

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Rob Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, and Rob Schroder, Mayor.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Introducing Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development - Ms. Anna Gwyn Simpson.

City Manager Philip Vince introduced Ms. Simpson and reviewed her background. He also thanked the Council for supporting this new position, which was much needed. Ms. Simpson expressed her appreciation and indicated she looks forward to working with staff, the Council and the community.

The Council welcomed Ms. Simpson; Mayor Schroder expressed optimism about what Ms. Simpson will be able to accomplish; Councilmember Menesini commended her for her skills and experience; and Councilmembers Avila-Farias and Ross and Vice Mayor DeLaney expressed excitement about the opportunities the new position will bring.

- B. Marina Status Update.

Contract Community Services Manager Mitch Austin provided a PowerPoint updating the Council on the status of the Marina. He reviewed the Marina Operations Cash Flows over the past five years and discussed expenditures and net revenue, including the 2013/14 budget. He also provided an overview of the infrastructure needs such as entry reconfiguration, eastern wall replacement, dock repair/replacement, dredge pond use and increase capacity and reconstructive dredging.

Mr. Austin noted key items for the Council to consider: outcome with State-City Marina Oversight Committee in trying to meet in August/September, debt restructuring, fiscal modeling/dredging/debt repayment, the change from land lease to a land grant, other revenue opportunities, i.e., restaurant, dry dock storage, expand bait shop and completing the Mitigation Plan.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the decline in net revenues being greater than the total revenues, which the Council discussed with Mr. Austin.

Councilmember Ross asked for clarification on the boat launch revenue, which Mr. Austin explained. They also discussed the reasons boats left the Martinez marina compared to those from other marinas managed by Almar. Councilmember Ross asked how much the economy is affecting berth rates; Mr. Austin acknowledged it has affected all marinas, but not all the decline can be attributed to the economy.

Councilmember Menesini commented on the land grant concept and potential forgiveness or restructuring of the debt Martinez has due to the land lease.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the consultant who analyzed the economic opportunities on the land side, and Mr. Austin said it should be finished by September. Vice Mayor DeLaney asked whether the marina master plan and parks master plan were still going to be done. She also noted that a report from the 1970s indicates the current problems are the same as they were then. She expressed concern about the financial feasibility of a full marina in Martinez and suggested the plans should be scaled back.

Mayor Schroder said he didn't think a marina master plan was ever decided on. Mr. Vince commented on what the \$125,000 was intended to be used for.

Mayor Schroder acknowledged that the marina issue has been a long-standing one, and he noted that upcoming discussions with the state and the information from the consultant would be helpful in making decisions about the future.

Councilmember Menesini agreed with Mayor Schroder and discussed national, state, local and regional issues that need to be resolved in the process.

City Manager Vince stated that the marina issue will be coming back to the Council in October with reports and studies.

C. Presentation--An overview of the functions performed in the community by the Martinez Historical Society.

John Curtis, President of the Board of the Martinez Historical Society, recognized Board Members and volunteers present, and he stated that some of the members would be assisting in presenting sections of the Presentation.

Andrea Blackman, Director of the Martinez Museum, reviewed the duties of the museum including providing local history for the library, archiving, research for the public, permanent exhibits, rotating displays, historical walking tours and brochures.

Boardmember Cathy Ivers provided information on community outreach, including lecture series, group tours, school programs, docent program, internships, and public-private partnerships.

Kathy Parker, Treasurer and Boardmember, reviewed their publishing expertise, including books and postcards; and she discussed their legal structure, noting that they have been a California Domestic Non-Profit Corporation since 1975. Ms. Parker stated that they have several fundraising events such as the Polenta Feed, Crab Feed and Home Tour.

Mr. Curtis indicated that everyone that belongs to the Historical Society are volunteers including Boardmembers and all those who work in the Museum. He requested that the public and the Council acknowledge all the Volunteers which they so deserve.

Mayor Schroder acknowledged the valued work of the Historical Society, and he expressed appreciation to Councilmember Menesini in standing up for the Society in the face of unwarranted criticism.

