

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with all members present except Councilmember Avila Farias who arrived shortly after roll call and Councilmember Menesini who arrived at 6:30 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION (adjourn to City Manager's Office)**

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

Property: Multiple parcels within the Alhambra Hills Specific Plan area (APNs: 164-010-019, 164-010-025, 164-010-026, 164-150-016, 164-150-022, 164-150-030, 366-010-007, and 366-060-007); Alhambra Highlands Project, Martinez.

Agency Negotiators: Phil Vince, City Manager; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager, Veronica Nebb, Senior City Attorney.

Negotiating Parties: Richfield Investment Corporation.

Under Negotiation: Purchase Price, and terms of payment.

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Cal. Government Code section 54956.9(a).

Name of case: In re Petition in Bankruptcy filed by The Benefactors dba the Willows Theatre Company, N. District Cal. Case No. 12-48964.

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: One potential case.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session items only)**

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

## **RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

Mayor Schroder reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Schroder reported that Closed Sessions were held and with respect to Conference with Real Property Negotiators on the Alhambra Hills Specific Plan area, direction was given to City's negotiators; Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Willows Theatre Company, direction was given to legal counsel and he noted that an item is on the agenda with respect to this case; and Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, direction was given to legal counsel.

PRESENT: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, and Rob Schroder, Mayor.  
EXCUSED: None.  
ABSENT: None.

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

### **A. Code Enforcement--Signs.**

Deputy Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development Anna Gwyn Simpson gave a PowerPoint presentation on Temporary and Supplemental Commercial Signs. Ms. Simpson reviewed the purpose of the Sign Ordinance, regulations and code enforcement. She discussed types of temporary signs allowed (portable, freestanding A-frame signs; flexible temporary signs; and shingled, suspended blade signs), examples, placement, sizes, materials and limitations to use.

Chief Gary Peterson reviewed the enforcement process related to sign violation, beginning with complaints, notice to cure and citation/abatement procedures, and the appeal process. Chief Peterson discussed proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance to add a cost recovery model and plans for a manual for code enforcement regulations.

Ms. Simpson added that there will be a community workshop with business owners on Friday, October 4 at 8:30 a.m. She also noted that this presentation will be added to the City's website, and a fact sheet will be available at City Hall.

Mayor Schroder expressed appreciation for the proposed changes, the public outreach and the need for more consistency and quality signage in the downtown.

Councilmember Ross agreed that the changes will be helpful. He questioned whether the 100' requirement was necessary or if it could be changed to 50'. Ms. Simpson agreed it could be considered further at the workshop. Councilmember Ross also asked about the possibility of municipal wayfinding signs especially in the downtown. City Manager Vince noted that Downtown Matters did address the need for wayfinding.

Vice Mayor DeLaney thanked staff for the presentation. She commented on the need for improvement to the regulations regarding permanent signs as well as the temporary ones, and she discussed other aesthetic improvements that could be made in the downtown. She also expressed appreciation for the changes in the code enforcement process and made recommendations for a connection on the City's website, as well as adding contact information for the code enforcement officer on related paperwork.

Councilmember Ross suggested conformity in colors and types of signage could benefit the downtown environment. Councilmember Menesini expressed appreciation for creativity; he was not supportive of uniformity in design.

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

Julie Getchman asked for assistance on code enforcement with respect to a neighbor's fence, toxic plants and blocking of her views. Mayor Schroder directed Ms. Getchman to the Police Department for code enforcement. Councilmember Menesini noted there is a view ordinance, and he encouraged the neighbors to work toward resolution.

Mike Alford spoke about Mr. Freitas' comments from the last meeting, indicating he had threatened Mr. Alford and the Council allowed it. He questioned the Mayor as to why Mr. Freitas was given more time than allowed. Mayor Schroder noted that additional time is within his prerogative as chair of the meeting and he occasionally allows additional time.

