

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present. He noted that the Conference with Labor Negotiators was canceled.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. 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.

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

Property: 330 and 360 Ferry Street.

Agency Negotiators: Philip Vince, City Manager; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager; Veronica Nebb, Sr. Asst. City Attorney; Dave Scola, Public Works Director, and Michael Chandler, Sr. Management Analyst.

Negotiating Parties: City of Martinez and NorCal Courts and Universal Sports Academy.
Under Negotiation: Conditions of lease.

Item A--Conference with Labor Negotiators.

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to closed session items)

There being no public comments, the Council adjourned to closed session in the City Manager's Office.

RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Schroder announced that closed session was held, and Item A--Conference with Labor Negotiators was canceled; with respect to Conference with Real Property Negotiators, direction was given to the City's negotiators.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Proclamation proclaiming November 4, 2011 as "Martinez Day of Remembrance."

Proclamation presented to MaKayla and Bryanna Shields; they commented on the Alzheimer's Association and their work in helping families who struggle with this disease. The girls indicated that for the last 8 years they have celebrated their birthdays by raising funds for the Alzheimer's Association. This year MaKayla, Bryanna, and several friends will celebrate their 13th birthday fundraiser party with a Martinez Memory Ride and Scavenger Hunt.

- B. Proclamation proclaiming November 2011 as "National Hospice/Palliative Care Month.

Proclamation presented to Kathy Kavanagh and Christine Diberidino. They announced the Hospice of the East Bay 25th Annual Tree of Lights on Saturday, November 20, encouraged all to attend, and expressed their appreciation to the Council and the City. Ms. Diberidino stated that they will be collecting food for the Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank, blankets, and sleeping bags and encouraged everyone to give this season.

- C. Bond Oversight Committee Annual Update from City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson and presentation on Measure H projects.

City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson provided a summary from the last meeting on October 19th. All the members of the Committee signed the Ethics Policy, which was pending. Finance Manager Cathy Spinella provided a report on the Measure H funds as of June 30 and all the expenditures yet to be finalized for the library and pool projects. Ms. Robinson also discussed the final \$15 million dollar bond which will be addressed next spring. As part of the bylaws of the Committee, they were required to change the makeup of the Committee. As the pool and library are about to finish, the members that represented those entities came off, one was replaced and the other switched to member-at-large. The final item the Committee discussed, which is required in the bylaws, was the Annual Report. The Committee reviewed the Annual Report and approved the year's expenditures, confirming that it was spent in accordance to the language that was on the ballot.

Treasurer Robinson provided an annual fiscal report reviewing the \$15 million dollars, the first series of bonds, what has been done in Phase I and design only for projects in Phase II. A PowerPoint presentation was shown depicting the completed projects, projects in progress, and future projects. Ms. Robinson reviewed the following projects: the Hidden Lakes Park School-Age Playground, completed; the Highland Avenue and Nancy Boyd Parks tree replacement projects, completed; the Rankin Park Aquatic Center, completed; the Martinez Library Renovation, completed; Rankin Park, under construction; Holiday Highlands Park, under construction; Nancy Boyd Park, design being finalized; Cappy Ricks Park, design being finalized; Hidden Valley Park, design finalized; and Waterfront Park, design finalized.

Councilmember DeLaney asked about the new makeup of the Committee, which Ms. Robinson reviewed. Councilmember DeLaney complimented the work of Ms. Robinson and the Committee.

Ms. Robinson further informed the Council, as required by the bylaws, that the bond proceeds were only use for the purposes specified in the bond measure.

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

Doug Stewart, Martinez Pacheco Outreach Team, provided statistical information for the month of October. He informed the public that rather than calling him about homeless people in neighborhoods, people should contact the police. Mayor Schroder asked about the City's work on motor homes; Mr. Stewart stated that the new policies were effective, although the City is still more RV-friendly than other cities. Mayor Schroder announced that Doug Stewart will be honored by Diablo Magazine on December 6, at the Orinda Theater; they will be awarding Threads of Hope to those individuals that help the community. In response to Councilmember Ross, Mr. Stewart stated that he could use blankets, jackets, socks, tarps, gas cards, and food cards.

Gary Freitas expressed his appreciation to the Council for proclaiming November 4th as Martinez Day of Remembrance.

