

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez CA 94553.

PRESENT: Rob Schroder, Mayor, Anamarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor, Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, and Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Rick Aldridge spoke about history of Joe DiMaggio's boat, the Joltin Joe and the Italian heritage of Martinez. He reminisced about the disrepair of the boat and the challenges to restore the boat. He spoke about Bill Heinrickson and Ray Raineri who worked on the Joltin Joe restoration project and have passed away. Mr. Aldridge requested the meeting be adjourned in their memory. Mayor Schroder said he would acknowledge Mr. Heinrickson, but the Council had already adjourned in Ray Raineri's memory.

Danny Russell also spoke about Mr. Heinrickson and indicated the City has lost a great man.

Jim Doe spoke on the upcoming elections regarding candidates using inaccurate addresses, which is in violation of the Constitution, the oath of office, and State regulations. He praised the police department for their efforts and all they do.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.

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

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: Rob Schroder, Mayor; Anamarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CHIEF OF POLICE

1. Chief of Police Comment(s)/Update(s).

CITY MANAGER

2. City Manager Comment(s)/Update(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

3. Special Tax Measure: [M. Chandler&T. Tucker/ 42.00.00]
 - A. Motion approving the argument in favor for the special tax measure as approved by Council.

Mayor Schroder summarized past actions related to the Special Measure to be placed on the November 2016 ballot, including Council action and the work of the Council Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Mayor and Councilmember DeLaney.

City Manager Brad Kilger introduced the item, summarizing the process from now to November, and how to proceed if the measure passes.

Assistant to the City Manager Michael Chandler corrected the text in the document from "131 miles of roads" to "over 121 miles of roads." He acknowledged there can be some new text added, but only about 30 words.

Councilmember DeLaney said she thought it might be helpful for the public to know how the number of road miles in the City compares with other jurisdictions in Contra Costa County.

Vice Mayor Avila Farias expressed concern that the wording might be too simple; she wondered if more specific language could be used. Mayor Schroder noted that the Committee considered naming specific projects, but wanted to broaden its appeal so they decided not to identify individual streets.

Councilmember DeLaney also explained that it is difficult to get very detailed with a 300-word limit. Mayor Schroder reviewed the major points that the Committee tried to incorporate in the drafting of the document.

Vice Mayor Avila Farias acknowledged the framework of the documents was good, but was concerned that the measure might promise more than it can deliver, i.e., the amount generated will not solve all the City's road maintenance needs. Councilmember DeLaney pointed out that the amount generated will triple the amount currently budgeted for street repairs.

Councilmember M^cKillop said she thought the language incorporated all the points listed by Mayor Schroder; she agreed the language was simple, but indicated that was good. She asked what changes could be made after the Rebuttal Argument is submitted. Assistant City Attorney Veronica Nebb explained that the language of the primary Argument could not be changed, but it can be clarified in the response to the Rebuttal.

Councilmember M^cKillop suggested some grammatical corrections, which the Committee agreed. She expressed concern that the anticipated revenue will not be enough to meet the City's needs, and commented on the need to continue pursuing other strategies. Councilmember DeLaney clarified that it is not intended to do so and mentioned there are other pending measures that should help as well.

Councilmember Ross thought the proposed language is cumbersome and burdensome. He suggested using bullets, eliminating the first paragraph, making the wording more concise, state what the tax increment will cost, what it will do, how long will it last, where will it be used, and who is watching it. He recommended shortening the text and save the other information for the response to the Rebuttal Argument.

Mayor Schroder was concerned about giving too little information, noting that if a person is unlikely to read an Argument in Favor, they are even less likely to read the response to the Rebuttal Argument.

Councilmember DeLaney asked staff about the deadlines for submitting items for the ballot and the language for the Argument in Favor. Mr. Chandler replied August 24th for the Argument in Favor and August 29th for Rebuttals.

After lengthy discussion and debate, the Council restructured and revised the argument in favor by clarifying verbiage and making it a stronger statement.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Rich Verrilli expressed frustration with the changes that the Council made before the public hearing comment; he wasn't sure exactly what the Council will be voting on now. He commented on prevailing wage requirements, and also suggested there should be something in the document stating the percentage increase to the sales tax, especially since there is a past increment that will be expiring in January. The Council and staff responded to his concerns and explained why the wording was written as it was.