Councilmember Menesini agreed that the history of Martinez contributes to the fabric of the community. He discussed materials he found among his father's papers following his recent death, especially "Torch" yearbooks. He offered the yearbooks to the Society if they are interested. He also expressed appreciation for the work of the Society.

Harriet Burt (off-mic) added other information about past yearbooks.

Vice Mayor DeLaney suggested that a copy of the book written by the Historical Society should be given to the Sister City of Dunbar, if it hasn't already been done.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)
Reserved only for those requesting to speak on items not listed on the Agenda.**

Gary Freitas rebutted Mike Alford's comments from the last Council meeting and urged him to stop his personal attacks and distribution of misinformation. He thanked the Council for keeping the City out of bankruptcy during these bad economic times, and he thanked Jim Busby for all the development he's done in the City.

Mike Alford asked about the deadline for the unreinforced masonry buildings. City Manager Vince stated that the deadline was in July 2015. Mr. Alford responded to the earlier comments by Mr. Freitas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
2. Motion approving the City Council Minutes of June 19, 2013. [M.Cabral]
3. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 07/11/13 and 07/18/13. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
4. Motion accepting Cash and Investment Report for June 30, 2013. [C.Robinson/02.01.00]
5. Resolution No. 073-13 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Bank of America for deposit of parking meter coin and credit card merchant services from parking meters. [C.Spinella/B.Cellini/K.Sosa/17.02.15]
7. Resolution No. 075-13 approving the General Obligation Bond Tax Rate for the 2013/14 property tax roll and directing submittal to Contra Costa County. [C.Robinson&C.Spinella/02.09.00]

8. Resolution No. 076-13 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the 2011-2015 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Martinez and the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 324 (Local 324), to increase the salary ranges by 5% of the Maintenance Supervisor and Park Supervisor classifications. [A.Shear/4.5.7]
10. Resolution No. 078-13 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for consultant services in an amount of \$90,824 with Psomas for developing a hydraulic model of the City's water system. [T.Tucker/15.01.00&17.06.20]
11. Resolution No. 079-13 authorizing the submittal of grant applications to the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (or "CalRecycle"), for all available grants; and authorizing the Assistant City Manager to execute all necessary forms. [M.Chandler/30.14.00]
12. Pacheco Transit Hub/Park and Ride Project: [T.Tucker/6.07.16]
 - A. Resolution No. 080-13 accepting bids for the Pacheco Transit Hub/Park and Ride Project, Project No. C6009, and awarding the construction contract to Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$1,677,865.70; and
 - B. Resolution No. 081-13 authorizing City Manager to execute an Agreement with Jacobs Engineers to provide Resident Engineering and Inspection Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$179,940, and to provide On-call Inspection services for other miscellaneous projects in a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000, for a total not-to-exceed agreement amount of \$229,940; and
 - C. Resolution No. 082-13 authorizing City Manager to execute an Agreement with KC Engineering Company to provide Material Testing and Quality Control/Assurance Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$39,195; and
 - D. Resolution No. 083-13 authorizing City Manager to execute an Agreement with LCC Inc. to provide Construction Staking Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,200.

Councilmember Mark Ross requested Item #9 be pulled off the Consent Calendar; and Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney requested that Items #6 and #13 be pulled as well.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Items #1 through #5, #7 and #8, and #10 through #12 of the Consent Calendar.

Mike Alford asked what Item #4, the Cash & Investment Report was, which Mayor Schroder explained. Mr. Alford confirmed that copies of the Report were available to the public. Mr. Alford also asked about Item #10, and City Engineer Tim Tucker discussed the modernization of the technical water plant equipment. Mr. Alford asked for more information about Psomas, which Mr. Tucker provided.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on Items #1 through #5, #7 and #8, and #10 through #12 of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor DeLaney noted the misspelling of the word "Present" in the Minutes under Roll Call. She also commended the Minutes Taker (Mary Hougey) for her excellent work in preparing the minutes.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #5, #7 and #8 and #10 through #12 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

