

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with all members present, except Councilmembers DeLaney and Menesini. Councilmember DeLaney arrived shortly after roll call.

Councilmember Menesini arrived at 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957. Title: City Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT (LIMITED TO ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA)**

There being no comments made, the Council adjourned to Closed Session in the City Manager's Office.

**RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

Mayor Schroder reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. He reported that a Closed Session was held earlier regarding Public Employee Evaluation, City Manager; there was nothing reported.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Schroder stated that an urgency item needed to be added to the agenda requiring a Closed Session to be held after the meeting.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8.

Property: Assessor's Parcel Number 373-022-001.

Agency Negotiators: Philip Vince, City Manager; Dave Scola, Public Works Director; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager; Veronica Nebb, Asst. City Attorney.

Negotiating Parties: City of Martinez and Chuck Barberini, Century 21 Realty.

Under Negotiation: Proposed property acquisition.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve adding the urgency item to the agenda. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Councilmember DeLaney asked for clarification on the location of the property, which Mayor Schroder provided. He also explained that the reason for the acquisition is because it can provide for a bridge and an access road to the Zocchi property.

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

### **A. Martinez Sea Scout Ship Albatross #72.**

Mayor Schroder presented certificates of recognition to the crew and officers of the Martinez Sea Scout Ship Albatross #72 for achieving top honors in the 59th Annual Ancient Mariner Regatta.

The Ship's Officers (each of whom are former Sea Scouts) included Adam Mollwitz, Skipper, Mike Hammack, Patrick LaRose, Ken Shupe, Joe Richmond, John Manov, Robert Walker, Noel Meza. Albatross crew members were Cat Murphy-Bevan - Bosun, Logan Allen - Bosun Mate, JT Archuleta, Jessica Brown, Makayla Ferrari, Wesley Fine, Cody Fomby, Mat Gonzalez, Sonora Gonzalez, Robert Hellevik, Garrett Hernandez, Samantha Lovelace, Ryan Troisi, and Alex Young. Julia Castro attended on Sunday to cheer the crew on; and Odessa Hallam was unable to attend the Regatta this year.

Sonora Gonzalez explained more about the event and responded to questions from the Council about the race and the Sea Scouts.

### **B. 2011-13 Budget Photo Contest Winners.**

Mayor Schroder announced that the City received over 100 submissions for the 2011-13 Budget Photo Contest from area photographers. City staff pared down the submissions to the top 33, and the Budget Subcommittee (Councilmembers DeLaney and Ross) selected the top 15 for inclusion in the budget. A slide show of the contest-winning pictures were shown. The winners each received matted and framed photographs signed by the Council. Winners included Don Taylor, Scott Jenny, Alan Abel, Kurt Fisherkeller, Robert Rothgery, and Frederika Villacarlos.

The Council expressed their congratulations to the winners and their appreciation to all those who participated.

Item #D taken out of order.

### **D. Proposition 84 Grant Scope.**

Tempra Bord of Tempra Bord and Associates, reviewed the purpose of the grant, key eligibility requirements, project sites (Waterfront Park/Old Train Depot and Center Ave Park), grant process and progress. Ms. Bord provided an overview of designs to the sites and a timeline leading to the application deadline of July 1st.

Vice Mayor Kennedy asked how much would be applied for which Ms. Bord stated that the projects mentioned in the presentation would be included in the two applications - one for Center Avenue and one for Waterfront, up to \$5 million.

Councilmember DeLaney said she thought both projects would be wonderful assets for the community, but she was concerned about ongoing maintenance costs. She asked if cost estimates had been made. Mitch Austin, Recreation Division, explained that after the applications are approved, the design process would include a full analysis of anticipated costs. He indicated that every effort will be made to use drought-tolerant plants and low maintenance materials as much as possible. Councilmember DeLaney commented on the City's need to be as fiscally conservative as possible and future budget impacts are always helpful in considering new projects.

Councilmember Menesini commented that the projects identified by staff are outstanding projects, and he thanked them for their work. He also expressed confidence that they will greatly contribute to the quality of life in Martinez. He acknowledged that the City does need to consider fiscal impacts, but he thought these seemed to be a fairly low-impact.

