

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Morello Park Elementary, Multi-Use Room.

PRESENT: Rob Schroder, Mayor, Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, and Janet Kennedy, Councilmember.
EXCUSED: Mark Ross, Councilmember.
ABSENT: None.

I. DISCUSSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Mayor Schroder welcomed the public. He indicated that a little over 4,000 questionnaires were mailed requesting concerns and a handful of concerns were received which were addressed by staff.

Mayor Schroder discussed the process for the meeting noting that they would break into groups specifically with respect to particular issues.

He introduced the Council and City Manager Phil Vince.

**Councilmember Menesini arrived at 7:08 p.m.*

Mayor Schroder stated that during these economic times, the City is very solvent as compared to other cities. The City has managed to cut the budget and trim expenses without laying off one employee.

Mr. Vince introduced staff and commented that he has inherited a wonderful, hardworking group and without them, the City could not provide the quality of service.

**7:15 p.m. Broke out into groups and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.*

PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)

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

Unidentified speaker asked why the City wants to annex North Pacheco, complained about not being contacted directly about the annexation, and stated that he was not interested in incorporating into the City. Mayor Schroder stated that the City was approached by some property owners and the City is in the process of conducting studies. When the City files an application with LAFCO, the residents in the area will have the opportunity to protest.

Mayor Schroder stated that there will be a community meeting at City Hall on July 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed North Pacheco Annexation.

Mike Alford questioned why there are neighborhood meetings every four years at election time and suggested that neighborhood meetings be held routinely. He also reiterated his prior statement that the people living in the North Pacheco area did not want to be annexed into the City.

CITY MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE/CITY COUNCIL

1. City Manager Comments.

Nothing reported.

2. Chief of Police Comments

Nothing reported.

3. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney thanked the residents for coming and voicing their concerns and staff for all their work. Vice Mayor DeLaney stated that she welcomed any comments from the public and that she and the Council are always available.

Mayor Schroder clarified that he could be reached by phone or email, and that anyone could reach the Council and via the City's website at www.cityofmartinez.org, then to the City Council's web page, which lists all the emails; he provided his personal email-- rschroder@cityofmartinez.org.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on July 7, 2010 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 – 7/21/10