6. Resolution No. 074-13 amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Marina Enterprise Fund Budget and approving the recommended budget adjustments. [A.Shear/2.10.00/14.01.00]
13. Motion approving paying interest only on the Department of Boating and Waterways loans as cash becomes available as outlined by staff. [A.Shear/2.10.00/14.01.00]

Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney noted that Items 6 and 13 were linked, one proposing a budget change and the other authorization for the payment. She expressed concern that the City does not currently have enough money to even make interest-only payments on the loans taken out in the 1970s. She suggested that that interest payment not be made, and a correction to the budget adjustment to reflect that.

Finance Manager Cathy Spinella discussed the purpose of the budget adjustments and the effects on the City's budget for this year and next year. She also explained funding available from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and other sources. She confirmed that with the proposed budget adjustment, the City will have enough cash to make the interest-only debt service payment. She could not address future payments since the future of the marina is uncertain.

Councilmember Menesini commented that the consensus seems to be to continue making interest payments until the issues with the state can be resolved.

Councilmember Ross confirmed that some of the funding is carried over from previous budget allocations that had not been expended yet. He expressed appreciation that a good-faith effort is being made to make some payments toward the loan balances. He asked for clarification on the CEQA analysis that hasn't been done yet, which Councilmember Menesini discussed.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Items #6 and #13.

Mike Alford expressed concern about the continued debate and discussion about the marina, as well as the continued funding spent to review and analyze the future of the marina. He agreed with Vice Mayor DeLaney that it might be better to plan something simpler and save the City money.

Councilmember Menesini confirmed that the City's General Fund is not liable for loan payments for the marina, only the marina enterprise fund.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on Items #6 and #13 of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor DeLaney reiterated her concerns about the continued drain on the City's General Fund. Councilmember Menesini said he preferred continuing to make some payments since it will help in negotiations with the State.

Mayor Schroder said he was hopeful, but he acknowledged that the issues raised will need to be dealt with in the near future.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Items #6 and #13 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

9. Resolution No. 077-13 authorizing the filing of an OBAG grant application for funding assigned to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and committing any necessary matching funds and stating the assurance to complete the project.
[T.Tucker/10.01.00]

Councilmember Mark Ross thanked staff for pursuing the federal funding for priority development areas (PDAs), resulting in the \$1 million that has been awarded. Mayor Schroder explained the definition of PDAs. He also confirmed the street where he lives will not be paved.

Councilmember Menesini echoed the Mayor and Councilmember Ross in commending staff for their work. He indicated that his street will not be included either.

Councilmember Ross noted that the Intermodal Station was the beginning of a plan for the downtown, and a qualifying requirement for the PDA is proximity to transportation hubs.

Vice Mayor DeLaney expressed appreciation for Brown Street, which really needs work. She questioned why Escobar was included, rather than Court, which is in worse condition. Mr. Tucker explained why the specific streets were included. He also discussed the requirements for the grant allocation. He explained that local funds can be combined to make the improvements to Court Street. Vice Mayor DeLaney said she would prefer that at least some portions of Court be included over Escobar. She also expressed concern that the Council was not involved in the street selections.

Councilmember Avila Farias said perhaps a better process can be established for grant applications, giving the Council some input, but she also was supportive of the choices made by staff.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Item #9.

Richard Verrilli said he thought this grant funding was a great idea, with so many streets in Martinez needing pavement repairs. He expressed concern about the area near Highway 4 at Pine and Center. He urged the Council to have a long-term plan for maintaining the streets and roads. Mr. Tucker said there was another grant awarded for that area, which will be done under the CIP plan. Councilmember Ross confirmed it should be done before the end of the year.