### C. Healthy Living Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign.

Charlotte Dickson, MSW Director HEAL Cities Campaign, a partnership with the League of California Cities, counties, cities, and school districts. She reviewed the Campaign policies with respect to land use, healthy food access, and employee wellness. Ms Dickson encouraged the Council to join the Campaign.

Mayor Schroder commented on a recent symposium at Mt. Diablo High School where he was a speaker; as well as efforts by the parks district to encourage healthy living. He also commented on changes to the public perception regarding smoking, which although slow, has still improved over time.

Mayor Schroder discussed efforts by the school district to improve the food offerings for the students.

Councilmember Ross expressed appreciation for the fact that the program encourages healthy choices, providing information, and alternatives.

Councilmember DeLaney was appreciative to Ms. Dickson for bring the campaign to the City's attention, acknowledging it is important for the Council to pay attention to the built environment and help the citizenry make healthier choices.

Councilmember Menesini agreed as well, noting that the affordability of quality, healthy foods is another important issue that needs to be addressed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)**

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

Mark Sparacino quoted Mark Twain "common sense is not so common," noting those words could apply to those representing the City. He commented on the large log that was lodged at the pier for two months, expressing concern about the risks to the public. He criticized the Council for not resolving the issue in a timely manner and indicated that he was able to resolve the issue with the assistance of the Army Corps of Engineers and thanked Dave Scola, Bob Cellini and his crew, and the Harbormaster for taking care of the problem.

Richard Verrilli apologized for referring to Chief Peterson as "Captain" at the last meeting; he acknowledged the Chief's efforts and work to reach his current position. He commented on the County Board of Supervisors' possible redistricting and requested that the Council notify the County to keep Martinez in one district and not split it up. He also had a concern with the budget process and requested that the public have a chance to comment. Mayor Schroder noted that a budget workshop had been held about a month ago, and it is on the agenda tonight, which will give an opportunity for comments

Mike Alford congratulated the Mayor on the wonderful speech he gave the graduating students of Alhambra High School, noting that the graduating class was very impressive. He requested clarification on the urgency item added to tonight's agenda, as a Closed Session regarding the acquisition of Pete Mecurio's property, given the current economic situation. Mr. Alford also commented on an air quality situation concerning paint fumes coming from Gary Hernandez' body shop. He noted it was an air quality issue and requested that staff look into the matter. Councilmember Ross indicated that staff was aware of the incident and is working on it.

Bambi Barker requested clarification on a presentation given by ABAG that she thought indicated the City of Martinez was waiving permit fees for retrofitting for private homeowners. Public Works Director Dave Scola indicated that the City was reducing the fees 50 percent.

Tim Platt asked whether there will be public comment on the budget, since it is on the Consent Calendar. Mayor Schroder said there would be.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 06/03/11 and 06/09/011. [M.Cabral/2.1.1]
2. Resolution No. 068-11 adjusting the 2010-11 City's Appropriations Limit adopted May 19, 2010 and the calculation for 2011-12 fiscal year. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
3. Resolution No. 069-11 providing awareness of "Healthy Eating Active Living" Cities Campaign in the City of Martinez. [P.Vince/43.02.00]

Councilmember DeLaney requested that Item #4, Budget, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #3 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

4. Resolution No. 070-11 adopting the Biennial Budget for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. [C.Spinella/2.10.00]

Councilmember DeLaney questioned whether the budget should have even been on the Consent Calendar, as it is obviously something that needs to be discussed. She also commented on Provision 3 in the Resolution, which authorizes the City Manger to make budget adjustments.

Councilmember DeLaney thought the 5% threshold was too high and suggested either 1% or a specified dollar amount. Assistant City Manager Alan Shear explained it could be set at a lower percentage; he also noted it has rarely been used and only for small amounts. The Council agreed to 1%.

