

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: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, and Rob Schroder, Mayor.

EXCUSED: Michael Menesini, Councilmember.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND GIVE TO CLERK)

City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson provided a recap of the last meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee held on April 22, 2013. She gave an update on the Measure H projects and financial report, including income and project costs to date and projects proposed for Phase 2. Overall the projects are on budget and on schedule.

Richard Verrilli asked if the Chevron issue would be addressed at tonight's meeting and Mayor Schroder confirmed it would not.

An unidentified speaker urged the Council to make Google Glass, a new technology involving a camera built into eyeglasses, illegal to wear in the City.

An unidentified speaker announced a Bocce Picnic & Classic Car Show event at the Bocce Courts on June 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For further information on tickets or for registering a car, contact (925)212-1020, www.rememberingmartinez.com or the Facebook group Remembering Martinez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
2. Motion approving City Council Minutes of April 3 and April 17, 2013. [M.Cabral]
3. Motion rejecting Claim(s) against the City by Clifton Mauzey, #13-11. [M.Cabral]
4. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 04/18/13. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
5. Resolution No. 025-13 accepting bids for the San Francisco Bay Trail Phase II, Berrellesa Street and awarding the construction contract to R & R Pacific Construction in the amount of \$89,752. [T.Tucker/3.4.10]

6. Resolution No. 026-13 accepting bids for the Nancy Boyd Park, Cappy Ricks Park and Hidden Valley Park Renovation Project and awarding the construction contract to Suarez & Muñoz Construction in the amount of \$3,974,535.50 and allocating \$4,563,000 of Measure H funds to Account No. C5024 to complete the construction phase of the CIP Project. [T.Tucker/11.06.00/ 11.17.00/ 11.03.00&10.05.03]
7. Resolution No. 027-13 accepting bids for the Reliez Valley Road Paving Project and awarding the construction contract to MCK Services, Inc. in the amount of \$640,213.50. [T.Tucker/12.04.42]

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Items #1 through #7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 3 - 0. Yes: Mark Ross, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor; Absent: Councilmember Anamarie Avila Farias; Councilmember Michael Menesini.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CITY MANAGER

8. Downtown Parking Meters. [A.Shear/08.04.00]
 - A. Resolution authorizing allocation of \$60,000 of undesignated Parking District Reserve funds for the purchase of 100 credit card-enabled electronic parking meters for the long-term parking meter zones on Mellus and Willow Streets to accommodate Juror parking; and
 - B. Provide direction to staff on proposed hourly parking rate increases for Phase I and Phase II.

Assistant City Manager Alan Shear presented the staff report. He provided background on the electronic meter trial study and the juror parking needs, and reviewed the results of a windshield parking survey. He reviewed current rate structures and staff's proposal.

Mayor Schroder thanked Mr. Shear for his work on the project. He suggested that the new Economic Development employee would be able to help with the City's overall parking strategy and goals, and stated that placing the electronic meters in the juror parking area made sense. He noted the rate increases would be phased in gradually.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked if the courts could provide more comprehensive and current information on the number of jurors since the court consolidation.

Councilmember Ross stated all of Main Street parking should be modernized instead of moving the current ones, to provide more convenience to residents and ensure that a parking structure could be funded sooner, since modern technology is more attractive for bond funds. He added that electronic meters would allow for different rates at peak times. City Engineer Tim Tucker stated that a flexible rate structure did not seem to be suitable for Martinez. Councilmember Ross added that he would like to hear the opinions of the merchants on Main Street and the labor cost involved in reinstalling the coin meters.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the cost of purchasing additional meters instead of moving the current ones, and suggested that if the rate increase was implemented immediately, it would offset that cost. Mr. Tucker stated the cost to purchase additional meters would be around \$100,000, and confirmed they would be capable of flexible rate structures.

Councilmember Ross asked if an RFP could be done, and Mr. Tucker noted that IPS had the best and longest track record of the available vendors. City Manager Philip Vince stated that an RFP for replacement of all of the downtown meters would receive more responses than a smaller purchase.

Mayor Schroder opened the Item for public comment.

An unidentified male speaker suggested the City could get more revenue by enforcing the payment of business licenses, instead of requiring jurors to pay when they are already serving.

**Councilmember Avila-Farias arrived at 7:30 p.m.*

Mike Alford suggested that the County and State should help provide funding for the parking for the courts, or the parking lots at the courts could be used for downtown parking.