Mike Flemming commented that using bullet points was helpful. He was concerned that the language in the document implies that the City will have enough revenue from the tax increment to be able to fix all the roads in the City. He warned the Council that could be the first argument made in rebuttal.

Jim Doe said the Council seemed ill-prepared tonight and using so much time editing the document is ineffective and unproductive. He was concerned the document had been changed to drastically. Mayor Schroder clarified that it would have been illegal for the Council to meet in Closed Session on this item, which is why the Committee was created to draft a tentative document for the whole Council to discuss.

Rick Aldridge agreed that it is important for the Council to be honest and upfront about what is happening, even when admitting the revenue generated will not solve all the City's road maintenance problems. He was concerned that the City's infrastructure should continue to be maintained. He also spoke in support of the area standard living wage, a more accurate term than prevailing wage.

Tom Lewis expressed appreciation for the Council's transparency and compliance with the Brown Act in having their discussion in public. He agreed as well that the prevailing wage should be honored by the City on behalf of the citizens.

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

Assistant City Attorney Veronica Nebb asked clarifying questions about the revisions to the document, which the Council discussed.

Mayor Schroder read the revised draft Argument in Favor for the record.

Councilmember Ross suggested changing "fixing Martinez roads" to "improving Martinez roads," as he thought the first one implied all roads would be fixed. He expressed appreciation for the work of the Committee.

Vice Mayor Avila Farias commended staff as well for their efforts.

On motion by Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember, seconded by Anamarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor, to approve the argument in favor for the special tax measure as approved by Council. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: Rob Schroder, Mayor; Anamarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember.

B. Resolution No. 080-16 establishing policy guidelines for the annual paving and pavement rehabilitation project street selection.

City Engineer Tim Tucker presented a brief staff report discussing the purpose of the policy and highlighting the public process that will be followed.

Councilmember M^cKillop suggested minor grammatical edits, which were accepted.

Councilmember DeLaney asked for clarification on the provision for measuring the effectiveness of paving projects, and Mr. Tucker discussed the requirement for the City to evaluate the pavement condition annually for a report to MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) and in selecting streets for the next year.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Jim Doe expressed frustration with the slow process in sorting out the exact wording, instead of getting the necessary work done. He acknowledged that the needed support from State and Federal government is lacking.

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

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 080-16 establishing policy guidelines for the annual paving and pavement rehabilitation project street selection *as amended*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: Rob Schroder, Mayor; Anamarie Avila Farias, Vice Mayor; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Debbie M^cKillop, Councilmember.

4. Council Subcommittee Reports.
5. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Debbie M^cKillop stated the Council worked tirelessly on getting the measure wording to be most effective. She acknowledged it was a painstaking process, but it needed to be done in public. She stressed the informational packet mailed to residents should clearly inform the voters that this is a step forward to making road improvements, but does not provide all the revenue needed for all repairs and for continued paving needs.

Councilmember Mark Ross added that this may be a first step to help the road conditions. He noted that in time, communities will have to bear more of the burden for taking care of themselves. He mentioned the upcoming 9-11 event, which Commander Ghisletta confirmed will still take place.

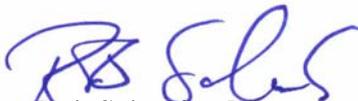
Councilmember Lara DeLaney invited the public to attend First Responders Appreciation Event on September 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Plaza. She welcomed everyone to attend and show their support for the City's first responders.

Mayor Rob Schroder expressed appreciation to City Manager Kilger and staff for their hard work on the ballot measure. He adjourned in memory of Bill Heinrichson who passed away on August 2nd, a lifelong Martinez resident. Mr. Heinrichson loved and was proud to work on the Joltin Joe restoration; he was loved by his family and was the best grandpa in the world.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. *in memory of Bill Heinrichson* and then to a Special City Council Meeting on August 30, 2016 at 12:00 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 – 9/21/16