

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m. **in memory of Vince Bruno**, then to a Regular City Council Meeting on November 1, 2006, 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 –11/15/06

PRESENTATION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

Proclamation proclaiming October 2006 as “National Disability Employment Awareness Month”

Mayor Schroder read the proclamation and indicated it would be mailed since no representatives were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Ivers, announced an upcoming emergency preparedness workshop to be held on October 19th at the Shell Clubhouse.

Tammiette Ray discussed problems with getting action on issues and concerns of City residents especially with regards to code enforcement. She thanked Chief Cutaia for working with her.

In response to a question from the audience, Councilmember Wainwright discussed the status of the Willows Theatre project. Mike Alford asked about support for Martinez Opera. Councilmember Wainwright said there have been discussions with staff and the subcommittee on that and other ideas.

An unidentified speaker commented on the beautiful new county building and thanked the police department for its good work. He also complained about the train noise and the poor condition of streets, parks and the municipal pool. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Alford's efforts.

Tammiette Ray asked if the City had a Community Advisory Board or if one could be established. Mayor Schroder indicated there was not one. Ms. Ray said she would provide information to the City regarding this type of board.

Mike Alford spoke on poor sportsmanship with regard to Council campaigns (including signs being removed illegally) and requested a debate with the Mayor.

Paul Wilson reflected on the deteriorating conditions of the downtown and the marina. He further commented that the City should be able to fix the problems without redevelopment tax increment financing. He asked to see a copy of the City's business plan.

Vice Mayor DeLaney responded by summarizing recent accomplishments of the Council, such as tougher code enforcement, capital improvement projects, hiring of an economic development manager, and support for Main Street Martinez and the Chamber of Commerce.

An unidentified speaker noted that there was nothing in this town for the next generation. She felt that adding more houses would not solve the problem if there was no focus on the future.

Barbara Kapsalis indicated that the City is doing its best, and there are many groups and volunteers trying their hardest to make Martinez a place to come to for the next generation.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Kennedy who was excused, in Room F102 at Alhambra High School.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 630 Court Street
Agency Negotiator: Don Blubaugh, Interim City Manager and
Jeff Walter, City Attorney
Negotiating Parties: BH Development
Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment and other conditions of sale or disposition.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one case.

RECONVENE – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all members present as indicated. Mayor Schroder reported that a closed session was held and direction was given to the City's property negotiator and to legal counsel. Nothing else reported.

Mayor Schroder welcomed the residents and explained the process for the evening.

Item #4 taken out of order.

4. Consider approval of \$5,000 to support Alhambra High School fundraising to purchase uniforms for the AHS Marching Band as requested by Councilmember Wainwright.

Councilmember Wainwright explained the reason for the request.

Julianna George, music director at Alhambra High School, explained further the need for new uniforms and the anticipated cost estimates. She also discussed the possibility of a Citywide mailing asking residents to contribute as well.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked who would be paying for the mailing. Councilmember Wainwright said the mailing would cost about \$5,000, the amount of the proposed contribution by the City, but it was not intended to be applied only to the mailing.