Mr. Freitas reviewed his history with Mike Alford and said that this is the end of it - he will not appear again to rebut Mr. Alford's comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
  - 1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of July 24, and August 8, 2013. [M.Cabral]
  - 2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 08/08/13, 08/15/13 and 08/29/13. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
  - 3. Motion adopting Ordinance 1370 C.S. rezoning a 6.83 acre property from R-40 (Single Family Residential, 40,000 square feet minimum site area/unit) to a combination of R-3.5/PUD Overlay (Family Residential: minimum 3,500 square feet per dwelling unit/planned unit development overlay) to allow development of 76 multi-family units RZ #09-01 located at 370 Muir Station Road. [D.Tasini/9.3.11]
  - 4. Motion authorizing the City Manager to sign a lease agreement with the Martinez Chamber of Commerce, at 603 Marina Vista (Amtrak Station). [M.Chandler/7.2.01]
  - 5. Resolution No. 088-13 authorizing City Manager to execute Cooperative Agreement No. 27C.01 between Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the City for the Martinez Intermodal Station, Phase 3, Project No. C6006. [T.Tucker/6.7.00&6.7.15]
  - 6. Resolution No. 089-13 amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and approving a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$20,000 for purchase of the personal property located at 636 Ward Street from the Bank of the West. [M.Chandler/9.12.07]
  - 7. Resolution No. 090-13 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 for consultant services with Dillingham Associates for the preliminary design of Waterfront Park. [T.Tucker/10.05.03&11.05.00]

Vice Mayor DeLaney requested that Item #1, Council Minutes of July 24th, be pulled from the Consent Calendar; Councilmember Avila Farias requested that Items #4 and #6 be removed.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve Items #2, #3, #5 and #7 of the Consent Calendar.  
Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Item #1, July 24th minutes:

In reference to the item regarding the Marina on page 2 of the July 24th minutes, Vice Mayor DeLaney noted that with regards to the Marina Master Plan the original staff report had indicated that the \$125,000 appropriated was to cover the preparation of both a Marina Master Plan and an update to the Parks Master Plan. After asking the City Manager to clarify/confirm the purpose of the \$125,000, and comments from him, she asked that the minutes for today's meeting include her concerns about the original purpose for the \$125,000 allocation.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve City Council Minutes of July 24, and August 8, 2013.  
Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Item #4, Lease Agreement with Chamber of Commerce:

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias asked about the proposed 10-year commitment, which seems excessive to her, the amount of the lease and whether weekend hours would be added for the Chamber office.

Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler explained that the original lease was also for 10 years, as is the case of agreements with other non-profit leases. Regarding proposed weekend hours, he noted there had been further discussion with the Chamber's CEO, John Stevens.

Councilmember Avila Farias noted that she has never seen a lease for \$1 in her 20 years with City government. She asked the Council to consider raising the amount.

Councilmember Menesini noted that the Boys & Girls Club pays the same lease amount. Councilmember Avila Farias responded that there is more public benefit from the Boys & Girls Club.

Mayor Schroder discussed the Visitor Center activities and other services of the Chamber. He acknowledged that some have questioned why Main Street Martinez does not get the same consideration. He indicated he could support raising the rent from \$1/year to \$1/month.

Councilmember Menesini commented on the volunteer hours given by Chamber members, and he also was appreciative for the management of the Visitor Center.

Vice Mayor DeLaney agreed with Council comments, and indicated understood and appreciated Councilmember Avila Farias' concerns about the lease amount, but thought it unlikely that the Chamber could pay more. She liked the idea of extended weekend hours for the Visitor Center.

Mayor Schroder noted that the contract for this year has already been completed, but the issues could be raised again in the future. Councilmember Avila Farias said she did not remember staff coming back with more information about the contract, which she thought was going to happen before the contract was signed.

Councilmember Ross also acknowledged Councilmember Avila Farias' concerns, and he agreed it could be considered, although he thought it a moot point with the City also providing grant money to the Chamber.

Councilmember Avila Farias reiterated her issue with the lease amount and suggested the amount and the term of the lease be reconsidered for the future. Councilmember Menesini said he supported staff's recommendation.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Item #4.

