

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

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

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

EXCUSED: Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Schroder moved Item #9, Employment Agreement for Interim Chief of Police, to the Consent Calendar making it Item #8.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (*taken out of order*)

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

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes May 5, 2010. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 05/20/10, 05/21/10, 05/25/10 and 05/26/10. [C.Spinella/02.01.01]
3. Motion approving the Budget Subcommittee's recommendations for the 2010-11 Community Group Funding Program. [C.Spinella/2.10.00]
4. Motion approving the City of Martinez Investment Policy.[C.Spinella/02.01.01]
5. Motion approving the first amendment to the tolling agreement with Richfield Development regarding the Alhambra Highlands Subdivisions. [K.Majors/13.7244]
6. Resolution No. 048-19 accepting the revisions to the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget. [C.Spinella/2.10.00]
7. Resolution No. 049-10 authorizing application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Used Oil Payment Program. [M.Chandler/30.14.02]
8. Motion approving Employment Agreement for Tom Simonetti to serve as Interim Chief of Police, effective July 1, 2010. [P.Vince/17.03.02]

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on the Consent Calendar with no members of the public coming forward.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy commented on Item #3, Community Group Funding, and stated she had received email correspondence from the Director of the Court-Appointed Special Advocate, thanking the City for their funding. She indicated he would be coming to make a presentation before the Council eventually. She expressed disappointment that the City will not be funding Kennedy King in the next year; however, she asked that the Council consider paying for the ads in the future.

Mayor Schroder noted that a neighboring jurisdiction did that, and there was some question as to whether it was appropriate to do so. Councilmember Kennedy said both Concord and Antioch pay for their own. She expressed appreciation for the new application and funding process.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #8 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

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

#### **A. Quarterly Report from the Martinez Chamber of Commerce.**

Cynthia Murdough, Executive Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce. She reviewed the functions of the Visitor's Center services and educational/learning experiences provided to the community. She acknowledged sponsors who provided goods and services to help with the construction and other improvements at the Center, including Novia Displays, Petrazzo, Rhodia, Allied Waste, Pacific Stone, Marty O's Catering, Home Depot, and Southwest. She noted that the expansion of the Visitor's Center had provided the opportunity to increase a part time employee to a full time employee. Ms. Murdough also reviewed the Chamber's past and future events (King of the County BBQ, Ken Burns preview screening of "The National Parks", the Seismic Challenge, Business Expo, Willows Theatre Passport, film festival, business education series, citizen of the year award, and Martinis on the Plaza), volunteer work, and collaborations with other organizations.

Mayor Schroder asked about membership statistics, and Ms. Murdough confirmed that the membership level has remained steady, although there has been some turnover.

Mayor Schroder commended Ms. Murdough for the many successful events and for the Chamber's cooperative efforts with Main Street Martinez. Councilmembers Menesini and Kennedy also commented on Ms. Murdough's work on behalf of the Chamber.

Councilmember Mark Ross agreed. He also asked that staff work with the Chamber to improve the promotion of the City on the billboard adjacent to Highway 680.

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

Gilbert Doubet urged the Council to license medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Martinez, including overseeing the safe delivery of an important medicine to chronically ill seniors. He saw this as a way that local government can improve the lives of its citizens and

increase the sales tax revenues at the same time. Councilmember Menesini updated the Council on the work of the Public Safety Subcommittee in reviewing the current ordinance regulating medicinal cannabis, noting that Martinez was one of the first cities in the county to adopt such an ordinance. He noted that the primary concern of the Subcommittee is that those patients who need it can receive it.

Mike Alford commented on the Mayor's actions at the last Council meeting regarding the McCann's appeal on the Stahlberg project, which he described as a fair democratic process. He added that he hoped that the Mayor continues to consider public sentiment on all projects in the future. Mayor Schroder responded that the decision-making process of the Council is more complex than just being able to keep track of how many are in favor of a project and how many opposed. He acknowledged that public testimony is important but only part of the process.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

### **CHIEF OF POLICE** *(taken out of order)*

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

Chief of Police Tom Simonetti announced that this Saturday at Alhambra High School, CERT will be conducting a disaster drill beginning around 8:00 a.m. He encouraged the public to attend.

## **CITY MANAGER**

9. *City Manager Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).*

City Manager Philip Vince provided a brief update on the DBAW process, stating that City staff will be meeting with them shortly and a presentation will be provided to the Council at the July 7th meeting. He also indicated that staff will be meeting with Seifel Consulting to work on creative financial scenarios and the possibility of redevelopment to benefit the marina.

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

### **CITY COUNCIL**

11. Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter opposing potential Legislation that would undermine Local Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collection as requested by Vice Mayor DeLaney. [M.Cabral/41.01.00]

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, authorize the Mayor to sign a letter opposing potential Legislation that would undermine Local Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collection as requested by Vice Mayor DeLaney. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

## 12. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Michael Menesini commended the Gazette for sponsoring an art contest, noting his daughter Maddie won the prize for the 5th grade. He expressed appreciation that something so simple meant so much to her.

Councilmember Mark Ross announced the Bike/Run (25 and 50 mile loop) that will start at the Marina on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and will benefit the Special Olympics. He also reported that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, on which he is proud to serve representing Martinez and the cities in Contra Costa County, revised CEQA guidelines for thresholds for exposure of toxic air contaminants and established a groundbreaking lowering of those thresholds.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy reported out on her attendance at the ABAG Regional Planning Committee meeting including a discussion of SB375--Lowering Greenhouse Gas Emmissions and a wonderful report on the progress of the Bay Trail. Councilmember Kennedy also stated that she received an email from Dr. Tom Badger, who is President of the Rotary Club in Dunbar, Scotland. In honor of the 30th Anniversary of Dunbar and Martinez becoming "Sister Cities" (2011); Dr. Badger is requesting that an event be held together, perhaps some type of educational or cultural exchange and/or tourism to benefit both communities. Mayor Schroder indicated that there are some students from Dunbar that will be visiting Martinez in June and will provide information to the Council.

Mayor Rob Schroder announced three neighborhood meetings that have been scheduled on Wednesdays starting with June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Morello Park Elementary, Multi-Use Room; July 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Hidden Valley Elementary, Multi-Use Room; and September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at John Swett Elementary, Multi-Use Room. He also reviewed a letter from the League of California Cities with a chart listing every city in the state, and what the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 would protect. He explained that this is a measure which is being placed on the ballot by the League. The Chart lists property tax, special taxes, motor vehicle tax, and redevelopment tax increment. He noted that the city of Anaheim's redevelopment tax increment is \$37,981,000, which he thought was interesting in light of comments made by some members of the public at the last meeting who shared a letter from the Mayor of Anaheim and implied Anaheim's Platinum Triangle had been accomplished without redevelopment funds. Councilmember Kennedy added that Anaheim has used some of their redevelopment funds to rehabilitate industrial sites so that they can be used for business or housing development.

Mayor Schroder also announced that on Thursday, the City will be hosting the Contra Costa Mayor's Conference at the Event Center on Main Street at 6:30 p.m. He noted that Ron Brown from Save Mount Diablo will be making a brief presentation at the meeting in response to information the Mayor had provided to the Brentwood Press on the East County's Measure F.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting of June 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 7/7/10