

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers with all members present except Councilmember Ross and Vice Mayor Menesini.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session Items Only)

Bill Nichols requested that the Council move forward with saving the Alhambra Hills and asked that the City form a conservatorship with other interested agencies. He expressed that this is especially important in light of the fact of the recent discovery that John Muir did in fact own the top of the ridgeline.

Jim Neu requested that the Council put forth every effort to save the Alhambra Hills property from development. He suggested two things: 1) a land conservation agreement or a conservation development easement restricting development to the lower southern part or 2) the completion of an infrastructure bond.

Tom Griffith echoed the comments from the previous speakers and also requested that the Council save the Hills and look into conservatorship.

Jaime Fox suggested that the City take the lead with financing this effort and make a commitment to saving the land.

Nancy Peacock reminded the Council that John Muir is buried at the base of the hills. As the land belonged to John Muir, she urged the Council to save the Hills.

Elizabeth Genai stated that she just heard about the development of the Hills and thought it was outrageous to build homes and urged the Council to save the Hills.

(Councilmember Mark Ross arrived at 5:52 pm and was seated at the dais.)

An unidentified speaker stated that she felt strongly that the hills should be conserved.

Julian Frazier stated that he had been working on this problem for 20 years and asked what John Muir would say about development. Mr. Frazier agreed with all the other comments. He stated that the Council needs to make this happen.

Kay Cox urged the Council to make it happen and be heroes to everyone.

Amy Derfy urged the Council to preserve the land and take the steps needed to do so.

Nadine Peyrican asked the Council to look at placing a parcel tax on the ballot.

There being no further comments, the Council adjourned at 5:59 p.m. to the Board Room (not the City Manager's Office as indicated on the agenda) for Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (Two potential cases)
- B. 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: Anna Gwyn Simpson, Interim City Manager; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager, Jeff Walter/Veronica Nebb, City Attorney.
Negotiating Parties: Richfield Investment Corporation.
Under Negotiation: Purchase Price, and terms of payment.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGALCOUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Two potential cases)

**Vice Mayor Menesini arrived at 6:15 p.m.*

RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder reconvened the meeting in the Council Chambers and called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. He noted that a Closed Session was held regarding Conference with Legal Council--Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure, two potential cases; Conference with Legal Counsel--Initiation of Litigation, two potential cases; and Conference with Property Negotiators regarding multiple parcels within the Alhambra Hills Specific Plan area. Mayor Schroder reported that direction was given to legal counsel and staff authorizing up to \$5000 to perform an appraisal on the property, and Council also authorized a letter to be sent to the property owner to consider saving the particular oak tree in question.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Rob Zavatero, co-owner of Beaver Creek Smoke House, addressed the Council on the Chamber of Commerce's King of the County Barbecue event, which the Smoke House was denied participation. He requested the Council to look into the situation, since the City contributes \$45,000 to the Chamber. Mr. Zavatero indicated that the Chamber should be encouraged to give preference to Martinez businesses.

Marlene Borges stated that she did not support the cultivation of marijuana, and she asked that the Council reconsider and change their votes to "no". Mayor Schroder noted that Item #3 on the agenda addresses that issue.

Jaime Fox spoke on various issues of the Alhambra Hills Project and requested that the Council take the lead in acquiring the Hills.

Kristin Henderson spoke about an article that mentioned that she should volunteer and not just complain. For the record, she listed numerous organizations for which she has volunteered including the Martinez Art Association, Contra Costa Historic Society, Martinez Historic Society and others. She also has conducted extensive library research for the Martinez Historic Society. She added that she could sue the newspaper and the individual who was quoted for defamation of character.

Julian Frazier stated that ordering the appraisal of the property in the Alhambra Hills is not enough. He urged the entire Council to send out letters to everyone they know. He discussed the John Muir Tree and the need to preserve the Hills. He applauded the work that Councilmember Menesini has done in the past, with more votes in support of open space than anyone else in the history of Martinez. He also noted that the big hills with flat tops are natural reservoirs, which is especially important in these times of drought.

John Stevens spoke regarding the issue with Rob Zavatero and Beaver Creek Smoke House. He noted that Beaver Creek is a valued Chamber member and he would be happy to talk with anyone about how the decision was made selecting the three barbeque vendors. He also clarified that the \$45,000 the City gave to the Chamber was specifically for the tourism bureau at the Train depot. Mr. Stevens asked the Council and staff not to interfere with the way the Chamber conducts business.

Mike Alford expressed support for Rob of Beaver Creek Smokehouse, and he stated that the King of the County Barbecue should be opened to everyone. He also questioned the status of Berrellesa Palms, noting that it was supposed to be a senior complex and now homeless people reside there. In addition, he asked when the Police Chief will return, or whether he will be the new City Manager.

Shauna Washburn urged the Council to save the Alhambra Hills; she wanted to preserve the open space for the youth. She also commented on the need to take care of the environment and indicated Martinez should take the lead and be an example for other cities in the state, as well as the rest of the country.

Bill Nichols read a Miwok saying regarding light, and he noted that the light on Alhambra Hills is amazing. He urged the Council to move forward with the acquisition of the property.

Amy Derfy thanked the Council for spending money for an appraisal and for saving a tree, but she agreed that is not enough. She noted that the deadline has passed, and the developer can get permits and move ahead with the development. Mayor Schroder pointed out that the deadline is April 15th and the City has taken the first step, but the Council cannot talk about this further at this time.