Mayor Schroder explained the Council requirement to recuse themselves if they are within 500' radius of a proposed project and confirmed that neither Councilmember Ross nor Vice Mayor DeLaney are within that radius.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on Item #9.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Item #9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

The Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

14. Public Hearing to allow the construction of 76 new attached single-family homes (i.e. townhomes on individually owned lots) on a 6.8 acre parcel (Item continued from the June 5, 2013, meeting; located at 370 Muir Station Road): [D.Tasini/9.3.11]
 - A. Resolution No. 084-13 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
 - B. Resolution No. 085-13 amending the General Plan designation from Open Space to Residential 7-12 units for a 2 acre portion of the site.
 - C. Motion introducing an Ordinance Rezoning the subject property from R-40 to R-3.5/PUD Overlay.
 - D. Resolution No. 086-13 approving a Planned Unit Development for a 76-lot Major Subdivision/Vesting Tentative Map.

Contract Planning Manager Dina Tasini presented the staff report. She noted that updated conditions of approval and the mitigation monitoring plan had been provided to the Council at the dais. She also discussed past public hearings, changes made as a result of public concerns, and remaining issues. She noted that staff recommends approval of the project.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked where the parking will be for units that were stepped down in height. Ms. Tasini noted the units have been moved to another location so reducing the height was no longer necessary.

Councilmember Ross asked if the knoll will remain, and Ms. Tasini said yes.

Mayor Schroder opened the public hearing.

Louis Parsons, Discovery Builders (applicant), expressed appreciation for all the input from the Council, staff and the neighbors to improve the project.

Mike Alford noted this would have been a better project if it were for seniors. He expressed concern about increasing traffic on Muir Station Road and continued opposition to the project. He urged the Council to act on behalf of the residents rather than the developers.

Johlene Martin expressed concern about traffic and asked the Council to reconsider.

Angie Silvia, Sonora Court resident, commented on preserving the 2-acre open space, density of the project, who the customer would be, and the cost of the units.

Russ Holt asked about parking ratios and upgrading of Muir Station Road.

Louise Britton read a letter from Corrine O'Conner who could not be present, asking for protection of the existing open space. She expressed agreement with the issues raised and questioned how many times the public has so completely opposed a project and whether that changes the Council's decisions. Councilmember Menesini commented on the changes that have been made in response to public input.

Pat Corr asked whether the Councilmembers had driven up to and around the Muir Station shopping center and looked at the view from Building 12 noting that it was not a pleasant view.

Don Maeto asked if the changes made will be in stone, especially the trees. He also asked about the fence around the property, street lighting, where the sewer lines will go, how to prevent children from coming over the fence and accessing his private area, sidewalk maintenance, and parking issues.

Susan Remani asked about the aerial photo and property lines on the picture, expressing concern about property being taken from her site. Staff confirmed there would be no taking of property.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed the public hearing.

Rebuttal

Louis Parsons discussed the traffic study done, mitigation measures, targeted demographic, open space amenities, property views, landscaping plan, role of the homeowners association, protection of property rights, and parking impacts from the church use. Councilmember Ross asked about the placement of the sewer lines, which Mr. Parsons showed.

Councilmember Ross asked about the ingress and egress to the park and the trail, and Mr. Parsons confirmed access would be limited to the residents. In response to a further question, he also discussed the lighting plan.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked whether there will be any trees between the shopping center and building 12. Mr. Parsons indicated they would be amenable to some vegetation, but probably not big trees. He also confirmed the location of the proposed tot lot and community garden areas.

Councilmember Avila Farias thanked staff, the applicant and the community for working to create the best project possible. She commented on the community meeting and the site visit that took place after the last Council meeting and the changes made by the applicant. She also addressed the traffic issue and the need for Council to take action in that regard.

Charlie Abrams, Abrams & Associates (traffic engineer), commented on current traffic levels (level of service A), and the expected additional impact from the project. He discussed potential actions that the City could take to mitigate the current conditions.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 084-13 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Resolution No. 085-13 amending the General Plan designation from Open Space to Residential 7-12 units for a 2 acre portion of the site. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, introduce an Ordinance Rezoning the subject property from R-40 to R-3.5/PUD Overlay. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Councilmember Mark Ross said he thought the current configuration is for the greater good, even though some views outward might not be as nice. He was appreciative of the view corridors being preserved and the improvement from the current use over light industrial. He also noted that the project meets the stricter environmental goals recently set by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

Councilmember Menesini said he was impressed with the traffic report and was confident the additional impacts would be less than feared by the neighbors. He agreed with Councilmember Avila Farias about the need for some traffic improvements on Muir Road; and he also commented on inherent difficulties with infill projects, expressing appreciation to Discovery Homes being willing to listen and respond to the City's concerns.

