

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

EXCUSED: Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

A. Certificate of Recognition to Jeanne Sharkey former Civil Service Commissioner.

Mayor Schroder presented to Jeanne Sharkey a plaque for 24 years of dedicated service as Commissioner from 1987-2011.

B. Certificate of Recognition State Fair First Place Winner for "Best of Class, Knitting, California Creative Arts."

Mayor presented Certificate of Recognition to Michelle Maurer. Ms. Maurer expressed her appreciation to the Council, and displayed her 1st place ribbon and her blanket.

C. Proclaiming October 2011 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Continued to October 5, 2011.

D. Neighborhood Policing Area Initiative Progress Report.

Presentation presented by Chief of Police Gary Peterson. Chief Peterson reviewed the NPA Initiative and mission, partnerships, policing area assignments, and future NPA meetings. Information is located on the City's website at www.cityofmartinez.org. Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in the program, meet with their neighborhood officer, and continue to form partnerships.

Councilmember DeLaney asked if any Neighborhood Watch programs had been initiated through this process. Chief Peterson confirmed that several programs had been started at the request of the neighborhoods and with the help of the department.

Mayor Schroder, noting that his late wife had started their community's Neighborhood Watch program in response to a burglary, stated that it was important to have a few dedicated and motivated people to keep up with the program. Chief Peterson agreed and stated that the NPA's purpose was to give people information and tools to keep them safe.

Councilmember DeLaney thanked him for the presentation and the work, but expressed concern that not enough people knew about the program. She wondered if more could be done to publicize the program. Chief Peterson agreed and explained some ideas the department was looking into, such as Twitter and community evaluation.

Councilmember DeLaney asked how the annexations would be incorporated. Chief Peterson explained that the areas adjacent to the annexations were purposefully smaller so that the annexations could be added.

Councilmember Menesini congratulated the Chief on the efforts to improve communication between the community and the department. He expressed concern that 24 areas might be too many. Chief Peterson explained that there were 24 areas because the department has 24 patrol officers, and it would be easier to go to fewer areas than more. Councilmember Menesini suggested that it might be better for the communities to have two or three officers to go to. He also suggested ways to improve notification of meetings.

Councilmember Ross agreed with his fellow Councilmembers and commended the Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK) Reserved only for those requesting to speak on items not listed on the Agenda.

John Curtis and Carolyn Boone, representing the Home Tour Committee, announced the 5th Annual Home Tour on Saturday, October 8th, starting at the Shell Club House at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Curtis stated the John Muir Museum will also be opened, and a shuttle service will be provided to and from the Museum and the Shell Club House. For further information or tickets visit www.martinezhometour.com or e-mail MartinezHomeTour@yahoo.com or contact Carolyn Boone; and flyers were made available.

Mr. Curtis also announced the Italian Street Painting Festival on September 24th and 25th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., including a Wine Stroll. A new event will be mixed in called Little Italy, featuring Italian vendors, food, and entertainment.

Mike Alford stated that for a couple years he has been requesting information as to why Shell Oil does not pay the City any revenue from selling bunker fuel, and he still has yet to receive an answer. Assistant City Manager Alan Shear stated that the item will be researched by the City's new sales tax auditors, and perhaps a report can be made at the October 5th meeting. Councilmember Ross suggested that the City contact the Betty Yee, Board of Equalization.

Kristin Henderson provided information of the official criteria differentiating between something historic and something old.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 09/15/11. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]

2. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1364 C.S. amending Chapter 16.68.080 (nonconforming signs; off-site signs) and Section 22.18.060 (industrial districts; conditional uses) of the Martinez Municipal Code. [9.10.01]
3. Resolution No. 097-11 authorizing destruction of City files pertaining to the City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, Planning Division, and Police Department. [M.Cabral/40.10.01]
4. Resolution No. 098-11 approving the City's portion of the Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan. [E.Ghisletta]
5. Resolution No. 099-11 authorizing the City manager to execute a Relocation Agreement with CBS Outdoor, Inc. (continued from meeting of 9/21/11). [M.Chandler/19.03.22]

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, approve Items #1 through #5 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

6. Public hearing to consider a resolution approving receipt of \$100,000 from the State of California's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds, and authorizing the Chief of Police to receive funding provided by this grant. [G.Peterson/4.8.0]

Chief of Police Gary Peterson presented the staff report explaining that the State grants money to local agencies for the purpose of ensuring public safety through a program entitled Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS). The COPS Program allocates these funds for front line municipal police services.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 100-11 approving receipt of \$100,000 from the State of California's Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds, and authorizing the Chief of Police to receive funding provided by this grant. Motion unanimously passed 4 - 0.

CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Philip Vince reported that the last of the Downtown Matters General Plan workshops has concluded. The workshops have all been videotaped and will be available on Channel 28 and on the City's website, starting on Thursday, September 22nd. Mr. Vince indicated that copies of the videos would be made available at Council's request.

Mayor Schroder read comments sent by Linda Meza, member of the General Plan Taskforce, commending the courage and vision of City Manager Phil Vince for his role in orchestrating the Downtown Matters Workshop.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief Peterson thanked the Council for the opportunity in allowing him to attend the FBI Academy. He will be leaving on October 1st and returning on December 16th; Captain Ghisletta will be acting in his absence. Chief Peterson expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Menesini who inspired him to go.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

9. Consider appointment of Simon Menesini to the Design Review Committee for a two year term. [M.Cabral/16.00.04&16.11.01]

Councilmember Menesini stated that in order to avoid any appearances, he would abstain from voting, but did not believe there was an issue.

On motion by Rob Schroder, Mayor, no second required appointment of Simon Menesini to the Design Review Committee for a two year term. Motion unanimously passed 3 – 0: Abstain, Michael Menesini, Councilmember; Rest, Ayes.

CITY COUNCIL

10. 2010-11 Climate Action Control Recap. [M.Chandler/30.08.00]

Senior Management Analyst Mike Chandler presented the staff report and provided a PowerPoint presentation of programs and key accomplishments, such as LED streetlights, electric vehicle charging stations, the Energy Upgrade California Workshop, several home-composting and oil-recycling workshops, the City's booth at April's Earth Day event, and the support received from Allied Waste Services.

Councilmember DeLaney asked if there was a way to find out how much the charging stations were being used. Mr. Chandler stated that distinct cars couldn't be tracked, but the number of hours used at each station could be. Councilmember Ross stated that the charging stations were now shown on 511.org's smartphone map. Mr. Chandler also suggested www.mychargepoint.net as another good resource.

Councilmember DeLaney thanked Mr. Chandler for the Energy Update workshop and for all his work and service to the City.

Mayor Schroder opened the Item for public comment.

Kristen Henderson expressed concern about the fact that adaptive reuse of historic buildings was not included in the final Climate Action Plan.

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

11. Council Subcommittee Reports.

12. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Mark Ross stated that he dropped in on the last half of the General Plan Workshop and was impressed by the nature of the exercise, participation, and quality of the conversations expressed by the citizens; and he looked forward to the results.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney expressed appreciation to the Public Works staff responsible for cleaning up the oil stains on Escobar. She further stated that staff is hard at work doing great things for the City behind the scenes, and requested that an update be given at a future meeting.

Councilmember Michael Menesini also expressed favorable comments on the General Plan workshop and commended the City Manager and the rest of the staff for those workshops. Councilmember Menesini mentioned that he, the Mayor, and the City Manager met with Congressman Mike Thompson. Congressman Thompson expressed support with Martinez' issues especially the marina. Councilmember DeLaney suggested that since Martinez would be applying for a federal grant to help with the marina, Congressman Thompson's support and assistance should be solicited.

Mayor Rob Schroder commented on Martinis on the Plaza which was a great event and well attended; 3rd annual Mayors' Healthy Cook-Off in Clayton, Martinez came in 2nd, Concord won first place. He further commented on the 9/11 ceremony which was a nice event; Congressman Miller and Supervisor Glover were present. He announced the opening of the new John Muir Visitor's Center on Saturday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to Regular City Council Meeting on October 5, 2011 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 – 10/19/11