

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m. He noted that Items #4A and #5 were being pulled from the agenda to be continued to a later date.

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Lara DeLaney.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

A. Joltin Joe Fundraising Update.

Ray Raineri, Sons of Italy, reported that the organization has raised \$32,000, once the outstanding pledges and matching gifts are received. He also noted that contributions have come from as far away as New York State, in addition to local contributors. He expressed his appreciation and support to the City of Martinez, Shell, and the community. He especially thanked the Dunivan and Bisio families, the Martinez Community Foundation, and Mayor Schroder and Schroder Insurance. Mr. Raineri further stated that Rich Aldridge of the Carpenters Union, Local 152, has committed to getting the craft restored with volunteers from the Carpenters Union and the Shipwrights Union. He also discussed future steps in the restoration, and identified four groups collaborating in the work - the City, the community, the Sons of Italy, and the Unions.

Mayor Schroder thanked Mr. Raineri for his leadership on the project

Vice Mayor Menesini arrived and was seated at 7:15 p.m.

B. Worth a Dam—Art Tile Project.

Heidi Perryman and student volunteers from the Environmental Studies Academy (ESA) presented the art tile project. Ms. Perryman reviewed the project details and plans for installation on the surface of the Escobar Street Bridge, in recognition of the beavers' location near Castro and Escobar. She indicated that the artwork was done by attendees at the 2009 Worth a Dam festival and by children who attended the Muir Mountain Day Camp.

Ms. Perryman also noted that the art was organized by Frogard Butler, an artist for East Bay Artists Guild, and the pens and tiles were paid for by a donation from Safari West, a wild animal park in Santa Rosa. She explained that the students from ESA would also be involved in developing the interpretive tiles for the project, and that Dimitiri Dorokin would be donating his work for the installation of the tiles.

In response to a question from Mayor Schroder, Ms. Perryman gave further details on the proposed location of the tiles.

Councilmember Ross asked about the signage that had been discussed earlier, and Ms. Perryman explained how they would be used. Councilmember Ross said he could see how similar signage could be used along the whole of the creek. He thanked Ms. Perryman and the students for their work.

Vice Mayor Menesini expressed his appreciation as well, especially for the involvement of the children. He thought the project would be very appropriate for the site, and he agreed with Councilmember Ross that it would be good to extend the concept along the whole creek.

C. Measure H Update--Preliminary Plan Phase Design for the Aquatic Facility, Park Facilities, and Library Renovation Projects.

Tim Tucker, City Engineer, and Patty Lorick, Recreation Supervisor, presented the staff report, including a PowerPoint reviewing the goals, community needs and outreach, project constraints, operating costs, and the Schematic design development, and the preferred design (Scheme F).

They also responded to questions/comments from the Council regarding remodeling of the swimming pool facility as follows: swim team input, the possibility of using solar panels, the need to be sure that cost-cutting efforts don't affect the quality of the work, whether the new pool will have a diving platform, whether there will be diving competitions, picnic areas, lawn areas vs. paved areas, size of the changing areas, and possibilities for the lobby.

Dave Scola, Public Works Director, and Steve Wynn, Barry & Volkmann Architects, presented a second PowerPoint on the conceptual design, project status, and energy and environmental considerations for the Martinez Library renovation.

Vice Mayor Menesini expressed concern about modifications to the desk area, given the historic aspect of the desk; he also commented that he hoped the addition of solar equipment on the roof would allow for a more watertight roof. Mayor Schroder asked about the expanded space for the heating and air conditioning system and roof access. Councilmember Ross asked whether the HVAC system would include a HEPA filter, and he expressed appreciation for the improvements to the children's area.

Mr. Scola also commented on the expertise of Barry & Volkmann in working with historic preservation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Paul Wilson stated he was disappointed with Items #4A and #5 being pulled from the agenda. He questioned the status of the marina contracts with the State Lands Commission and DBAW; he expressed his concerns with the lack of progress on 630 Court Street and the old railroad depot. He also wanted to know how many people have complied with the Unreinforced Masonry Ordinance and whether the City should have a Code Enforcement process for rental properties. Councilmember Ross briefly reported on recent meetings with the State Lands Commission and DBAW.

