

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Multi-Use Room, Hidden Valley Elementary, 500 Glacier Drive, Martinez with all members present except Councilmember Menesini who arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

I. DISCUSSION OF NIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Mayor Schroder welcomed the public and introduced the City Council. He indicated that over 3,000 questionnaires were mailed requesting concerns and received 35 concerns which were addressed by staff. He discussed the process for the meeting noting that they would break into groups specifically with respect to particular issues.

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.

Mayor Schroder introduced City Manager Phil Vince and staff members.

City Manager Vince reviewed a matrix containing answers to the issues and concerns received (copies provided) noting that the process provides staff the opportunity to know where the problems are and to better resolve those issues.

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

**Councilmember Menesini arrived at 7:20 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.

Mayor Schroder called Warren Rose (submitted a speaker card) but he indicated that he had resolved his issue with staff.

Unidentified female speaker expressed concerns regarding the continuous vandalism of St. Catherine's Cemetery. Councilmember Menesini stated part of the problem is that the Cemetery

is owned by St. Catherine Church and they simply do not have the money to take care of the Cemetery. He suggested that there be discussions with the Church and perhaps local groups and even high school students.

Mike Alford indicated that he spoke to the priest at St. Catherine's. Mr. Alford suggested that they install motion lights and establish volunteer programs.

Unidentified female speaker noted that St. Catherine's is in the process of fund raising events for repair of the Cemetery.

Phillip Ciaramitaro urged the City to create a Police Cadet Internship for the downtown so that people can feel free to come downtown without fear. Chief of Police Tom Simonetti stated that the Department currently has a Cadet Program, Reserve Program, and an Explorer Program. Chief Simonetti stated that the Department is working on a Volunteer Police Services Program which may come to fruition in the fall.

Unidentified male speaker questioned why drinking is allowed in parks when there is a no drinking policy. Chief Simonetti stated that drinking is not allowed in parks unless you have a permit for parties. Every City park has signs posted at the entrance. Mayor Schroder stated that is you see public drunkenness call Police Dispatch at 372-3440.

CITY MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE/CITY COUNCIL

1. City Manager Comments.

Nothing reported.

2. Chief of Police Comments

Nothing reported.

3. City Council Comments.

Mayor Rob Schroder thanked the residents for attending and voicing their concerns; and recognized staff's hard work in arranging tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on July 21, 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 – 9/1/10