

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. at the Historic Train Depot, 413 Ferry Street, Martinez.

PRESENT: Janet Kennedy, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor; and Rob Schroder, Mayor. (Councilmember Ross arrived at 5:20 p.m.)
EXCUSED: Michael Menesini, Councilmember
ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Only on items listed on Agenda)

No comments made.

1. Members of the City Council will be gathering at the Historic Train Depot for a demonstration of the Wayside Horns by Quiet Zone Technologies.

City Engineer Tim Tucker provided a brief history regarding the train noise and concerns. He introduced Robert Albritton with Quiet Zone Technologies.

Mr. Albritton provided a background on train horn sounding requirements. Mr. Albritton indicated in 2005 the Federal Railroad Administration set nationwide standards on when and how train horns must be sounded. Working with City staff Mr. Albritton proceeded to demonstrate the use of an "Automated Horn System" known as "wayside horns." He indicated the use of these horns which would be mounted at the crossing are considered a one to one substitution for trains sounding their horns. He indicated the system includes a notification lighted signals the alert train the system is functioning.

Mr. Albritton with the Mayor, Council, and interested residents took various readings of train horn noise and wayside horn noise at four nearby locations. He indicated it takes approximately nine months to get approval and install the system.

CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments made.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:35 p.m. to a Regular Council Meeting on July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 9/15/10