Vice Mayor Kennedy asked about the increase in fees under the Community & Economic Development Department. She expressed concern about the reduction in the Planning Manager position to half time, especially if economic development is a priority for the City, as the Council has stated in the past. She also asked if the contract position would be kept, which didn't make sense to her if the Planning Manager position is reduced. City Manager Vince explained that the contract person, Dina Tasini, is working with private projects, while the Planning Manager is focusing on the General Plan update process. He also noted that the contract position saves the City money because no benefits are included with it. He acknowledged it was not an easy decision to make.

Vice Mayor Kennedy expressed understanding for the difficulty of the decision, but she said she would rather give priority to permanent staff positions. Councilmember Menesini said he thought Mr. Vince's decision was appropriate; it is results driven and best serves the citizenry. Vice Mayor Kennedy disagreed. Mr. Vince cited the City's overall fiscal success under his philosophy of leadership, and he added that managing personnel issues were ultimately his call.

Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the City Manager and Assistant City Manager are assisting with economic development tasks when needed. Mr. Vince said yes.

Vice Mayor Kennedy also asked about the increase in planning fees; Mr. Shears said it was based on the planners' best estimate of pending projects.

Councilmember DeLaney noted she has been reviewing the budgets of similar-sized cities. She noted that one such city has a water enterprise fund and has decided to charge franchise fees to utilities who do work in the city streets. She asked staff to explore that possibility as a potential source of revenue for the General Fund in future budgets.

Councilmember DeLaney commented on the need to discuss the health care benefits and other concessions for the Council and other elected officials, especially in these difficult financial times.

Councilmember Ross pointed out the City Council line item in the budget on page 59; he suggested the Council set a goal of reducing that amount by 10% each year. Councilmember Menesini agreed, and he mentioned specific items that could be considered.

Mayor Schroder agreed with Councilmember DeLaney's comments regarding the benefits the Council receives, noting he would be willing to take any cuts faced by the employees.

Councilmember DeLaney asked about the costs associated with the Parking Meter program (page 139). City Engineer Tim Tucker explained the cost for police services and other charges to the program.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Tim Platt commented on the costs thus expended on the Pacheco annexation, which could have been spent on other budget areas, not to mention future costs. He was also concerned that the expenses after annexation could be less than any income the City will realize. He questioned whether the annexation should be given such high priority, especially since public support for the annexation seems to be missing.

Mike Alford asked why the City is not getting any revenue from Shell Oil for allowing them to use the Marina harbor to fill their tanker ships. Mayor Schroder stated that he asked Cathy Spinella Finance Manager to see if there is revenue due to the City from Shell.

Richard Verrilli said he would like to see a yearly report on the expenditures of the City Council. He also agreed with Councilmember Menesini's suggestion regarding a two-tier water system, although he acknowledged it could be difficult to reach agreement on that. Mayor Schroder said he would like an annual report on the City Council budget as well.

Councilmember DeLaney responded to Mr. Platt's comments about the Pacheco annexation, noting there has only been one consultant hired to help with the financial projections for the annexation. She expressed confidence that the City will recover its costs in the long run, and the costs thus expended would not be recovered if the process is stopped now. Councilmember Menesini agreed, adding that the proposed area is extremely blighted and that affects the City because of its proximity to the City. He indicated that the annexation will allow the City to make the needed improvements. Mayor Schroder reminded the Council that Public Comment was still open.

Mark Sparacino asked why there was nothing budgeted for the Marina. Mayor Schroder said there was a Marina Enterprise Fund to deal with Marina expenses and income. He noted there is an upcoming meeting with DBAW regarding loans from the State. Mr. Sparacino recommended a field trip by the Council to the Marina, so they can see it's actual condition. Mayor Schroder said he visits the Marina weekly, but if there are safety issues they should be referred to the harbormaster. Mr. Vince indicated he would look into the matter and ensure the repairs are made.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on the budget.

Councilmember Ross echoed Councilmember DeLaney and Menesini, agreeing on the long-term benefits to the City from the Pacheco annexation. He also shared budget information regarding the Senior Center with a member of the audience. Councilmember DeLaney thanked staff for including that information, as well as related concerns from the Subcommittee.

