

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

Mayor Rob Schroder called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmembers Lara DeLaney, Janet Kennedy, Michael Menesini, and Vice Mayor Mark Ross present.

## **PRESENTATION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**

Item B taken out of order.

- B. Presentation of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award by Monique Moyer.

Presentation made by Monique Moyer of the Board of Directors of the GFOA. Ms. Moyer congratulated and presented to the City, for the second time, the "Distinguished Budget Award." She also commented on the selection process and the limited number of cities that receive the award.

Mayor Schroder recognized the efforts of City staff: Mike Chandler, Cathy Heater, and especially Lianne Marshall. The Council also thanked the GFOA for the award and expressed appreciation for staff's hard work. Vice Mayor Ross echoed the Mayor's comments regarding staff's efforts.

Based on her experience as a Budget Analyst for the County, Councilmember DeLaney commented on the quality of the City's budget documents. She congratulated staff as well.

Councilmember Menesini arrived at 7:15 p.m. and was seated at the dais.

- A. Presentation of Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier "2008 Legislative Plan."

Assemblyman DeSaulnier updated the Council and the public on his progress over the last year, reviewed bills that were signed as well as vetoed, those that are active, and bills that he co-authored. Assemblyman DeSaulnier indicated he welcomed opportunities to work together with Council and staff. He also reviewed, in general, the Governor's budget and the challenges for the upcoming year.

Mayor Schroder commented on the Water Emergency Transit Authority System, with Martinez now slated as a stop, and the need for a feasibility study and/or environmental study. He also expressed concern whether the State has any reserve fund for difficult financial times.

Assemblyman DeSaulnier said there was provision for such funds, but he noted difficulties with reconciling differing opinions as to how much of a reserve can be built up/maintained, and how budget surpluses can best be used.

Vice Mayor Ross expressed concern about the cap on the penalty for gross polluters and urged consideration of an increase in the amount.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked Assemblyman DeSaulnier for his work with the Housing Trust Fund, and for his consideration of some property owner assistance for earthquake retrofitting.

Councilmember DeLaney asked Assemblyman DeSaulnier whether the Economic Recovery Bonds could be used to get the State out of the current fiscal crisis. He thought it was unlikely, but he acknowledged it might be possible for the Governor to authorize alternative assistance. Councilmember DeLaney noted that Martinez was looking forward to receiving Proposition 42 gas tax money, to be applied toward street and road maintenance.

Councilmember Menesini congratulated Assemblyman DeSaulnier for his work on behalf of foster care facilities. He also echoed Mayor Schroder's comments regarding the ferry service, especially the need for coordination with other transit systems. Assemblyman DeSaulnier discussed some of his research into foster care facilities and federal funding. He also commented on meetings with other jurisdictions regarding the benefits of ferry service.

Councilmember Menesini mentioned, and Assemblyman DeSaulnier agreed that private/public partnerships could assist with funding as well. Assemblyman DeSaulnier stated that he looked forward to working with the City and it has been a privilege representing Martinez.

#### C. Presentation of City participation in "ICLEI" Climate Protection Program.

Presentation made by Bart Carr, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator. He updated the Council on efforts to address climate change, green house gas emissions, and compliance with AB32; noting that City staff is using the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection methodology and software to measure green house gas (GHG) emissions for the 2005 base line year. Based on these measurements, City Council will select measures to be implemented over time to allow the City to comply with AB 32 GHG emissions reductions of 11% by 2012 and 25% by 2020. Mr. Carr also introduced Zainab Faizi, intern from St. Mary's College, who will be assisting him on the Climate Protection Program.

Mayor Schroder commented on the process for using methane gas in a positive way, and he expressed appreciation for the research being done.

Vice Mayor Ross was grateful for the leadership and innovation that the City is demonstrating.

Councilmember DeLaney was also appreciative for the information. She requested that an update on City ordinances, green products, and the City's actions on environment issues be placed on the City's website.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed her appreciation as well.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Richard Verrilli stated he would like to see more public involvement in this area. He requested that a volunteer group be created to assist and have a part in reducing the green house effects.

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

Reserved only for those requesting to speak on items not listed on the Agenda.

Cliff Souza expressed his concerns about the Intermodal Station and ferry site, stating that if the ferry landing is moved closer to the Intermodal, the Council will create an environmental nightmare. He reiterated his comments from the last meeting, and requested that he be given answers to his questions concerning the City Manager's resignation.

