

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Avila Farias, who arrived shortly after roll call, and Vice Mayor Menesini, who arrived at 6:20 p.m.

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

There being no comments made, the Council adjourned to Closed Session in the City Manager's Office.

CLOSED SESSION (adjourn to City Manager's Office)

- A. With respect to an item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Cal. Government Code Section 54957.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Acting City Manager

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RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder reconvened the meeting at 7:19 p.m. He reported that Closed Session was held regarding Public Employee Evaluation/Public Employment, Title--Acting City Manager; and there was nothing to report out.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Presentation by Onstage Theater Company regarding the Campbell Theater.

Mark Hinds, Managing Director of Onstage Repertory Theater (new occupants of the Campbell Theater) presented Beth Melger and Helen Means. Mr. Hinds thanked the Council for the opportunity to use the Theater. He noted that they started in October with cleaning and repairing the Campbell Theater with lots of wonderful volunteers, held an open house and had five performances of Christmas Bells, which was well received.

Mr. Hinds stated that according to the agreement with the City, if there were no profits made from the performances, Onstage would pay the City \$50; and pay half of the profits, if they were successful. He was pleased to report that he had a check for Mr. Chandler in the amount of \$504.25. He also announced the next show, "The Book of Liz," beginning January 31, 2014 through February 15, 2014. Mayor Schroder stated that the City was happy to have the Onstage Theater and look forward to the next series of shows.

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

Richard Verrilli expressed his appreciation to the Council and City staff for all their work this past year and stated that Martinez is better off because of the efforts.

Mike Alford encouraged the public to support Onstage; and he wished all a Merry Christmas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
 - 1. Motion approving the City Council Minutes of November 20, 2013. [M.Cabral]
 - 2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 12/05/2013. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
 - 3. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and approving a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$28,000.00 for fiscal analysis of potential annexation areas. [M.Chandler/1.00]

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Item #A and Items #1 through #3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 4. Public hearing to introduce an Ordinance amending the Martinez Municipal Code Title 8, Health and Safety, Chapter 8.19, Recycling of Construction and Demolition Waste; and adopt findings and exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3). [M.Chandler/9.10.00]

Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler presented the staff report, discussing reason for the ordinance and its provisions.

Councilmember Ross asked about forfeited amounts, and Mr. Chandler confirmed there had been none as yet. Councilmember DeLaney asked if there were any projections as to next year's financials, based on the proposed changes. Mr. Chandler indicated possibly a 50% increase, but noted it is difficult to project. Public Works Director Dave Scola indicated an estimate could be

made based on past trends, which he would be happy to provide but he did not have the information with him tonight.

Mayor Schroder opened the public hearing.

Richard Verrilli expressed concern that the projected fees not be the driving force behind the ordinance, but rather to encourage recycling. He asked how used building materials can be recycled, which Mr. Scola discussed. Mr. Scola added that the purpose of the fees is to recover the City's costs, not to make a profit. Vice Mayor Menesini commented on the State legislature requirements that necessitate the changes. Mayor Schroder discussed the prevalence of recycling building materials, as well as identifying places the materials will be accepted.

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

Councilmember DeLaney discussed residential renovation projects that will be impacted by the ordinance. She suggested more specific alternative language to clarify which projects will be affected. Staff agreed it was a reasonable suggestion.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, introduce an Ordinance amending the Martinez Municipal Code Title 8, Health and Safety, Chapter 8.19, Recycling of Construction and Demolition Waste; and adopt findings and exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3) *as amended*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

CITY MANAGER

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

Acting City Manager Alan Shear commended Public Works staff, Art Pagnini, Gus Ledezma, Zack Drake and Rene Jacobs from the Police Department for getting the Christmas Tree and decorating it on short notice. He also recognized Bob Cellini, Billie Hoskins and Barbara Patchin for decorating the empty monitor spaces in the Chambers.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief of Police Gary Peterson reported that Officer Jim Chase retired today after 32 years in law enforcement, 24 of those years with the City. He will be coming back in January as a per diem employee, while the City recruits to fill his position and other vacancies.

Chief Peterson reminded the public to drive safely during this holiday season and to be alcohol free; and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

7. Discuss and possibly direct staff to waive parking meter fees Downtown beginning December 24, 2013 through January 1, 2014. [A.Shear/8.4.0]

The Council was in agreement to waive parking meter fees through January 1.

Councilmember Mark Ross suggested extending the fee waiver to January 6th. Mayor Schroder and the other Councilmembers agreed.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, direct staff to waive parking meter fees Downtown beginning December 24, 2013 through January 5, 2014. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

8. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Schroder and Councilmember DeLaney reported out on the City Council/Martinez Unified School District Liaison Subcommittee meeting held on December 17th. Mayor Schroder reviewed the issues discussed - traffic flow at John Swett School, the integrated pest management program that schools have been required to implement, the intern program directed by Mr. Chandler, funding for the energy audits to be done in the summer for the high schools and the free wifi program.

Councilmember DeLaney indicated that they discussed a newly-proposed program to provide CERT (community emergency response team) training for high school students and the possibility of CPR training to be offered in the schools. Mayor Schroder commented on the partnership between the City and the School District and past agreements for shared services or financial arrangements.

Councilmember Avila Farias asked if there was any discussion about whether there are enough schools to accommodate Martinez children. Mayor Schroder said it was not discussed, but Councilmember DeLaney did raise the possibility of having a joint meeting with the City Council and the School Board.

Mayor Schroder also reported out on the Marina meeting with City staff (Acting City Manager Alan Shear, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning & Community Development Anna Gwyn Simpson, City Attorney Jeff Walter and Contract Community Services Manager Mitch Austin) employees of the State Lands Commission, the Water Resources Agency, and a representative of the State Parks Agency held on December 17, and indicated that the meeting went very well.

Acting City Manager Alan Shear agreed things were looking better for eventual resolution.

9. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Mark Ross wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney thanked staff for the incredible job they did on the Holiday Frolic, the Snow Park and the entire event. She wished happy holidays to all.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias wished all a very Merry Christmas and recognized Councilmember Ross and her own one year Council service. She also expressed appreciation to staff for all their hard work and looked forward to 2014.

Vice Mayor Michael Menesini echoed what his fellow colleagues said and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Rob Schroder thanked staff for all their hard work and especially Public Works staff who have been working on all the water pipe breaks. He noted that he will be out of the Country for two weeks and Vice Mayor Menesini will be acting Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:59 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on January 22, 2014, 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 – 1/22/14