

**CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

President Cheryl Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Hidden Valley Elementary School, Multi-Use Room, 500 Glacier Drive, Martinez, California.

CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Debbie M<sup>c</sup>Killop, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; AnaMarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

EXCUSED: Lara DeLaney, Councilmember.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Manjit Sappal, Chief of Police; Tim Tucker, City Engineer.

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENT: Barbara Oaks, Board member; Linda Mayo, Board member; Debra Mason, Vice President; Cheryl Hansen, President.

EXCUSED: Brian Lawrence, Board member.

STAFF: Nellie Meyer, Superintendent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)**

**Comments are limited only to those items listed on the Agenda.**

No comments made.

President Hanson and Mayor Schroder welcomed the public and were happy to meet once again to share information and keep communication open between the two agencies in order to provide services more efficiently.

**1. PRESENTATION BY MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, DR. NELLIE MEYER**

Superintendent Meyer shared a PowerPoint presentation showing highlights of what the District has been doing over the past year. Ms. Meyer indicated the District has three main goals: Community and Parent Engagement, Professional Development, and How do we Prepare our Students to Become College Career Ready, which she reviewed.

Superintendent Meyer commented that the District refinanced the Measure C Bond which allows the sharing of 6 million dollars for all the schools.

She reviewed the three shared schools beginning with Hidden Valley Elementary noting that last week was Autism Month whereby all the students learn what autism is and participated in the adaptive programs so that they can gain personal knowledge on what other students go through.

Valley View Middle School is on the cutting edge of Technology. They are part of a new tech network, which provides special training on technology and they are working towards having students train one on one.

College Park High School has had some positive changes, i.e., change schedule to allow students time to do homework, speak to a counselor, or tutoring. Ms. Meyer indicated that this simple change has seen a decrease of lower scores. There have been facility improvements, i.e., new field, lights, and a new snack shack. An advid class has been added, which supports students who are taking advance courses and prepares them for college.

A video was presented which detailed programs, i.e., early literacy, access to new technology, review of improvements and programs provided by Measure C funds.

Ms. Meyer recognized Martinez School District Superintendent Rami Ruth who is retiring and acknowledged her friendship, professionalism, and outstanding commitment to her students and community. She also welcomed the new Superintendent CJ Cammack.

Councilmember Debbie M<sup>c</sup>Killop commented on their soul awareness, which she was very impressed. In today's age where children are on their computers and cell phones, they can learn to be sensitive to the diversity of all students, feel empathy and the emotional element.

Councilmember Mark Ross asked if they had a program, studying climate change. Superintendent Meyer remarked that their science program "Next Generation Science Standards," have lessons that discuss climate change; and in the elementary, middle and high schools they study environmental impacts that encompasses the importance of recycling, composting, air, carbon dioxide, etc.

## **2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Discussion was held regarding class sizes, enrollments and migration.

Mayor Rob Schroder was concerned about future developments and its impact on schools. He asked if there was enough room to accommodate future students. President Hansen urged the City to contact the District at that time the development is in question, not after the development is approved. She noted the District always welcomes more students.

Mayor Schroder introduced Chief of Police Manjit Sappal and City Engineer Tim Tucker. Mayor Schroder revisited traffic and safety issued out at Hidden Valley School. City Engineer Tucker noted some of the traffic safety issues have died down due to teacher involvement with parents discussing the flow of traffic.

Vice Mayor AnaMarie Avila Farias asked how the English for Second Language program was doing. Superintendent Meyer commented that 23% of their students are in this program. She noted that the new standards are very challenging and they are trying to bridge the gap with assistance from the State. Vice Mayor Avila Farias wondered how many students were from Martinez that attended Hidden Valley Elementary? Mayor Schroder requested the same information for Valley View Middle School and College Park High School. The District stated they would send the information to the Clerk.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on June 1, 2016, 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 – 7/6/16