Mayor Schroder indicated that there would be no dialogue with the Council at this point, and he noted that the reasons for Mr. Blubaugh's resignation were explained in the press release. He asked that Mr. Souza continue with his questions. Mr. Souza continued to press for answers at which time Mayor Schroder asked him to return to his seat, or be escorted out of the Chambers.

When Mr. Souza refused, Mayor Schroder adjourned the Council for a 5 minute recess.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.**

Items 6 and 7 were pulled by the Council for comment.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on Items 1-5, with no speakers coming forward.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of December 5, 2007. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion rejecting claim(s) against the City by Kristin & Frank McGuire, Claim #07-24. [M.Cabral]
3. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 01/03/08 and 01/16/08. [C.Heater/2.01.01]
4. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1342 C.S. amending Title 22, Zoning, of the Martinez Municipal Code, Chapter 4 ("Definitions") and Chapter 36 ("Off-Street Parking") relating to Yard Definitions, Commercial and Recreational Vehicle Parking, Parking Design Criteria, and Mobile Storage Containers. [C.Simon&A.Lopez/09.04.04.27]

5. Motion introducing an Ordinance amending Title 8 Health and Safety of the Martinez Municipal Code adding Chapter 8.19, Large Venue and Event Recycling.  
[B.Carr/30.01.01]

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Vice Mayor, approve Consent Calendar Items #1-#5. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0. Yes: Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Vice Mayor, and Robert Schroder, Mayor. Absent: Michael Menesini, Councilmember.

6. Resolution No. 002-08 approving the 2007-08 Agreement for Professional Services with Main Street Martinez and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.  
[K.Majors/9.12.04]

Richard Verrilli expressed concern about the number of real estate signs in the City and how long they are staying up. He asked if it would be possible to limit them to two months at a time.

Bradley Jackson, President of Main Street Martinez, thanked the Main Street Board of Directors, particularly the Executive Director; as well as Karen Majors, Don Blubaugh and other City staff for their hard work on the agreement. He expressed appreciation for the commitment to economic revitalization.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on Item #6.

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 002-08 approving the 2007-08 Agreement for Professional Services with Main Street Martinez and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

7. Resolution No. 003-08 requesting the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for grant funding under the Transportation Development Act for the Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding for fiscal year 2008/2009. [T.Tucker]

Councilmember Kennedy thanked City Engineer Tim Tucker and City Manager Don Blubaugh for submitting the application, especially in view of public safety issues.

Vice Mayor Ross noted that as the Mayors' Conference representative to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, he would encourage staff to apply for a bicycle oriented project application next year. Councilmember DeLaney stated that Vice Mayor Ross's experience would be invaluable to assisting staff with next year's application. She expressed interest in hearing his ideas.

There was no public comment on Item #7.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 003-08 requesting the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for grant funding under the Transportation Development Act for the Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding for fiscal year 2008/2009. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

## **ORDINANCE(S)**

## **CITY MANAGER**

8. Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

No comments made.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

9. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney reported that she will be representing the City at the League of California Cities Environmental Policy Committee meeting in Sacramento on Thursday, January 17th and will report back.

Councilmember Kennedy said that she also will be representing the City at the League's Conference on Friday and will be attending the Economic Development Committee meeting; and next week will be attending the ABAG's meeting on Economic Forecast for the Bay Area. In response to a question from Mayor Schroder, she also discussed her new role on the Countywide Continuum of Care Board in efforts to end homelessness in the area.

Councilmember Menesini stated that he appreciates the time Mr. Blubaugh has spent with the City and he continues to have the Council's support. City Manager stated that it was his decision to go back into retirement and the reasons were stated in the public press release.

Councilmember Menesini requested an inventory on unaccepted City streets, status on scenic easements vs. open space, and a review of Deferred Annexation Agreements (those who are receiving water services that are not in the City limits).

Vice Mayor Ross also added to Councilmember Menesini's comments with respect to City Manager Blubaugh and praised him for the work he has accomplished so far. He commented on the Boys & Girls Crab Feed which was a success. Vice Mayor Ross also stated that he has been proud to serve as Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality District and to represent Martinez. He requested staff to look at removing the chain across the parking lot at the Passive Park on Waterfront Road and noted an empty sign board there, and he recommended adding some language to it.

Mayor Schroder stated that it has all been said--very grateful for all the work Mr. Blubaugh has done, and all the behind the scene issues he has resolved. He announced that the State of the City Breakfast will be held on February 7th at the Shell Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m. He agreed with moving forward on the Deferred Annexation Agreements. He also indicated that the Martinez Historical Society will be coming forward requesting correction of the City entrance signs with accurate dates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:41 p.m. to a Regular City Council meeting on February 6, 2008, 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--02/06/08