Richard Verrilli asked if there was a way to give parking credit to those who patronized the downtown businesses.

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

Councilmember Ross noted that businesses in Walnut Creek gave parking tokens to their customers, so it might be a possibility.

Councilmember Avila Farias asked why there was no itemized budget of the parking fund in the staff report, and Mr. Shear stated that would be provided at a later meeting.

The Item was continued and staff directed to conduct an RFP for replacing all the City's meters.

9. Resolution amending the fiscal year 2012-13 Budget and approving a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$100,090.

Assistant City Manager Alan Shear presented the staff report, explaining that the budget adjustment is for sick leave and vacation payout for a police employee retiring on industrial disability, and is required based on the current MOU with the Martinez Police Association.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked what possible policy changes had been considered for the next negotiation process and Mr. Shear described other common policies. Vice Mayor DeLaney suggested surveying other cities' practice. Councilmember Ross asked for a comparison with the value of the service credit.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, adopt Resolution No. 028-13 amending the fiscal year 2012-13 Budget and approving a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$100,090. Motion unanimously passed 4 – 0.

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

City Manager Philip Vince stated that staff will be presenting the Capital Improvement Project budget and the two-year Operating Budget. He reported that the Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development recruitment will be closing Friday, May 3rd, with interviews to be held on May 14th for a July 2nd start date.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief of Police Gary Peterson announced that Jeffrey Boyce, currently a City Reserve Police Officer, has now been hired as a full-time Police Officer; the Council swearing in will be on June 5th. Officer Boyce completed his reserve training in two months, which takes most trainees a year to finish. Chief Peterson expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Dave Scola, City Engineer Tim Tucker, Deputy Public Works Director Don Salts, and Captain Eric Ghisletta for the work they did in completing the Public Safety Camera Process at Rankin Park.

John Burgh, Contra Costa Water District Board and the President of the Contra Costa County Historical Society, complimented Officer Mathers for his assistance in a fender bender. Officer Mathers was friendly, helpful and professional in an unfortunate circumstance. Mr. Burgh thanked City employees for their service.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

12. Council Subcommittee Reports.

13. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for the April 21st flag raising ceremony held for Sgt. Tarantino. She recognized staff, Public Works and the volunteers that assisted in the downtown clean-up last Saturday, especially Barbara Kapsalis. Vice Mayor DeLaney thanked the Sons of Italy for a great fundraiser event for the restoration of the Joltin Joe and especially thanked Ray Raineri and the Carpenters.

Councilmember Mark Ross reiterated Vice Mayor DeLaney's comments about the Joltin Joe. He reported that on Sunday morning there was a fundraising event for the Hern Family at the high school and it was gratifying to see so many people there. Councilmember Ross recognized all the support given to the family and welcomed them back.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias stated that she attended Earth Day at the John Muir Site which was a great event and well-attended. St. Catherine's 140th Anniversary was also enjoyable and well-intended. She mentioned that she looked forward to the City offering new recreational activities, noting that she had provided the City Manager emails on activities that neighboring cities are doing. Councilmember Avila Farias indicated she would like to see some improvement to the City's Easter Egg Hunt for next year; she was amazed to see how many people attended

the event, but it could be better. She announced that a young boy named Dominic Kaparich, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor, is in very much need of thoughts and prayers and financial support; and she noted various businesses in town are doing fundraising events.

Mayor Rob Schroder stated that he attended the beer festival which was well-attended and a success. He also helped in the downtown cleanup and expressed appreciation to the volunteers and youth members of the LDS Churches for their public service resetting the sidewalk pavers. Mayor Schroder also participated in a fundraiser event for the Martinez Education Foundation at Pine Meadows Golf Course and the Sons of Italy Polenta Feed to support the Joltin Joe. He expressed his appreciation to Ray Raineri, Sons of Italy, and Rick Aldridge, and noted that the project may be wrapping up in a year, which means a display location will need to be found for the Joltin Joe. Mayor Schroder requested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mario Menesini, father of Councilmember Menesini. The viewing will be 5:00 p.m. and the rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Connolly and Taylor on Sunday; Mass will be held on Monday at St. Catherine's at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. *in memory of Mario Menesini* then to a Capital Improvement Budget Workshop on May 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. reconvening at 7:00 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk 6/5/13