

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: Mark Ross, Councilmember, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, Rob Schroder, Mayor, and Anamarie Avila Farias, Councilmember.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

A. Proclamation proclaiming March 2013 as "American Red Cross Month."

Mayor Schroder and the City Council presented Marcel Indelicato of the American Red Cross the proclamation. Ms. Indelicato expressed her appreciation and encouraged the public to support the Red Cross.

CALLED OUT OF ORDER

C. Water Emergency Transportation Agency (WETA) status report from Michael Bernick.

Michael Bernick provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing WETA's Development and the Martinez Ferry Terminal Development from 2003 to present. He reviewed the existing and proposed Bay Area Water Transit System, capital projects in development, routes in planning and key issues: restarting EIR Terminal Design, MOU with WETA, Ridership Numbers, Hovercraft Option, importance of working with the City of Antioch on Antioch/Martinez/SF Route, and potential operation funds in a possible upcoming County-Wide Transportation Measure.

Councilmember Menesini asked for more details of the MOU. Mr. Bernick stated there was no draft yet, but it would describe WETA's expectations of the City, the funds WETA would be putting in, and the timeline. Councilmember Menesini commented on the difficulty of making the Marina accessible, which would negatively affect ridership, and mentioned other sites that should be studied. He stated it would be important to cooperate and coordinate with the East Bay Regional Park District, especially on the terminal design.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked if the funds could be redirected if the Hercules site became unfeasible. Mr. Bernick stated the funds were designated for west county cities, and City Manager Phillip Vince stated staff was looking into the possibility of reprogramming the funds. Vice Mayor DeLaney asked if there was a possibility of the City being required to contribute funds. Mr. Bernick stated that WETA had not indicated their specific expectations as yet. Mayor Schroder stated there would likely be some kind of requirement.

Councilmember Ross asked about the reliability of the ridership estimates. Mr. Bernick stated it could go as high as double the estimate. Councilmember Ross asked about funding from the Metropolitan Transit Commission. Mr. Bernick stated that some funding would come from bridge tolls, but the history with MTC made cooperation difficult. He added that although the projected ridership was modest, the cost was also small compared to that of BART extensions, and it would have a positive impact on traffic congestion.

Mayor Schroder stated he was glad that the option of a terminal at the Marina was being considered. The Council thanked Mr. Bernick for the presentation.

B. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) update on projects.

Mr. Hamid Fathollahi, CALTRANS Project Manager; Jas Mann, Design Engineer; and Allyn Amsk, Public Information Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the seismic restoration of the Southbound I-680 Mococo Overhead Project located at Marina Vista and Waterfront Road. Mr. Fathollahi indicated that the total construction cost is estimated at \$15 million. He reviewed proposed improvements and the schedule for construction to start in May 2014, ending in the winter of 2014/15. Mr. Fathollahi further reviewed the detour plan using Arthur Road during construction, and reviewed the public outreach that has and will be done to eliminate unnecessary confusion to businesses and residents.

Councilmember Menesini commented on the angle of the turn, safety and drivability considerations and on the impact on City constituents and economics of the off-ramp closure in the summer months, since Martinez has so few off-ramps. Mr. Fathollahi stated that the length of the detour would be minimal, and that further improvements to the off-ramp would be beyond the scope of the retrofit. Councilmember Avila Farias asked if design modifications would be possible to ensure a better product, given the size of CALTRANS's investment. Mr. Fathollahi stated that they could be considered for future projects. City Engineer Tim Tucker noted that a reconfiguration of the interchange was included in the City's Transportation Improvement Plan. Mr. Amsk noted that CALTRANS would work on plans for ensuring the public was adequately informed about the detour. Mayor Schroder suggested possible signage.

Councilmember Ross expressed appreciation for the retrofit. He asked about landscaping plans. Mr. Fathollahi stated that the area will be revegetated with native plants. Councilmember Ross encouraged CALTRANS to soften and provide better visual impacts. Mr. Fathollahi stated that he could not make any promises but he would look into the matter.

Mayor Schroder expressed his appreciation for the retrofit.

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

Joan Cassidy submitted a petition signed by her neighbors expressing concerns with parking during baseball and swimming season. City Engineer Tim Tucker indicated that her concerns will be addressed at the next Traffic Safety meeting.