Mike Alford commented on the importance of the Chamber to the City's economic well-being.

John Stevens discussed his research regarding other jurisdictions and how they relate to the Chambers, financially and hours of operation. He indicated that most are closed on Saturdays, and others have even fewer hours. He also noted that using volunteers on Saturday wouldn't work because of the amount of knowledge required.

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

Mayor Schroder acknowledged that a policy discussion on the issue would be helpful. He recommended a 2-year contract as a compromise.

Councilmember Avila Farias agreed a phased approach or a compromise term would be workable.

Councilmember Menesini expressed his support for the Chamber and for the great benefit they bring to the City. He indicated willingness to amend the contract term to 2 years.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, authorize the City Manager to sign a lease agreement with the Martinez Chamber of Commerce, at 603 Marina Vista (Amtrak Station) and *amending the lease to a two year contract*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

Item #6, Resolution allocating \$20,000 for purchase of personal property from Bank of the West: Councilmember Avila Farias asked for clarification on what the City is purchasing with the \$20,000.

Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler discussed the history of the property with the Willows Theater, foreclosure on the property and Bank of the West's loss of \$200,000. He also confirmed that the intent is for the City to rent the property for events.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Item #6.

Mike Alford confirmed that the City is the lessor of the property, which is owned by the Bisio Trust. He suggested the City work with Robert Perry to ensure quality productions that will be profitable for the City.

Robert Perry asked the purpose of the City making this purchase, other options that were considered, the term of the City's lease on the property, and the City's plans for the property, which Mayor Schroder and staff provided.

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

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked Mr. Vince the status of the City's plan for re-using the space. Mr. Vince discussed the status of the RFQ, possible holiday use of the theater, and eventual contract with a manager for the property.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 089-13 amending the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and approving a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$20,000 for purchase of the personal property located at 636 Ward Street from the Bank of the West. Motion passed 4 - 1. No: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Rest: Ayes.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

8. Public hearing to introduce an ordinance Amending Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.36.060, of the Municipal Code relating to Parking Meter Fees; and provide direction to staff on parking meter rates. [T.Tucker/8.4.0]

City Engineer Tim Tucker presented the staff report, discussing the ordinance process and noting that it was the intent to amend the Municipal Code to set a maximum rate of \$1 per hour. In reviewing the 1999 ordinance the City Attorney recommended additional changes and clarifications that are identified in the draft ordinance.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed the public hearing with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, seconded by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, introduce an ordinance Amending Title 10, Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 10.36.060, of the Municipal Code relating to Parking Meter Fees. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

9. Public Hearing to ratify by motion the written report on the efforts undertaken since the adoption of the 45 day moratorium to alleviate the conditions leading to the adoption of said moratorium; and adopt an urgency ordinance extending the 45 day moratorium on the establishment of Bars in the Downtown Specific Plan Area, as was imposed with adoption of Urgency Ordinance No.1369 C.S on July 24, 2013. [V.Nebb&C.Simon/9.10.02]

Senior Planner Corey Simon presented the staff report, discussing the reason for the requested extension, and the next steps in the process (including Planning Commission involvement and recommendation to the Council).

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked whether the term of the extension was dictated by law, and City Attorney Veronica Nebb explained that it could be for a shorter period, but in any event the extension would be cancelled once the new ordinance is enacted, hopefully well before the deadline.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the requirement that the extension can be granted if the "current and immediate threat" still exists. She asked how many bar applications have come in during the moratorium period. She noted that there was at least one applicant who wanted to acquire Ferry Street Station property for a new business.

Mr. Simon commented on the issues with bars requiring a use permit but restaurants do not and there are concerns that a bar owner might add food service in order to circumvent the regular use permit process.

Vice Mayor DeLaney corrected a portion of the staff report that stated that new restaurants that serve alcohol will remain open - it should say "new restaurants that serve alcohol could open during the moratorium."