Vice Mayor DeLaney agreed with those comments. She commended Councilmember Avila Farias for her recommendation regarding existing road conditions. She suggested the Infrastructure Subcommittee take that issue under consideration. She noted that most development projects have some opposition, but she also commented on benefits that the community will realize from this project.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Resolution No. 086-13 approving a Planned Unit Development for a 76-lot Major Subdivision/Vesting Tentative Map. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

15. Public hearing to consider an Urgency Ordinance imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the establishment of Bars in the Downtown Specific Plan Area. [V.Nebb&C.Simon/ 9.10. 02]

Senior Planner Corey Simon presented the staff report, discussing the reason for the proposed change based on a request from the Police Department, definitions, and other options.

Mayor Schroder commented on discussions he has had with the Police Department and the City Attorney. He agreed that a temporary moratorium could help in working through the issues.

Senior City Attorney Veronica Nebb discussed the time allowed for the moratorium for developing the new regulations, with potential extensions if needed.

Chief of Police Gary Peterson commented on the disparate number of calls for service for bars when compared with with restaurants that have bars included.

Vice Mayor DeLaney expressed concern that Martinez doesn't have any high-end bars - she didn't want to discourage those possibilities. She questioned why the issues can't be settled at the counter, rather than instituting the moratorium. Mayor Schroder noted that refining the definitions might be helpful in analyzing and deciding which bars to encourage.

Councilmembers Ross and Menesini agreed that the moratorium would be good to look at and revise the regulations. Councilmember Menesini commented on several nice restaurants with bars in the downtown.

Vice Mayor DeLaney noted that a tiki bar would be a good addition. She was concerned about the reflection on the City from an "urgency" moratorium.

Councilmember Avila Farias questioned what would happen if a high-end establishment is requested during the 45-day period. Councilmember Ross asked, and Chief Peterson confirmed, that the application for a liquor license would take longer than 45 days.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on the item with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve an Urgency Ordinance No. 1369 C.S. imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the establishment of Bars in the Downtown Specific Plan Area. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

CITY MANAGER

16. Resolution accepting the proposal from Walker Parking Consultants to prepare a Downtown Parking Management Plan and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a not-to-exceed fee of \$52,100 and other contract terms with this firm. [P.Vince/8.4.0]

City Manager Philip Vince presented the staff report, noting that parking in the downtown has been an issue for many years and continued development in the area. He discussed the process for selecting a consultant, the companies that responded to the bid, and the staff recommendation for Walker Parking Consultants.

Councilmember Menesini expressed preference for continuing the item to the next meeting, given that there is no urgent time constraint. He also didn't think this proposal really addresses the City's needs. He reviewed other issues that need to be considered and asked for a fuller report. He was fully supportive of the need for better parking, although he was not interested in parking lots as much as multi-use structures.

Councilmember Avila Farias agreed, adding that she thought there should be more focus in the report on the specific issues raised at the Council retreat.

Councilmember Ross indicated his agreement as well, adding that there are short-term issues as well as long-term. He cited different parking issues based on time of day. He also mentioned that Walnut Creek has the pay-by-phone option for parking in the downtown, as well as San Francisco. He asked that the payment options be included in the report.

Vice Mayor DeLaney expressed concern about the proposed costs from the parking enterprise fund for a study, while she wasn't sure the demand was high enough.

Item continued to September.

17. City Manager Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

City Manager Vince stated that if Bart goes on strike again, it will make the Ferry Terminal look that much sweeter.