Fredette Pardini requested that the City put aside one morning a week for 18 weeks during the summer for Senior Bocce to help maintain senior health.

Josephine Gonsalves requested that the City provide Senior Bocce free or at a reduced fee. Mayor Schroder stated that he requested a report from staff which will provide answers to her concerns and she will be contacted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
2. Motion approving City Council Minutes of February 6, 2013 (Adjourned, Regular and Special meetings) and February 9, 2013. [M.Cabral]
3. Motion rejecting Claim(s) against the City by Sandy Scott, Claim #13-02. [M.Cabral]
4. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 02/21/13. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
5. Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the 2013 Martinez Community Swim Team Use Agreement. [P.Lorick/11.04.01]
6. Resolution No. 009-13 supporting the newly formed Walnut Creek Watershed Council. [T.Tucker/41.00.05]
8. Resolution No. 010-13 authorizing destruction of City files pertaining to the City Manager's and City Attorney's Office. [S.Chapek/40.10.01]
9. Pacheco Transit Hub/Park and Ride Project: [T.Tucker/3.03.00 & 06.07.0&16.7.16]
 - A. Resolution No. 011-13 authorizing City Manager to execute and submit an allocation request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Regional Measure 2 funds in the amount of \$507,000 for the construction phase of the Pacheco Transit Hub/Park and Ride project; and
 - B. Resolution No. 012-13 authorizing City Manager to execute an agreement for the transfer of project management responsibilities and funding for the Pacheco Transit Hub/Park and Ride project from the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority to the City of Martinez.

Councilmember Avila Farias requested that Item #7 be removed from the Consent Calendar. On motion by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, seconded by Anamarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #6 and Items #8 and #9 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

7. Resolution establishing Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Salary. [A.Shear/04.05.00&04.05.01]

Councilmember Avila Farias asked if there would be a revised job description. Assistant City Manager Alan Shear stated that a revised description would be approved at the next Civil Service Commission meeting. Vice Mayor DeLaney asked if the Council could see the draft, or if it was significantly different. Public Works Director Dave Scola stated that it had been a long time since the last update and significant changes were needed, which he briefly reviewed. Vice Mayor DeLaney commented she would have preferred to attempt recruitment with the current compensation package to see if an increase was necessary.

The Item was continued for staff to provide a revised job description.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

10. ITEM CONTINUED TO MARCH 20, 2013: Public Hearing to consider a request for a 6.83 acre site located on 370 Muir Station Road: [D.Tasini/09.05.01.31]
 - (a) General Plan Amendment from Residential 7-12 units per acre and Open Space to Residential 7-12 units per acre;
 - (b) Rezoning from R-40 (One Family Residential, 40,000 sq. ft.) to R 3.5/PUD (Residential, 3,500 sq. ft. per unit/Planned Unit Development Overlay);
 - (c) Approval of an 82 unit Major Subdivision;
 - (d) Approval for a Planned Development; and
 - (e) Approval of preliminary design review for site layout, for the construction of 79 townhomes and two single family homes. On August 14, 2012 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended denial.

CITY MANAGER

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

No comments made.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

No comments made.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

13. Council Subcommittee Reports.

14. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Michael Menesini indicated that the Nancy Boyd Memorial celebration was a wonderful event which was well attended. He commented on the importance of recognizing and honoring the Peace Corps. Councilmember Menesini requested that the video be published on Channel 19. He also expressed his appreciation to staff and to Dan Koepke, Kathy Devries, and Barbara Patchin.

Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney recognized that her sister served in the Peace Corps.

Councilmember Anamarie Avila Farias echoed Councilmember Menesini's comments and thanked City staff as well as the volunteers.

Councilmember Mark Ross requested that Project Labor Agreements be placed on a future agenda, which Mayor Schroder agreed. Councilmember Ross stated that other agencies are using these types of agreements and it may save money in legal costs.

Mayor Rob Schroder agreed that the Nancy Boyd Memorial was a great event. Mayor Schroder stated that Cheryl Hanson, Mt. Diablo School Board of Trustees, would like to have a joint meeting of the School Board and the Council to discuss concerns and establish a better relationship, including ongoing joint meetings at least annually. He requested that the Council email any items for discussion and any concerns to the City Manager. The Councilmembers endorsed the idea of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:57 p.m. to a Regular Meeting on March 20, 2013 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 – 4/3/13