Mayor Schroder indicated he also had discussion with the person interested in Ferry Street Station, regarding how Martinez wants to consider and codify alcohol establishments. He expressed support for the staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Ross asked if alcohol could be served at an event at the Campbell Theater or at a concert at the amphitheatre; Mr. Simon stated that the moratorium would have no effect on that since it is handled through a different process and with a different permit.

Councilmember Menesini suggested a compromise term of six months, rather than two months or ten months.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Roy Jeans commented on the distinction made between beer and wine and brown alcohol. He thought beer and wine would be acceptable.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, approve a written report on the efforts undertaken since the adoption of the 45 day moratorium to alleviate the conditions leading to the adoption of said moratorium; and adopt Urgency Ordinance 1371 C.S. extending the 45 day moratorium on the establishment of Bars in the Downtown Specific Plan Area, as was imposed with adoption of Urgency Ordinance No.1369 C.S on July 24, 2013, *and amending extension to 6 months*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

10. Public hearing to review proposed General Plan Text Amendment, and consideration of resolution adopting a revised Growth Management Element, as required by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) approved Countywide Growth Management Program (GMP); AND approve the Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist (Calendar Years 2010 & 2011) for submission to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. [D.Tasini&C.Simon/9.2.8]

Senior Planner Corey Simon presented the staff report, discussing growth management requirements in keeping with Measure J. Mayor Schroder noted that the General Plan Update Task Force also reviewed this proposal.

Mayor Schroder opened the public hearing.

Mike Alford commented on transit concerns of senior citizens. Mayor Schroder explained that they should contact the County Connection. Mr. Alford also expressed concern that a proposed senior housing project had been turned over to Section 8, leaving some seniors with no place to live.

Seeing no further speakers, Mayor Schroder closed the public hearing on the item.

Vice Mayor DeLaney indicated she had minor editorial corrections to the text, which she reviewed. She also asked when the next biennial report on the Housing Element will be made.

Councilmember Menesini commented on the formation and history of the CCTA, noting that it began as a transportation agency but now seems to be expanding into land use policy, which he thought counter-intuitive. However, he expressed his support for the Urban Limit Line and the revised Growth Management Element.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about inclusion of the Alhambra Valley area, and how to allow residents to develop their properties. Mayor Schroder and Councilmember Menesini acknowledged there are a number of situations like that throughout the County that need to be addressed.

Vice Mayor DeLaney suggested making minor amendments over time to allow those 18 properties to be annexed. Mayor Schroder asked, and Mr. Vince indicated that he was working with the City Engineer to resolve the issue. Senior City Attorney Veronica Nebb noted that the policy included, in the Growth Management Element recognizes this issue and is a first step in the process to address changes to the Urban Limit Line.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Resolution 091-13 adopting a revised Growth Management Element, as required by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA) approved Countywide Growth Management Program (GMP); AND approve the Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist (Calendar Years 2010 & 2011) for submission to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority *as amended to include open space*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

## **CITY MANAGER**

11. Resolution extending and expanding certain portions of the "Economic Stimulus Program" Schedule of Fees for City Services, from September 15, 2013 to March 15, 2014.  
[M.Chandler/9.1.00&02.02.01]

Senior Management Analyst Michael Chandler provided a PowerPoint presentation, giving an overview of the Stimulus Program, fee reductions, and projects (3 new commercial developments, 22 commercial tenant improvements, 6 new single family residential projects, 1 new multi-family residential projects, and 6 unreinforced masonry (URM) projects) that completed the Program. He also discussed staff's recommendation that all fee reductions be allowed to expire except for those dealing with URM buildings, since they affect public health and safety, and reduced impact fees for new residential projects.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the discounted impact fee, which Mr. Chandler clarified that the discounted fees still have to be paid in full by the deadline.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the fiscal impact of the proposed changes, which Mr. Chandler reviewed. She expressed concern that the impacts are too great for the City, and she questioned the advisability of extending the discounts, especially for the URM properties. Councilmember Menesini suggested perhaps a 24-month extension.

The Council discussed the necessity for the URM improvements with public safety impacts, balanced against economic impacts on property owners facing expensive repairs on economically-marginal buildings.

