

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Rob Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, Mark Ross
Councilmember, and Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, Rob Schroder, Mayor.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)

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

No comments made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion rejecting Claim against the City by Josette and Ed Ogan, Claim No. 09-06. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 07/14/09 and 07/15/09.
[C.Heater/02.01.01]

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 and #2 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget appropriating \$500,000 from the City's General Fund Balance to the Martinez Unified School District.
[J.Walter/02.10.00&06.10.01]

Councilmember Lara DeLaney stated that it was the Council responsibility to ensure that the monies are kept in reserve and used for the City projects and future labor negotiations. Councilmember DeLaney further stated that it was fiscal irresponsibility to amend the budget.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 091-09 amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget appropriating \$500,000 from the City's General Fund Balance to the Martinez Unified School District. Motion passed 4-1. No: L.DeLaney, Councilmember. Rest, Ayes.

CITY COUNCIL

4. Consider and possibly take action to approve an agreement between the City of Martinez and the Martinez Unified School District (MUSD) under which the City shall provide \$500,000 to the MUSD. [K.Majors&J.Walter/6.10.01]

Mayor Schroder stated that he was in favor of giving the School District the entire \$500,000 as a grant; however he did not have the votes and had to compromise his position which turned out to be a loan/fee agreement.

Councilmember Mark Ross commented that as the hometown of John Swett, founder of the California educational system, it was appropriate for the City to provide the gap funding to keep our kids from having gaps in their education; as you can rebuild infrastructure, you can't rebuild kids.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney's comments were not recorded.

Vice Mayor Michael Menesini stated that the services agreement was a framework for future City/School District cooperation that could include a joint Corporation Yard. He expressed the need for a written agreement, to be approved by the School Board and the Council, in order to obviate confusion with regard to this mutual commitment to joint cooperation for the benefit of the Public.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy commented on the need for a written agreement that spelled out the terms of the use of funds, repayment if any, etc. She agreed with further indicated that the agreement had to be approved by the MUSD Board.

Council discussed amendments and other options.

Mike Alford, expressed support for giving the \$500,000 to the MUSD with any repayment.

Bob Hollsinger, Vice President of the Martinez Education Association, thanked the Council for their support and stressed the importance of the grant/loan.

Liz Robbins, the Chief Budget Official for the District, on behalf of MUSD Superintendent Muth, expressed appreciation for staffs hard work and Council's cooperation and willingness to assist the District.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, to approve Resolution No. 092-09 and an agreement between the City of Martinez and the Martinez Unified School District (MUSD) under which the City shall provide \$500,000 to the MUSD and on two conditions that Exhibit A be revised to delete the City's use of the John Muir School Park area and the Morello School Park area from the "credit calculations;" and to include findings in the resolution and/or Fee for Service Agreement justifying the City's assumption of the Martinez Opera \$6024 debt to the School District as amended. Motion passed 4-1. No: L.DeLaney, Councilmember. Rest, Ayes.

5. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy announced Relay for Life on August 8th at Las Juntas School and community Forum on Future Housing in Martinez on August 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Mark Ross announced the Beaver Festival, Bocce Tournament on August 1st.

Vice Mayor Michael Menesini requested that appointment of Gina Zagotta to the Cemetery Commission be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on September 2, 2009, 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 – 9/2//09