

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. with Councilmembers Lara DeLaney, Michael Menesini, Mark Ross, Vice Mayor Kennedy and Mayor Rob Schroder present.

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

There were no comments made.

CITY COUNCIL

1. Motion approving an employment agreement with the new City Manager.

Mayor Schroder reviewed the City Manager recruitment process. He stated that the Council had selected the firm of Peckham and McKinney to conduct the recruitment and gave an overview of the City Manager interview process. Mayor Schroder indicated that five candidates were selected and interviewed; he further indicated that a couple of candidates were re-interviewed in addition of a new candidate. Mayor Schroder stated that the initial candidate withdrew. Fortunately, another candidate came to light that was unanimously supported. Mayor Schroder announced that the City of Martinez is very fortunate to secure the services of our Interim City Manager Mr. Don Blubaugh as the new City Manager for the next two years.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy clarified, for the record, her conflict of interest. She stated that one of the candidates being interviewed was also the same individual that she worked for; therefore, she could not participate in the first set of interviews. Once it was determined that the individual was no longer interested, she was able to participate in the rest of the process.

The Council expressed their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Blubaugh for his willingness to stay. They indicated that it takes an extraordinary person like himself to guide the City through an eventful two years.

On motion by J. Kennedy, Vice Mayor, seconded by M. Menesini, Councilmember approving employment agreement with Don Blubaugh. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Mr. Blubaugh expressed his appreciation to the Council and to the City employees present. He attributed his success to a good staff working and pulling together. Mr. Blubaugh commented that he was impressed with the Council for their commitment and their goals for economic revitalization for Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on February 7, 2007 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 – 2/21/07