The Council directed staff directed to develop a Council Expenditure Report, review the water enterprise fund--charging franchise fees to utilities who do work in the city streets, the need to discuss Council benefits and other concessions for the Council and other elected officials; and to review the fishing pier and marina for safety improvements.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Item #4, Resolution No. 070-11 adopting the Biennial Budget for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 of the Consent Calendar and amending Section 3: *City Manager is authorized to revise the budget from 5 percent to 1 percent.* Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Mayor Schroder opened and closed the public hearing for all the Landscape, Lighting and Assessment District (LLAD) 1979-3; LLAD 1981-3; LLAD 1983-3; LLAD 1988-1, LLAD 1984-1; LLAD 1997-1; LLAD 2000-2; and LLAD 2000-2 with no one coming forward.

5. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1979-3, Village Oaks Terrace and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.34]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 071-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1979-3, Village Oaks Terrace, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 071-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0; Absent, Vice Mayor Kennedy.

6. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1981-3, Muir Station Park and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.15]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 072-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1981-3, Muir Station Park, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 072-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0; Absent, Vice Mayor Kennedy.

7. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1983-3, Vista Oaks and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.22]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 073-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1983-3, Vista Oaks, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 073-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0; Absent, Vice Mayor Kennedy.

8. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1988-1, the Center Martinez and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.31]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 074-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1988-1, the Center Martinez, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 074-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0; Absent, Vice Mayor Kennedy.

9. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1994-1, Creekside and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.36]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 075-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1994-1, Creekside, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 075-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

10. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1997-1, Brittany Hills and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.37]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 076-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1997-1, Brittany Hills, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 076-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

11. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2000-2, Terra Vista and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.40.]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 077-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2000-2, Terra Vista, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 077-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

12. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2001-1 Alhambra Estates and approve the following: [T.Tucker/10.02.41]
  - A. Motion ordering any changes in improvements, report, diagram, or assessments.
  - B. Resolution No. 078-11 approving the Engineer's Report, and confirming the district diagram and assessments for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
  - C. Resolution overruling protests (if required, must be adopted by 4/5 vote).

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2001-1, Alhambra Estates, ordering changes, and adopting Resolution No. 078-11 approving the Engineer's Report (resolution overruling protests was not required). Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

### **CITY MANAGER**

13. Discuss and direct staff as to future community outreach efforts needed to better inform Martinez residents regarding redistricting supervisorial districts in Contra Costa County based on Census 2010 populations. [P.Vince/06.01.01]

The Council discussed redistricting and concepts: Councilmember Menesini expressed preference for Concept 4 or Concept 6; Councilmember DeLaney said she did not want to see the City split either, but she preferred Concept 7; Mayor Schroder said he agreed the City should not be split, and he preferred Concept 7 first and 6 second; Councilmember Ross did not think any city should be split between districts - he suggested a hybrid of Concepts 6 and 7, with a more waterfront orientation; and Vice Mayor Kennedy said she had always been opposed to the splitting of Martinez, and she liked Concept 6 best.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Richard Verrilli indicated he had attended the public workshop, and he had informed them that their meeting was the same night as the Martinez City Council meeting, for which they expressed regret. He commented on the sparse attendance overall, and he noted that Concept 7 was a last-minute addition, recommended by the Republican Party. He also discussed how the original districting was done and the need for all Supervisors to focus on the interests of the whole county, not special interests.

Mike Alford said it was clear that all the Council agreed Martinez should not be split. He asked who pays for the call when the police department responds to an alarm call from a County building. Chief Peterson explained that since the County buildings are within the jurisdiction of the Martinez Police Department, there is no responsibility on the part of the County to pay for any service calls. Mr. Alford asked if the county responds to calls in the City when necessary. Councilmember Menesini and Mayor Schroder confirmed that the City, the County, and the California Highway Patrol cooperate when needed to ensure public safety.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed public comment on the item.

Consensus was reached that the City of Martinez should not be split between districts - their preference was for Concept 7. The Council directed staff to submit a letter to the Board of Supervisors with the Council's opinion and concerns. They also encouraged the public to be involved in the process as much as possible.