Mike Alford reiterated his desire to bring energy and environmental companies into the City with products that will help save the City money. He also expressed concern about pollutants from the Shell refinery and protections from the H1N1 virus.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

Mayor Schroder reiterated that Item 4A was continued to a later date. Councilmember Kennedy requested that Items #3 and #4b be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on Items #1 and #2, with no speakers coming forward.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of November 4, 2009. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 11/05/09 and 11/12/09. [C.Spinella/02.01.01]

On motion by Mark Ross Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 and #2 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

3. Motion proceeding with the Preliminary Plan Phase of the design of the new aquatic facility at Rankin Park using Schematic F as a basis. [T.Tucker/10.05.03]

Councilmember Kennedy thanked staff and members of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission for their work on design of the pool project. She expressed excitement that the pool and library projects are finally moving forward. Vice Mayor Menesini echoed her appreciation.

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

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, to approve proceeding with the Preliminary Plan Phase of the design of the new aquatic facility at Rankin Park using Schematic F as a basis. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

4. Measure H projects:
 - A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute three-year agreements for Consultant Services with the firms of Borrecco-Kilian & Associates; Kluber & Associates; and Thomas Baak and Associates for on-call landscape architect services for the City's Measure H Projects not to exceed \$300,000; and

Item pulled.

- B. Resolution allocating \$7,240.00 Park In-Lieu Reserve Funds for the upgrade of playground surfacing material. [T.Tucker/10.05.03]

Councilmember Kennedy commented on the importance of safe play equipment in the neighborhood parks, and her appreciation for these needed upgrades.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Paul Wilson asked if this would include a replacement of the combustible ground covering at many of the playgrounds. Mr. Tucker confirmed that it would, as well as combating vandalism. Mr. Wilson also discussed the importance of park in-lieu fees, and he cautioned against future fee waivers for downtown projects.

Mike Alford asked what "problem areas" Mr. Tucker referred to; Police Chief Tom Simonetti said Highland Park was the primary one. Mr. Alford asked if it would be possible to fence the park and lock it up at night. Chief Simonetti said some of the damage was done during the daytime. Staff also commented on the negative visual impact of fencing.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 111-09 allocating \$7,240.00 Park In-Lieu Reserve Funds for the upgrade of playground surfacing material. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CITY MANAGER

5. Resolution approving an agreement relating to the sharing of sales tax revenue with Golden Gate Petroleum (GGP) for a specified term, enabling GGP to recover a portion of their relocation costs in a form accepted by the City Manager and by the City Attorney, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same. [P.Vince]

Item pulled.

6. City Manager Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

City Manager Phil Vince reported more discouraging news regarding the State budget this year and next. He commented on the importance of the measures recommended by the League of California Cities. He also noted that Platinum Services has done an excellent job on behalf of the cities it represents, especially considering the nominal cost, and has recently won an award for their work.

7. Chief of Police Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

Chief Tom Simonetti announced that the pharmaceutical bin has been installed in the Police lobby, and is ready for public use.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

8. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy wished all a happy Thanksgiving. She invited the public to attend the Hospice Tree Lighting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st on Morello Avenue.

Vice Mayor Michael Menesini echoed Councilmember Kennedy's comments. He encouraged parents to inoculate their children with the H1N1 vaccine.

Councilmember Mark Ross also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He expressed appreciation for the work on Alhambra Avenue. He requested that Marina Vista be slurry sealed and suggested that it could be done with next year's improvements. Mr. Tucker mentioned some of the work planned for next year, as well as some interim work in the form of weekly sweeping of the streets.

Mayor Schroder further stated that the sidewalk is thick with sand along Marina Vista; he noted that Shell has done some work, but he directed staff to contact Shell to see if more sprucing of the area could be done. City Manager Vince stated that staff has been in contact with Steve Leshner, Shell Public Affairs, and he is aware of the issues.

Councilmember Ross also mentioned the unattractive area on Highway 4 and Alhambra Avenue right under the trestle, and he requested staff to contact Caltrans to spruce up the area.

Mayor Rob Schroder announced that he was contacted by the Governor's office and learned that he was appointed to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board representing local governments. He noted that the December 2nd Council meeting has been cancelled, and he reminded the Council that the December 16th meeting will be the time to change Vice Mayors.

Mayor Schroder also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired employee Donna Reynolds; and Sam Li-Ron, who worked with his wife at the Gazette and worked for Gibson Company.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:46 p.m., in memory of Donna Reynolds and Sam Li-Ron, then to a Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m. reconvening at 7:00 p.m. to a Regular Council meeting on December 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

Approved by the City Council

Rob Schoder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk