

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

EXCUSED: Lara DeLaney, Councilmember.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Schroder noted that an Urgency Item needed to be added to the agenda, which was a closed session to be held after the meeting.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code.

Agency Designated Representatives: Philip Vince, City Manager; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager, and Fran Buchanan, IEDA.

Employee Organization: Laborers International Union of No. American, Local #324; Martinez Police Non-Sworn Employees Association; and Martinez Police Officers Association.

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve adding a closed session to the agenda. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

PRESENTATION(S)

A. Grad Night donations for College Park High School and Alhambra High School.

Mayor Schroder presented \$500 donations to Victoria and Henry Scarett, who accepted on behalf of College Park High School; and Joelle Fockler, who accepted on behalf of Alhambra High School. The representatives of both schools expressed their appreciation to the City. Ms. Fockler stated that they were still looking for volunteers to assist.

Mayor Schroder also announced that several weeks ago, Ms. Fockler was named 2010 WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD by the Chamber of Commerce, and her certificate had an error on it. He presented Ms. Fockler a corrected certificate.

B. Martinez Relay for Life - Susan Bray.

Susan Bray, Relay for Life of Martinez, invited the Council and the public to the American Cancer Society 6th Annual Relay for Life of Martinez on July 30-31, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Las Juntas Elementary at 4105 Pacheco Blvd. She encouraged all to join the fight. Ms. Bray left leaflets for the public and indicated that further information was available at relayforlife.org/Martinez.ca or by calling 1.800.227.2345.

Vice Mayor Kennedy thanked Ms. Bray for her years of service on behalf of the Relay. She encouraged the public and the Council to participate in the event.

C. Marina Update.

Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager, provided an updated financial plan overview and reviewed the funding gap and key funding considerations to help meet DBW requirements and re-scoping of the \$3.111 million loan. He noted that Senator Mark DeSaulnier's office has offered to coordinate a three-way meeting with the State Lands Commission, the Department of Boating and Waterways, and the Department of Finance. Mr. Austin also covered the project scope of Phases I, II, and III, funding sources for Marina improvements, financial debt service, funding revenue, projected costs and funding sources (cumulative net debt to income ratio) for fiscal years 2011-2021. Mr. Austin discussed the waterside improvements allocations of funding for Phases I through III.

Mayor Schroder asked about DBW's desire to have the City be a financial partner, questioning whether the City's past investments in the waterfront played into the negotiations. Mr. Austin stated that all of the recent improvements were relevant and important to getting Phase I ready to go.

Councilmember Ross thanked Mr. Austin for his hard work in the negotiations and confirmed with Mr. Austin that the City was asking DBW for a commitment on the \$2.15 million new loan, but not for them to have it right away. He also noted that a lot of private funds would be available if the funding gap was closed.

Vice Mayor Kennedy also thanked staff for their work. She asked about the sudden increase and decrease in lease income in 2016-17, and Mr. Austin explained it was for improvements. She also asked about the projected costs and funding sources in debt service, and Mr. Austin stated it was from DBW's formula and spreadsheet.

Councilmember Menesini also thanked Mr. Austin and asked if Pittsburg's legislative land grant had been different, and why they had move forward when Martinez had not. Mr. Austin stated that Martinez would have to have different terms than Pittsburg, and Senator DeSaulnier's staff thought that would cause a problem with the bill. Councilmember Menesini stated that at some point he would like to explore the anomalies in Pittsburg's title areas and ownership matrix as compared to Martinez's.

**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 commented that he is aware of what took place at the Budget Subcommittee on May 31st with respect to one of the proposals--reducing one of the Senior Center positions in the second year of the budget. He stated that senior staff is working on that issue and has resolved it; and are proposing that the cut not be made. Mayor Schroder noted that the budget will still be heard at the June 15th Council meeting.

John Curtis provided an update on this season's Farmers Markets. Mr. Curtis noted that the transition for the Sunday Market from the previous operator to the new operator, Pacific Coast, went very well. He noted that there were three Farmer's Markets--one at Kaiser, a mid-size Market on Thursdays, and a large Market on Sundays and all are doing very well. Mr. Curtis encouraged the public to patronize the local Farmer's Market.

Leanne Peterson announced a series of workshops and tours, as part of the General Plan update, called "Downtown Matters: Making it Happen, Making it Real" which is designed to refresh the vision for Downtown Martinez; for further information contact the City of Martinez. She encouraged all to attend.

Richard Verrilli thanked Councilmembers Ross and DeLaney for the meeting held and for listening to the public regarding the cuts at the Senior Center, which was conducted in a most congenial manner. He commended Chief Peterson for the new Neighborhood Policing. He announced that Contra Costa Sanitary District will be meeting tomorrow to consider raising the rates and wondered if the City could get involved to object to those rates on behalf of the residents. Mayor Schroder noted that most of the City was serviced by the Contra Costa Water District, not by the East Bay Municipal Utility District. He also noted that the City had representatives on the boards of both sewer districts in Martinez. Councilmember Menesini noted that it could be confusing to understand all the different local government boards and their jurisdictions, and suggested that the City look into ways to make sure all of the boards could be held accountable. He also stated that the Contra Costa Water Board is usually good at staying accountable about their rates.

Doug Stewart, Martinez Pacheco Outreach, provided an overview on the first half of the year on the homeless. He urged the Council to consider an RV Ordinance. Mayor Schroder expressed concern with the frequent need for rides for prisoners released from the county jail, and Chief of Police Gary Peterson noted that he was in dialogue with the jail commander on this issue. Mr. Stewart also noted that the problem was mostly not with the jail's release times.

Hollis Hoppe confirmed the Senior Center budget plans as well as the entire City budget. Mayor Schroder explained the two year budget process and mid-year adjustments.

Mark Sparacino expressed concerns of a 50 foot log that had drifted into the marina from the last storm. He indicated that it is a dangerous situation and has contacted several persons and no one has done anything. Mayor Schroder directed staff to look into the matter.

Mike Alford was discouraged about the progress of the marina when there is no money, and that staff's time should not be wasted on this project. Mr. Alford recommended that the City stop all the stipends, the extra spending, giving money to the Chamber, Main Street Martinez, and consultants, and suggested not to spend any more money on 610 and 630 Court Street, in order to save employees' jobs. Mayor Schroder announced that the Court Street project had been approved.

Renee Winter expressed support for the Senior Center and stated that she held the same position in question in Albany. Ms. Winter indicated that her job was one of the most stressful and gratifying position she had ever held. She stated that if the position was ever eliminated, the Center would fall apart.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of April 20, and May 4, 2011. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 05/16/11 and 05/25/11. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
3. Motion approving the Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist for submission to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.[T.Blount/9.2.8]
4. Resolution No. 062-11 rescinding Resolution No. 138-02 and Replacing the City's Purchasing Policy.[M.Chandler&C.Spinella/2.1.0]
5. Rankin Park and Tavan Field Renovation Project:[T.Tucker/11.04.00&11.04.04]
 - A. Resolution No. 063-11 accepting bids for the Rankin Park and Tavan Field Renovation Project and awarding the construction contract to Western Water Features, Inc. in the amount of \$3,023, 799.06; and
 - B. Resolution No. 064-11 amending Consultant Agreement with LCC, Inc. to provide construction staking services in an amount not to exceed \$47,800.
6. Holiday Highlands Park Project: [T.Tucker/11.10.00]
 - A. Resolution No. 065-11 accepting bids for the Holiday Highlands Park Project and awarding the construction contract to Jensen Corporation Landscape Contractor in the amount of \$723,000; and
 - B. Resolution No. 066-11 amending Consultant Agreement with LCC, Inc. to provide construction staking services in an amount not to exceed \$22,700

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

7. Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution adopting the updated City of Martinez 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and direct staff to prepare a final plan in accordance with California Water Code. [T.Tucker/15.01.06]

Tim Tucker, City Engineer, presented the staff report. He explained the purpose and functions of the Water Management Plan and discussed the City's goals and plans for water conservation and usage reduction. He discussed the history of the City's water management and services. Mr. Tucker noted that Alan Pellegrini, Water Superintendent, and staff members of Psomas (consultant) were present.

Mayor Schroder raised the possibility of using water runoff as a resource, and Mr. Tucker agreed that building cisterns for reclaimed water was a possibility. Councilmember Ross asked about the possibility for incentives for things like low-flow shower heads; Mr. Tucker stated that there are a lot of free resources and rebates available. Supplies are available at City Hall and at the Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Menesini agreed that conservation and storage are important, and suggested that the City make an effort to be more proactive about conservation in future projects. He also noted possible uses of "gray-water" for irrigation.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed the public hearing with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 067-11 adopting the updated City of Martinez 2010 Urban Water Management Plan and direct staff to prepare a final plan in accordance with California Water Code. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Philip Vince stated that staff is working hard on providing a budget for Council's approval for the next meeting, with a wonderful display of photos from the photo contest.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief Gary Peterson announced the passing of retired Police Chief Jerry Warren who passed on May 27th. Chief Warren came to the City of Martinez in 1967 and served as Chief for 13 years and retired in 1979 after 39 years in law enforcement. Chief Peterson indicated that services are pending, and he will keep the Council informed.

Councilmember Menesini requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Chief Warren.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

10. Council Subcommittee Quarterly Reports.

Councilmember Mark Ross stated that a Budget Subcommittee meeting was held on May 31, and Mr. Verrilli's glowing remarks summed it all up. Councilmember DeLaney provided her remarks via email.

11. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy congratulated all the 2011 graduates. She noted that she will be speaking at the Briones graduation. She also announced the Boys and Girls Club Auction on Saturday, June 4th.

Councilmember Mark Ross stated that he will not be able to attend the Auction, since he will be at the County Fair. He also expressed his congratulations to all the 2011 graduates. Councilmember Ross thanked staff for their hard work on the budget, and requested staff to find some money to fill in the empty cavities in the chambers. He also acknowledged the 10-year anniversary of September 11th and requested that something be done to honor the date. Chief Peterson indicated that the Chamber is working with the Police Department on it.

Councilmember Mike Menesini commented on his daughter's 8th grade graduation and stated that he was very proud of her achievements. Councilmember Menesini requested that a resolution protesting AAA's massive consolidation of a new tow truck contract be placed on a future agenda and requested a report from the Chief on how this contract will affect police services. He also expressed his appreciation and support for the Senior Center and their programs.

Mayor Schroder recognized his stepdaughter Sara who will be graduating from 8th grade, and he wished her well. The Mayor indicated he will be speaking at the Alhambra High School graduation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. *in memory of retired Chief of Police Jerry Warren*, then to a Closed Session in the City Manager's Office, and then to a Regular Council Meeting on June 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Mayor Schroder reported that direction was given to the City's negotiators, and there was nothing further to report.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 7/6/11