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

City Manager Philip Vince asked if any of the Council knew the status on the State budget. Councilmember DeLaney confirmed that the State budget was approved, and she reviewed some of the provisions.

The Council discussed the proposed State budget cuts and potential impacts on the City.

Chief Peterson asked about COPS funding, which Councilmember DeLaney indicated was eliminated (\$5,000,000) from Public Safety grants. She requested that it be factored into the City's budget, and staff said it had been.

**CHIEF OF POLICE**

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

Chief Peterson reported that the second annual event "Bike to Bridges" was held at the marina last weekend. He noted there were 500 riders and more than \$70,000 was raised.

Chief Peterson also provided a follow up on strategies being used by AAA Insurance's plan to consolidate services (roadside services and tow services) particularly in the City of Martinez. He reported that AAA is moving forward with a plan to divide the Bay Area and Sacramento into 7 different service areas and to have one provider for each region, severely impacting the smaller tow companies. He expressed concern about potential delays that will result and negative impacts on the citizens and public safety services.

Councilmember Menesini commented on the importance of the City taking a stand, whether it has much effect or not; and that a letter be sent to AAA, the Governor, and the Attorney General.

Mayor Schroder noted that another provider, North Main Tow, had recently moved to the Pacheco area. He agreed that the Council should send a letter of concern to AAA, but he also suggested that the tow companies consider contacting the Attorney General.

The Council directed staff to return with a resolution objecting to AAA's proposal and send it to AAA.

Councilmember Ross suggested that staff review the possibility of charging AAA a fee for cost recovery if their actions cost the City time and money.

Chief Peterson announced that memorial services will be held for Jerry Warren on June 25, 3:00 p.m. at the Martinez Event Center.

Councilmember DeLaney expressed congratulations to Captain Ghisletta on his graduation from the FBI academy.

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

16. Appoint Kimberley Glover to the Planning Commission for a four year term.

On motion by Rob Schroder, Mayor, no second required to approve appointment of Kimberley Glover to the Planning Commission for a four year term. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

17. Council Subcommittee Quarterly Reports.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy reported that she will be attending the Housing Community and Economic Development "Policy Committee" for the League of California Cities in Sacramento. She also reported that she attended the Contra Costa Inter-District Commission on Homelessness and indicated the tremendous increase in families that are currently homeless.

18. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy announced a free Loan Modification Clinic on Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Black Diamond Middle School in Antioch.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney said she will be attending an Employee Relations Policy Committee meeting for the League of California Cities in Sacramento related to employee retirement benefits, pensions, and the City Manager's Draft Pension Reform Action Plan.

Councilmember Mark Ross commented on the State's budget and the State's Court cuts and how that will affect Martinez with more furlough days, etc. Councilmember Ross stated that he will not be able to attend Chief Warren's memorial services, since he will be out of the state; and he expressed his condolences. He wished all a happy and safe 4th of July.

Mayor Rob Schroder announced the launching of the City's new Government Access Channel, noting the playback of tonight's meeting will air on the new Channel 28 starting this Friday at 7:30 p.m. He explained that the new channel is a partnership among the cities of Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Clayton, and operated by Contra Costa Television (CCTA). Mayor Schroder reminded the public that the City will be holding a series of workshops and tours called Downtown Matters! which is part of the General Plan revision; for further information, one can contact the City or view the City's website at [www.cityofmartinez.org](http://www.cityofmartinez.org). He announced that he will be on vacation from June 24th through July 3rd. On a personal note, he reported that he attended the Alhambra High School Graduation which was wonderful; and he announced that his wife, Suzanne, who was a teacher at Mt. Diablo Unified School District, was rehired.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:24 p.m. to a Closed Session in the City Manager's Office.

Mayor Schroder reported that direction was given to the City negotiators, and there was nothing further to report.

The Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to a Workshop on July 6, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. regarding "Implications of Sea Level Rise in Martinez and Taking the Next Steps," and then reconvening to a Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez CA 94553.

Approved by the City Council

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral – 7/20/11