Mayor Schroder commented on his support for continuing the building permit fee waiver for the two projects soon to be built.

Councilmember Avila Farias said she thought all the fee reductions should be allowed to expire, except in the case of the URMs. Vice Mayor DeLaney noted that properties in the downtown might still benefit from the building fee reductions. Councilmember Avila Farias responded that developments in the downtown will be smaller, so the fees will be less anyway; she thought it should be done on an as-needed basis, for hardship cases.

Mr. Vince noted that Cascara Canyon will need the waivers in order to continue. Mr. Chandler said pulling the permits will lock in the waiver. Councilmember Ross said he thought the City should follow through on what it promised.

Councilmember Menesini said he thought the 18-month extension would be reasonable. Regarding URMs, he could see some extension but not indefinitely. He questioned how many solar projects or woodburning to gas conversion have been completed; Mr. Scola indicated he could not recall, but perhaps 1 or 2.

Vice Mayor DeLaney agreed with staff's recommendation, but recommended a requirement that building permits be pulled before allowing waiver of the fees.

Senior City Attorney Nebb noted that a third requirement could be added to the development fee waiver, to a reach compromise.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on Item #11.

Mike Alford asked which projects had fees waived, which Mayor Schroder provided. Mr. Alford also noted that Councilmember Avila Farias had fees waived earlier for a development of hers. Councilmember Avila Farias said that was incorrect.

Tom Shultz, Acre Development, discussed their potential purchase of the Paseos, negotiations with Mr. Harris, the status of the permits and anticipated close date for the purchase.

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

Councilmember Menesini said he was not convinced that the City no longer needs the program. He indicated he liked the suggestion made by Ms. Nebb and asked Mr. Chandler what extension date he would recommend. Mr. Chandler said he thought July 1, 2014 would be sufficient for both pending projects. Councilmember Menesini asked what date Mr. Chandler would recommend for the URM discount, and Mr. Chandler suggested it be tied to the URM ordinance—July 15, 2015.

Councilmember Avila Farias suggested allowing the waivers for people already in the pipeline but not for new projects. Councilmember Menesini said it was unlikely anyone could bring in a new project now and meet the deadlines. Ms. Nebb commented on prevailing wage requirements and recommended against applying the waivers only for certain projects.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked about the solar discounts, and Councilmember Ross expressed support for that deadline also being extended. Councilmember Menesini agreed to that change.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor, to approve Resolution No. 092-13 extending and expanding certain portions of the "Economic Stimulus Program" Schedule of Fees for City Services, from September 15, 2013 to March 15, 2014 *and amending the URM Building Permit fees and extending the Solar Project Permit discounts to July 15, 2015, and amend 4b of Page 11 Impact Mitigation fee schedule to require issuance of building permit by July 1, 2014.* Motion passed 4 - 1. No: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Rest: Ayes.

12. Discussion of SB594 (Hill) Limiting Ballot Advocacy by Local Government Organizations and authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of opposition. [M.Cabral/41.01.01]

Mayor Schroder stated that the Item has been removed from the agenda, since amendments have been made to the Bill; and there was no longer any opposition.

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

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

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

Chief of Police Gary Peterson announced that on September 6th at 7:30 a.m. the department will be hosting a flag raising and remembrance ceremony in honor of Sgt. Paul Starzyk. He further announced that there will be a 911 Memorial event at the Intermodal Station at 7:30 a.m.

Chief Peterson informed the Council that the Police Department is holding a promotional examination for Police Lieutenant on September 10 for external and internal candidates.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES**

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

15. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Rob Schroder provided an update on the General Plan Ad Hoc meeting with the General Plan Task Force held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, which he and Councilmember Menesini attended. He noted it was the first meeting in over a year, and discussed next steps in the process, including meeting with the Task Force again to review recommended changes.

Councilmember Menesini said he was very encouraged by the latest meeting, and he commented on the importance of moving forward with the General Plan revision.

