61 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council opposing Proposition 8, an initiative constitutional amendment eliminating right of same-sex couples to marry.
Mayor Lieber’s recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 08-60 and No. 08-62.

8-3. Director Andy Katz, Director East Bay Municipal Utility District, providing an update on the drought and reducing water use.

Staff recommendation: Information.

10. 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).

10-1. Shoreline Cleanup, Saturday, September 20, 8:30 to Noon
10-2. 2nd Annual Peace Day, September 21, noon-3 p.m. at the “Cove” on the Albany Waterfront.
10-3. Centennial Weekend, Friday, September 26, 6-8 p.m., Golden Gate Fields Turf Club, Albany High School Alumni dinner; Saturday, September 27, dinner with Albany; Sunday, September 28, 11-3 p.m. Memorial Park, picnic lunch.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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