

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: Michael Menesini, Councilmember.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments are limited only to items listed on the agenda)

Mike Alford spoke on the recommended concert at the Amphitheater and stated he was very enthusiastic about Tower of Power. Mayor Schroder stated that Tower of Power had not been confirmed, but it was proposed; and if approved, final arrangements would be made to secure the band.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
 - 1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of July 10, 2013. [M.Cabral]
 - 2. Motion rejecting claim(s) against the City by Penelope Williams, #13-05. [M.Cabral]
 - 3. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 07/25/13 and 08/02/13. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
 - 4. Motion to approve a change to the Summary of Authorized Positions in the fiscal years 2013-2015 Budget to authorize a Senior Construction Inspector. [A.Shear/04.05.00]

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias requested that Item #4, Summary of Authorized Positions, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Items A, #1, #2 and #3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion approved 4 – 0 by the following vote: Michael Mensini, Councilmember, Absent; Rest, Ayes.

Item #4 of the Consent Calendar, Summary of Authorized Positions:

Councilmember Avila Farias noted that the Council had already approved changes to the Summary of Authorized Positions earlier in the year. Assistant City Manager Alan Shear explained that staff tried to bring several changes at a time and why this was the most opportune time for this change. He noted today's proposed change would not have a budget impact.

Councilmember Avila Farias requested that the reorganization effort be more coordinated to ensure equity in when/how positions are reviewed and updated. Public Works Director Dave Scola provided more details on the role of the Senior Construction Inspector and the salary increase schedule, adding that the goal of this particular change is to bring equity back in this department.

Councilmember Avila Farias commented on the need for a strategic approach when restructuring is necessary, so that Council can be better prepared on the issue.

Vice Mayor DeLaney agreed that a more comprehensive review would be helpful and that this was unexpected given the recent discussion and changes to the salary schedule. She asked whether the Senior Construction Inspector was a management position; Mr. Scola said it was not and discussed the history of the position.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked why the proposal was for the position to start at step 4 of the salary schedule, rather than step 3; and Mr. Shear discussed requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that resulted in the determination for step 4.

Public Works Director Scola explained that the need for restructuring was due to the resignation of former Permit Technician Rigo Casarez who also performed other duties outside his job description such as plan checking and managing the public counter. The Senior Construction Inspector will have the added responsibility of plan checking and managing the public counter.

Councilmember Ross confirmed that the timing of this change was the result of unique circumstances and not a random decision by staff.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve a change to the Summary of Authorized Positions in the fiscal years 2013-2015 Budget to authorize a Senior Construction Inspector. Motion approved 4 – 0 by the following vote: Michael Mensini, Councilmember, Absent; Rest, Ayes.

CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

5. Resolution allocating ~~\$48,750~~ \$49,750 from the Unallocated Reserve to the John Muir Amphitheater budget to fund a concert for fall 2013.

Contract Recreation Manager Mitch Austin presented the staff report, reviewing the planning process of the Ad Hoc Fall Concert Subcommittee, potential concert acts community benefits, anticipated attendance, financing, security, concessions, parking, and sponsorship possibilities. Mr. Austin also noted that the amount of funds being requested is \$49,750 and not as indicated.

Vice Mayor DeLaney expressed concern that the full amount would be charged to the General Fund if the anticipated revenue is not achieved. She thought the original idea was for only partial funding from the General Fund.

Councilmember Avila Farias expressed concern that infrastructure needs of the City have been postponed/neglected because the City's finances are limited. She indicated she would be more willing to support the allocation if the amount were lower. Staff and other Councilmembers were confident and reassuring that the risk to the City was minimal, and the economic benefit from a concert or concert series would outweigh the risks.

Jim Douglas, Prime Time Entertainment, noted that if the concert did not occur, the City would not have to pay the full amount. The Council discussed with staff and Mr. Douglas more details of the concert, the proposed contract and the City's potential funding obligations.

Councilmember Avila Farias thanked staff and the Subcommittee for their work. She reiterated that she was supportive of the concept, but was concerned about the amount so she would be voting against the allocation.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Rob Schroder, Mayor, to approve Resolution No. 087-13 allocating \$49,750 from the Unallocated Reserve to the John Muir Amphitheater budget to fund a concert for fall 2013. Motion passed 3 – 1 by the following vote: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, No; Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Absent; Rest, Ayes.

6. City Manager/City Council Comments.

City Manager Philip Vince stated that staff will be bringing back the Council's goals and priorities on the September 18th agenda. He also notified the Council that staff will be meeting with the State regarding the Marina on August 15th in Sacramento with Senator Wolk, Assemblymember Bonilla, Department of Boating and Waterways and Department of Finance.

Councilmember Avila Farias indicated that she sent out an email regarding SB 391 Housing Jobs and is encouraging support.

Councilmember Ross asked if there was anything planned for September 11th. City Manager Vince indicated that he was sure that Chief Peterson was planning something and will ask him for that information. He also requested to add an Alhambra Highlands item on the next agenda for direction or perhaps a closed session under property negotiations, which was agreed upon. Councilmember Ross recognized Wesly Brinkman who was present at the meeting with his son as part of the Boy Scouts Citizenship Merit Badge and allowed him to come forward and speak.

Mr. Brinkman requested to dovetail onto the September 11th event and hold an event called "For the Love of Cars and Country." Councilmember Ross stated that he did not see an issue, but he would have to contact the City Manager and the Chief of Police. Mr. Brinkman also recalled that several years ago he brought an idea to the Council to start a train project; he was now wondering on how to proceed with that idea. Mayor Schroder referred him to Assistant City Manager Shear and indicated that he should begin with the Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission.

Vice Mayor DeLaney thanked City staff and the Police Department for the fantastic events on National Night Out; and she suggested having the event in one location. Councilmember Avila Farias echoed Vice Mayor's DeLaney comments on the wonderful event noting that her family attended all of the events.

Mayor Schroder stated he had been out of town and unable to attend the National Night Out, but received great comments. He noted that his wife Suzanne broke her left ankle while on vacation and his daughter has married and returned from her honeymoon in the Virgin Islands. Mayor Schroder wished everyone a happy summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:58 p.m. 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