Vice Mayor DeLaney asked if there was an update from the Marina Subcommittee meeting with the State.

Mayor Schroder reported that the Marina Waterfront Subcommittee, which consists of himself, Councilmember Menesini, along with staff (City Manager Vince, Dep. Director of Strategic Planning Simpson, City Attorney Walter, Contract Recreation Manager Austin), a representative from Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla's office and Senator Lois Wolk, who hosted the meeting, met with the State (Departments of Boating and Waterways, Finance, Parks and Recreation and their attorneys) on August 15th in Sacramento. They discussed the Martinez Marina - if it should be saved, how it can be saved, and the constitution of the current committee moving forward. They recommended that the City should include Contra Costa County Sheriff Dave Livingston, who is on the Boating and Waterways Commission, and Supervisor Federal Glover, as well as a member from industry. He indicated that the State made it clear that they need to be paid in some form, whether there be some forgiveness and a partial payment. Councilmember Menesini added that the City reminded the State that the Marina is in partnership with the State, and the loans were made to the Marina, not the City. He also stated that it was a very positive meeting and that Senator Wolk asked for information that the City needs to gather.

#### 16. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney requested that staff schedule a meeting of the Concert Ad Hoc Committee. Vice Mayor DeLaney also noted that September is Martini Month, starting off with the Mayoral Proclamation on Friday, September 6th, at the Julio Richelieu Monument at 5:00 p.m.; followed by Martini Happy Hour at Artu4ia on September 13th, the Martini Fest on Friday, September 28th. She announced the 25th Anniversary of the new Senior Center on Saturday, September 21st.

Councilmember Mark Ross expressed appreciation to staff for their diligence on the Pacheco Transit Hub Project. He also thanked the Contra Costa cities that serve on Transpac and helped foster the project along.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias requested that quarterly financial reports be provided regularly to Council; staff agreed. She informed the Infrastructure Subcommittee that the families that live in the Muir Road area are inquiring when the Subcommittee will be meeting to discuss traffic improvements in that area. Vice Mayor DeLaney noted that she and Councilmember Ross met as the Infrastructure Subcommittee. She indicated did bring up that issue and referred to staff the need to develop plans and not let it fall off the agenda for both the Muir Road and Shell Avenue Areas.

Councilmember Avila Farias noted that she enjoyed Family Fest and would like to hear back from the sponsor. She indicated that she had an opportunity to visit the pool this summer and was very impressed with staff and the lifeguards; she requested that the City conduct a financial analysis to see whether the pool hours can be extended. City Manager Vince stated that he will be meeting with the Mermaids for an update. Councilmember Avila Farias reminded the Council to submit their priorities from their strategic planning goal setting meeting for the September 18th Council meeting.

Councilmember Menesini requested that the Public Safety Subcommittee be reestablished and added to a future agenda. He also expressed his interest and that of Councilmember Avila Farias to be appointed to that Subcommittee. Mayor Schroder agreed to place it on the next agenda.

Mayor Rob Schroder requested that Council revisit the URM ordinance and requested that staff provide a status report on how many buildings are in compliance, how many are not in compliance and if there is a need to make any amendments. He expressed his appreciation to staff on the Pacheco Transit Hub Ground Breaking Ceremony. Mayor Schroder indicated that he was at a CAL LAFCO meeting and discovered that if you reside in the County, you receive an annual bill for fire service. Those residents in the Alhambra Valley that have now become residents of the City will no longer be receiving that bill. There have been many inquiries to LAFCO for letters from these residents as proof that they no longer live in the County, so that they can submit it to Cal Fire requesting that their tax be suspended. Councilmember Ross requested that staff send a letter of proof to all the parcels that were annexed into the City. He announced a car show on Saturday and the Italian Street Festival on September 28th and 29th.

Mayor Schroder requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Sheila Grilli, long time resident and Boardmember of the Contra Costa Community College District. Services will be held September 10th at St. Catherine's Church at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m. *in memory of Sheila Grilli* to a Regular City Council Meeting on September 18, 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 -10/2/13