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MINUTES OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL SESSION,
EDITH STONE ROOM, 1247 MARIN AVENUE
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Atkinson called the regular meeting of the Albany City Council to order on the above date.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Thomsen, Wile & Mayor Atkinson
Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Beth Pollard, City Administrator

NEW BUSINESS

- 1-1.** Discussion with representatives from U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Office regarding issues that affect the City of Albany.

This special meeting was held to discuss issues of interest to Albany with representatives from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office. Ms. Anne Taylor, District Director, represented Congresswoman Lee.

The following is a summary of issues discussed by the Council: Sustainability, increase to the gas tax, bicycle paths, green jobs, universal health care, food for mothers and children, education, veterans, chemical & agricultural industry, alternatives to driving, sequestering carbon emissions into the ground.

District Director Taylor gave the following information on who to contact regarding the following: Legislative bills & public comment – Julie Nickson; District: Elaine McKeller. Congresswoman Lee sends out 2 letters per year to the public. Ms. Taylor offered the idea of occasional satellite office hours in Albany and a fact sheet on foreclosures.

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The following people spoke: Brian Parsley, Albany resident; Sally Outis, Albany resident; Nick Pilch, Albany resident; Nan Wishner, Albany resident; Allan Maris, Albany resident.

A summary of the comments is as follows: Foreclosure information and veteran funding. Noted that the schools are a good avenue for communication and stated that Congresswoman Lee should not endorse Albany candidates. Spoke to the Bike to Work day on May 14th and the Albany pool. Expressed concern about the Light Brown Apple Moth and the support of chemical spraying by the Government. Spoke about campaign finance reform.

3. ADJOURNMENT

8:30 p.m. – There being no further business before the City Council it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Jacqueline L. Bucholz, CMC, City Clerk.

MARGE ATKINSON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC
CITY CLERK