

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

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

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

Charlie Crosby commented on her concerns regarding the Teamsters' gate which caused many flooding problems in the storms last year, and fears that the current conditions could result in more problems. She urged the Council to discuss with the Teamsters installation of some type of breakaway gate before the next major rain. Mayor Schroder indicated that the Flood Subcommittee is considering the issue and something will be done to solve the problem.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

Items 3 and 1 were pulled by the Council for further discussion.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Items 2 and 4, with no speakers coming forward.

2. *Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 11/22/06.*
4. *Resolution No. 105-06 donating historical documents and miscellaneous City files pertaining to the City Clerk's Office.*

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, the Council voted unanimously to approve Item 2, check registers, and Item 4, Resolution No. 105-06 donating historical documents, of the Consent Calendar.

1. *Motion approving City Council Minutes of November 15 and November 27, 2006.*

Councilmember Wainwright noted that one of his pleasures on the Council had been to serve on the Garbage Subcommittee with Vice Mayor DeLaney. He asked to have the minutes of November 15th amended to reflect his making of the motion for acceptance of the 2007 rate review.

There was no public comment on Item 1.

On motion by Bill Wainwright, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, the Council voted unanimously to approve Item 1, City Council Minutes of November 15th (as amended) and City Council Minutes of November 27th.

3. *Motion certifying election results of November 7, 2006.*

Mayor Schroder indicated he pulled the item so that the vote on it would be separate from the rest of the Consent Calendar. He opened and closed public comment on the item with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, the Council voted unanimously to approve Item 3, Resolution 106-06 certifying election results of November 7, 2006.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

5. *Council Departing Remarks.*

Councilmember Wainwright commented on his history with the City, growing up here and in serving on the Council for the last four years. He expressed appreciation for the progress the City has made, but noted there is still much more to be done. He discussed the hope that the downtown will again become an active productive place, and that the community will rally together on future projects to solve the problems of the City. He also commented on the need for historic preservation policies, and he recommended the City focus on concrete goals such as a Community Center, new library, and the Willows Theater.

Mayor Schroder discussed the progress made as a Council in learning to respect and understand each other, even while "agreeing to disagree" on some issues. He urged Councilmember Wainwright to continue to work with the Council as a citizen, on historic preservation and the unreinforced masonry building ordinance.

6. *Presentation to Councilmember William "Bill" Wainwright.*

Mayor Schroder presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Wainwright for his dedicated public service on the Council. Mayor Schroder also gave Councilmember Wainwright a key to the City.

Councilmember Wainwright gave incoming Councilmember Mike Menesini his parking permit, valid until the end of 2006.

Councilmember Ross commended Councilmember Wainwright for his work. He stated that he enjoyed working with Councilmember Wainwright in spite of their differences, and he respected his passion and dedication to the City.

The rest of the Council expressed their appreciation as well.

7. A. *Swearing in of newly elected City Officials.*

City Clerk Richard Hernandez stated that Councilmember Wainwright has been an asset to the City and was appreciative that he stayed true to his beliefs.

The honorable Robert Schroder, Sr., swore in Robert Schroder, Jr., as Mayor. City Clerk Hernandez presented Mayor Schroder with the Certificate of Election.

Lara DeLaney and Michael Menesini were sworn in as Councilmembers by City Clerk Hernandez who presented them with their Certificates of Election.

*B. ROLL CALL - newly elected Council*

Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, and Rob Schroder, Mayor, were seated at the dais.

8. *A. Opening Remarks by newly elected officials.*

Councilmember Menesini stated he was honored to rejoin the Council and briefly commented on his family's history with the City. He congratulated former Councilmember Wainwright for his service to the City. He commented on the need for respect of past accomplishments, while looking forward to the future to enable the City to continue to grow. Councilmember Menesini said he looks forward to serving the public and thanked everyone present and the public for the welcome back.

Vice Mayor DeLaney stated that she hoped the City could join together to turn its potential to a reality. She acknowledged the dedication and love for the City by former Councilmember Wainwright and expressed her appreciation for his hard work. She also expressed her gratitude to her family, specific members of her "Kitchen Cabinet," and the voters of the City of Martinez. She indicated that she was honored with the trust and she will do her best to serve all the citizens of Martinez. She recognized that there is one idea that is agreed upon by all and that is that change is necessary for the City's survival and prosperity. She thanked the City for the honor of serving.

Mayor Schroder indicated that the people have spoken and have sent a clear message that it is time to move forward and unlock the potential of Martinez to bring back the vibrancy the community once had. He reviewed past accomplishments (especially the Downtown Specific Plan), and discussed future projects and pending items facing the City (including the Willows Cabaret theater, renovation of the amphitheatre, update of the General Plan, repair and improvement of the Marina, hiring of a new City Manager, URM ordinance, redevelopment, historic preservation, park maintenance/improvements, and maintain the security and safety of the City by increasing the police staffing). He thanked the public for the continued opportunity to serve and wished all a happy holiday season. Mayor Schroder introduced his family in attendance and expressed appreciation for their support.

*B. Council Comments.*

Councilmember Kennedy welcomed Councilmember Menesini and acknowledged former Councilmember Wainwright's contribution. She expressed her delight with the newly elected officials, and stated she looked forward to working together.

Councilmember Ross welcomed Councilmember Menesini as a valued addition to the Council. He reiterated his appreciation to former Councilmember Wainwright and encouraged his continued involvement as a citizen.

Councilmember Menesini expressed regret that his family was unable to attend tonight.

Mayor Schroder requested the meeting adjourn in memory of Dan Curtin, former Walnut Creek City Attorney, and reviewed his contributions to the City and State.

#### **ADJOURNMENT - RECEPTION**

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m. in memory of Dan Curtin. The meeting then adjourned to a reception in the foyer, then to a Regular City Council Meeting on December 20, 2006, 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 – 12/20/06