CHIEF OF POLICE

18. Chief of Police Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

Chief Gary Peterson thanked Public Works staff Dave Scola, Bob Cellini, Rich Floyd, and Joey Becker for all their assistance in coordinating the unveiling of the sign for the Sgt. Starzyk Memorial. He thanked Vice Mayor DeLaney for the wonderful job she did in stepping in for the Mayor, and he expressed his appreciation to the Council for their ongoing support for all the fallen officers. He also recognized Congressman Thompson for stepping in on behalf of Senator DeSaulnier.

Chief Peterson also provided an update on Police Department staffing: there are 36 officers currently with one vacancy; 7 dispatchers with one vacancy; Corporal Tyson Muncher has been promoted to Sergeant and the promotional ceremony will be in September; there is one opening for Lieutenant (inside/outside recruitment); and recent hiring of Sherri Toliver as Police Assistant formerly from Richmond.

Chief Peterson announced that there is a Police Survey that is ongoing on the City's website, and the Department will be participating in a Gun Buy-Back Program on August 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Concord at the Pavilion; recognition for the program should go to District Attorney Mark Peterson for all his efforts. Chief Peterson also announced the 5th Annual Contra Costa County Softball Tournament at the Marina, hosted by the Police Department; and Tuesday, August 6th will be National Night Out against crime being held at several locations throughout the City, Rankin Park, Les Schwab and at Golden Hills Park.

Vice Mayor DeLaney commended the Police Department for the Sgt. Carter Memorial Blood Drive held last Friday. She expressed hoped that event will continue to be an annual event and that the community will continue to support it. Chief Peterson indicated that 40 units of blood were donated that day.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

19. Approve staff's responses to the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Reports, and authorize the Mayor to sign staff's response letters for the following reports:

[A.Shear/M.Cabral/06.01.09]

- A. Grand Jury Report No. 1311, "Assessing Fiscal Risk."
- B. Grand Jury Report No. 1308, "Encouraging Citizens to Apply for Grand Jury Services."
- C. Grand Jury Report #1305, "Getting to Clean Water in Contra Costa County."
- D. Grand Jury Report #1302, "Outsourcing Municipal Services."

Assistant City Manager Alan Shear presented the staff report that provided the responses to the four Grand Jury requests.

Mayor Schroder added that Martinez was not the only entity to receive these reports, but that the County had specified which ones Martinez might have some interest or expertise, as well as questions to answer.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Mike Alford shared information about water from the marina and a group with new technology that might help improve its quality and urged staff to contact the group.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on the item.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve staff's responses to the Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury Reports, and authorize the Mayor to sign the letters. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

20. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Councilmember Mark Ross and Vice Mayor DeLaney reported on meetings of the Concert Series Ad Hoc meeting. Councilmember Ross indicated that the City might need to furnish seed money (\$6,000 to \$9,000), in order to conduct the concert series; hopefully, as early as October. He asked the Council how they wanted to handle the decision-making, either by directing staff to handle it or by having a special meeting in August. City Manager Vince explained that the up-front money could be used to offset costs for promotion and advertising.

Vice Mayor DeLaney clarified that another possibility would be for the City to provide a subsidy/contribution, rather than a short-term loan.

After brief discussion, the Council directed staff to add this item at a special meeting in August.

Councilmember Avila Farias said she would like to see the Infrastructure Subcommittee reach out to the community regarding issues with Shell Avenue and Muir Station Road. Vice Mayor DeLaney suggested it could be discussed at the upcoming Subcommittee meeting next week.

21. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Ross stated that the overpass dedicated to Sgt. Starzyk needs to be paved.

Mayor Schroder reported that the City competed in the Mayors' Healthy Cook-Off held last Thursday in Concord, but did not win; Concord won first place, Antioch second and Pittsburg came in third. He indicated that he had partnered with Barrel Aged and won the Healthiest and Best Taste. He also announced that Martinez will be hosting the Mayors' Conference on Thursday, August 1st; the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers with dinner at Rankin Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to a Summer Recess then to a Regular City Council Meeting on September 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk--9/4/13