

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with all members present; noting that Conference with Legal Council Anticipated Litigation GC Section 54956.9 Subdivision (c) was canceled and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

All were present except Vice Mayor Ross who arrived shortly after roll call.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. PUBLIC COMMENT (On closed session items only)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 54956.9 of the California Government Code: One potential case.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code. Agency Designated Representatives: Philip Vince, City Manager; and Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager. Employee Organization: Management Compensation Plan.

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

RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He reported that Closed Session was held, and Conference with Legal Counsel was canceled to a future meeting; and regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators, direction was given to the City's negotiators.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Proclamation proclaiming March 25, 2012 as Stuff-A-Bus Day.

Proclamation presented to Pastor Bill Francis, Morello Hills Church, and Brian Blumquist, representing Creekside Church. Pastor Francis urged the public to donate non-perishable foods, toiletries, toys, clothes, cash donations, etc. for shelters and needy families. Flyers listing drop-off locations and items needed and other information were distributed.

B. Presentation by John Burgh, Board Member, Contra Costa Water District.

Director John Burgh, CCWD, introduced Jim Freschi who assisted him with a PowerPoint presentation reviewing Contra Costa Water District. Director Burgh provided information on the Water District and on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project, recent increased productivity, water rates, public education, and subsidy programs and incentives. For further information see www.ccwater.com.

Mayor Schroder asked for background on the recent algae bloom in the system. Director Burgh explained that it came from the Martinez Reservoir and that the District had been able to provide treated water from other systems at the same cost until the algae had cleared up. The District was working with the City to study how to manage the Reservoir more effectively.

Vice Mayor Ross noted that the biggest use of electricity in California is pumping water and stressed the importance of conserving water and making pumps more efficient in order to reduce greenhouse gases. He asked if the District was pursuing any action along these lines. Director Burgh discussed some of the recent steps the District had taken, such as acquiring more efficient motors.

Councilmember DeLaney commended Director Burgh and staff for their hard work and for confronting Delta issues. She asked if there would be an impact on supply (water) and prices. Director Burgh said that so far the District had been allocated the same amount of water as usual, although that amount will be updated as the summer progresses.

Councilmember Menesini asked if the storage provided by the new reservoir would impact the allocations from the Bureau. Director Burgh stated by his understanding of the contract, they would not have a legal basis for decreasing CCWD's allocation.

Councilmember Menesini asked if the current pipeline proposals would affect CCWD's intake from the Delta. Director Burgh stated that any project could have an impact; CCWD's policy was to wait and see, but take action if quality or service was affected. Councilmember Menesini also asked about the possibility of selling gray water to refineries. Director Burgh expressed strong support for using recycled water, although the implementation was complicated.

PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)

Mike Alford clarified his statements regarding 610 Court Street from the last meeting. He also questioned the lack of street repair in the downtown and surrounding area and recommended that the money be put into the City's infrastructure and not in purchasing another white elephant.

Richard Verrilli stated that he had wished that the public had an opportunity to comment on the CCWD presentation and expressed his concern that they would be taking water from the Delta to provide it to water contractors in Kern County and the Westland District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion approving the Joint City Council and Parks, Recreation, Marina, and Cultural Commission Minutes of February 1, 2012 and Regular City Council Minutes of March 7, 2012. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion accepting Check register(s) dated 03/08/2012. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
3. Resolution No. 027-12 authorizing 1) a budget adjustment to the 2011/2012 budget so radio equipment scheduled to be purchased on July 1, 2012, can be purchased prior to March 30th at a discounted price and 2) expend funds for R56 grounding work in the police dispatch center and equipment room to advance the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority Project. [G.Peterson/2.10.00&4.11.4]
4. Resolution No. 028-12 authorizing destruction of Claims against the City which have been settled and are officially closed pertaining to the City Clerk's Office. [M.Cabral/40.10.01]
5. Resolution No. 029-12 authorizing destruction of the background investigation files on applicants not hired by the Martinez Police Department between January 1, 1998, and March 20, 2010. [G.Peterson/40.10.01]

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through Items #5 of the consent calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

6. Public hearing to consider adding 610 Court Street to the City's list of surplus properties. [P.Vince/5.10.13]

City Manager Philip Vince presented the staff report. He explained the property disposition process and noted that this was the first of three stages.

Councilmember DeLaney clarified that the City already had a potential buyer for the property.

Mayor Schroder opened the Item for public comment.

Mike Alford expressed doubt that the potential buyer would come through, and noted that similar situations had occurred in the past.

Kristin Henderson thanked Councilmembers DeLaney and Kennedy and City staff. She noted that there were architectural concerns and that the building's architectural integrity would have an effect on its historic status.

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

Councilmember Kennedy stated that she looked forward to the end result of all the City's efforts on these properties. She mentioned a presentation on historic buildings by the mayor of Walnut Creek and expressed hopes that Martinez's historic buildings would look as good as they were envisioned.

Councilmember DeLaney agreed that she looked forward to the end of the disposition process, and added that she hoped they would be key buildings for the downtown that would serve the community well.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 030-12 authorizing the addition of the property located at 610 Court Street to the City's Real Property Inventory contingent upon its purchase by the City and declaring that the property at 610 Court Street is in excess of the City's foreseeable needs in accordance with the Martinez Municipal Code, Section 12.40.030. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Vince reported that Universal Sports, sister companion to Norcal Sports, is moving full speed with their project. He stated that he was impressed by their progress and their adherence to the plan they'd laid out.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

No comments made.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

9. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Councilmember DeLaney and Vice Mayor Ross reported on the Alhambra Highlands Open Space Ad Hoc Committee which met on March 14. They discussed the intervening steps, including the need for a negotiator to represent the purchasers, the need to facilitate the marketing of the property, and fundraising activities. They felt encouraged and appreciative of the developer's lawyer being present and cooperative.

Vice Mayor Ross stated that they were working on price and terms to agree on. He requested that an item be placed on a future agenda, possibly for a closed session, to consider an assignment of negotiations to a third party, to which the Mayor agreed.

Councilmember Kennedy announced that on Thursday, March 29th, the Economic Development Subcommittee will be meeting in the Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. to discuss outdoor dining and flexible space. Councilmember DeLaney clarified that these meetings will not be dealing with circulation of the streets in the downtown; that item will be discussed at a later time.

10. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney stated that she will be representing the City on March 30, at the League of California Policy Committee for Employee Relations in Ontario.

Councilmember Janet Kennedy also reported that she will be attending the same meeting, at the Committee for Housing and Economic Development.

Councilmember DeLaney clarified that there was anticipation tonight of the issue regarding the Berrellesa Palms development on the agenda. However, the report was not prepared in time to be distributed. The item will be discussed in closed session on April 4th and will be heard in open forum at the second meeting in April.

Mayor Schroder indicated that the Council's compensation and benefits will be placed on the City's website soon. He reported that he visited Norcal Sports and stated that the inside improvements to the building were quite amazing. The community was already enjoying the facility, although the outside was not finished. Mayor Schroder announced the Citizens of the Year Awards on Saturday, March 24th, at the Martinez Event Center. He commented that he was selected as judge for the Iron Chef Competition which was sponsored by the Rotary Club and the Alhambra High School Interactive Club; the winning team was Mrs. Cusack's class, and all the teams did a wonderful job. Councilmember Kennedy indicated that this was a fundraiser for their Club activity--an orphanage in India.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on April 4, 2012 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, Deputy City Clerk 4/4/12