Mike Alford suggested that the City try to bring health clinics to Martinez since there is a large senior community. He questioned the upcoming evaluation of the City Manager, which concerned him since in his and others' estimations, Mr. Vince is one of the best leaders the City has had.

McKayla Shields, President of Briones 4H; Bryanna Shields, Vice President of Briones 4H; and Taylor, webmaster for Briones 4H; expressed interest in performing community service and helping to raise funds for the homeless. Mayor Schroder suggested they meet with Doug Stewart.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of October 19, 2011. [M.Cabral]
3. Motion accepting the Bond Oversight Committee fiscal year 2010-11 annual report, as outlined in the bylaws of the Committee. [C.Spinella&T.Tucker/16.17.17]
4. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 10/26/2011. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
5. Motion receiving and filing AB1600 Report (Impact Mitigation Fees) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. [C.Spinella&T.Tucker/02.01.00]
7. Motion accepting the Financial Report for First Quarter Fiscal Year 2011-12. [2.10.00]

Councilmember Ross requested that Item #6 be pulled and Councilmember DeLaney requested that Item #2 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, to approve Items #1, Items #3 through #5, and Item #7 of the Consent Calendar.
Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

2. Motion rejecting Claim against the City by Jocelyn Brown-Davis, #11-26. [M.Cabral]

Councilmember DeLaney requested to know if staff could provide a report on the status on these type of trip-and-fall claims and their financial implications.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve rejecting Claim against the City by Jocelyn Brown-Davis, #11-26.
Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

6. Motion receiving and filing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]

Councilmember Mark Ross thanked staff for their diligent work on the financial report.

Tim Krish, audit partner for Maze and Associates, noted that the City received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that auditors can provide to an entity; this speaks very highly of the City and staff.

Councilmember Menesini commended staff for their hard work and diligence in performing the Council's instructions. Mayor Schroder also thanked the staff for their success in a difficult year. Councilmember DeLaney agreed that the City's budget was healthy but stated that the City should continue to be prudent because revenue is not increasing at the same rate as expenditures.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, approve receiving and filing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Phil Vince updated the Council on the Historic Train Station restoration, indicating that staff is waiting on Southern Pacific to provide a flag person to move forward with the completion of the roof replacement. Mr. Vince stated that staff is still working with the Martinez Historical Society and the Martinez Arts Association to put together use agreements for use of that facility. He further stated that staff is waiting for the appraisal for 610 Court Street, paid for by Southport, so that they can move forward with the surplus of the building. Mr. Vince announced the Joint Meeting for the General Plan Update on November 9th.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Captain Eric Ghisletta reported that the suspect causing school threats was arraigned today (November 2) on 14 felony counts, bail set at \$350,000. Captain Ghisletta announced that the Department will be working with the School District on Thursday (tomorrow) for a School Safety Forum to be held at the Martinez Junior High at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Ross commended the Police Department for their effort and knowledge and skills on this case. Councilmember Menesini agreed that he was pleased with how the Police Department worked with the School District, and how the Department had allayed the fears and concerns of families and children; and added that he was anxious to see how the new policies would unfold.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

10. Consider an appointment to the Contra Costa County Council on Aging for a two year term. [M.Cabral/5.7.1]

On motion by Rob Schroder, Mayor, no second required to approve appointment Cordis Jones to the Contra Costa County Council on Aging for a two-year term. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

CITY COUNCIL

11. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Schroder suggested that Alhambra Highlands Ad Hoc Committee should meet in the near future.

12. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Mark Ross requested the Clerk to schedule the Alhambra Highlands Ad Hoc Committee to meet as soon as possible; he requested a status report on the train quiet zone. City Manager Vince stated that only the preliminary study report was budgeted by Council, and no further direction was given; however, he would bring the report back. Councilmember DeLaney indicated that there was approximately \$110,000 in mitigation funds that could be used. Councilmember Ross shared his Halloween story.

Councilmember Michael Menesini urged all those with extra candy to donate it to Foster a Dream located on Escobar Street.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy thanked Cal Pac Credit Union and the Sunday's Farmers Market for the Trunk and Treat. Vice Mayor Kennedy reported that last week her house was flocked with Flamingos--a new fundraiser created by the Alhambra Softball Team.

Mayor Rob Schroder also shared his Halloween story.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to a Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting on November 9, 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 – 12/7/11