Councilmember Avila Farias requested that the City Manager meet with the Chamber to get some resolution to the King of the County and participation by Beaver Creek. Councilmember Menesini echoed Councilmember Avila Farias' comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
 - 1. Motion approving the City Council Minutes of March 5, 2014. [M.Cabral]
 - 2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 03/20/14. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
 - 3. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1380 C.S. amending Chapter 22.41 (Medical Marijuana Dispensaries) to amend the title and add Sections 22.41.025 and 22.41.065 relating to cultivation of Medical Marijuana, and finding that the adoption thereof is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15304 and 15061(B)(3). [C.Simon/E.Ghisletta/ V.Nebb/ 9.4.4.30]
 - 4. Motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign the 2014 Rankin Aquatic Center Use Agreement between the City of Martinez and the Martinez Community Swim Team. [P.Lorick/11.04.01]
 - 5. Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Martinez and T-Mobile West LLC relating to the demolition of the water tank reservoir and reconstruction of the water reservoir at the Harbor View Reservoir property owned by the City and leased for use of wireless facilities on the property by T-Mobile West LLC, subject to approval to form by the City Attorney. [T.Tucker/J.Abaci/19.03.21]

Mayor Schroder indicated that Councilmember Avila Farias requested Item #3 be pulled from the Consent Calendar; and after speaking with the City Attorney, Item #5 was removed as well.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on Item #A and Items #1, #2, and #4 of the Consent Calendar with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve Item #A and Items #1, #2, and #4 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

- 3. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1380 C.S. amending Chapter 22.41 relating to cultivation of Medical Marijuana.

Councilmember Avila Farias discussed the effect of a recent court case related to medical marijuana and the cultivation of it in Martinez neighborhoods. She briefly reviewed the process that the Public Safety Subcommittee had followed and the conclusions they had reached. She indicated that the Subcommittee is now recommending against the proposed ordinance and instead is propose another ordinance be drafted that bans the cultivation of marijuana in the City.

Vice Mayor Menesini commented on information that some members on the public brought to the Subcommittee regarding illegal grows already happening in the City and the effect they can have on the public welfare. He recommended voting no on the proposal before them and have staff and the Subcommittee work to develop a new one not allowing outdoor cultivation. He added that, if the Council wants, they can also address indoor cultivation with the same ordinance.

Mayor Rob Schroder explained that his position had changed because of the decision by the State Supreme Court. He thought it important to have the matter settled before the next grow season; he was now in favor of amending the proposed ordinance to ban outdoor cultivation or setting aside the ordinance altogether and beginning with a new ordinance to that effect.

Ms. Nebb indicated that she would have to review the Planning Commission minutes so she could recommend a course of action.

Councilmembers Ross and DeLaney agreed and thanked the Subcommittee for their work.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Kristin Henderson agreed there were public safety concerns with outdoor growing. She asked that the law be applied equally to all parties, whatever the final ordinance is.

Joanne Wolf expressed concern about the height and size of the six plants allowed per household, as well as concerns about monitoring, enforcement, environmental issues and exposure to children.

Jan Wolf Nieuwsma expressed concern even about indoor cultivation

Rhonda Beatty-Gallo agreed with the new direction of the Council, to prohibit outdoor growing of marijuana in the City.

Ruth Shumate said she did not support outdoor or indoor marijuana growing.

Aron Van Antwerp discussed the house resolution proposing to defund the Department of Justice and protect those growing and using marijuana for medical reasons. He indicated that resolution failed but a new one has been drafted. He cautioned those that are growing it for whatever reason that they could still be raided and potentially lose their property and/or their children.

Georgia Giblin thanked the Council for re-considering the ordinance. As a nurse, she pointed out that there are other ways to get the medical benefits without smoking it. She was opposed to growing outdoors or indoors and expressed concern about potential fires that will result if it is allowed indoors.

Tom Greerty thanked the Council for remaining open-minded to the changes, and the public for coming to support a ban as well. He recommended the Council only act tonight to ban outdoor grows, since that is what the Planning Commission had discussed. He also questioned the advisability of making this part of the zoning ordinance rather than the public safety ordinance.

Ms. Nebb explained that the zoning ordinance allows the City to address use of property, which is one of the strongest enforcement tools available.

Robin Houdashell thanked the Council for their time reconsidering this issue, and for their personal responses to the many letters that have been sent. She was opposed to any growing of marijuana in the City.

Richard Verrilli commented that this is an example of democracy in action, and he thanked the Council for being willing to consider more input. He indicated that the Planning Commission did discuss a total ban as well as indoor growing, and two of the Planning Commissioners did not support the recommendation to allow outdoor cultivation. He added that he thought a total ban would be best. He was concerned about using the Zoning Ordinance to regulate, and he shared information with the Council about potentially determining a public nuisance. He also commented on the difference between medical and recreational marijuana.

Paul (last name not stated) commented on the increased safety risks with banning outdoor grows, but allowing it indoors contributes to home break-ins, fires, etc., and enforcement/monitoring issues. He cautioned the Council to be aware of the unintended consequences of an outdoor ban.

Marsha Hetzer commented that the characterization of medical marijuana users is inaccurate, and there are far more dangerous public safety issues than allowing a person to grow six plants in the yard of their home. She urged the Council to adopt a reasonable approach to medical marijuana.

Mike Alford encouraged the Council to listen to the people if they want to be re-elected. He indicated that regardless of what is happening in other cities and other states, the citizens of Martinez are opposed to medical marijuana cultivation. He urged them to say no.

Douglas Van Raam commented on the benefits of the cannabis plant and that disallowing its growth/cultivation is a violation of freedom-of-religion and freedom-of-expression rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. He cautioned against the scare tactics being used to influence the Council.

Gay Gerlack commented on the good things going towards making Martinez a "destination". She was concerned about negative results should marijuana cultivation be allowed, which will hurt businesses and tourism in the City.

Ryan (last name not stated) said he was appalled that Martinez would make him a criminal in his own backyard, while the state will allow up to 6 plants for personal, medical use.

An unidentified speaker asked about grandfathering allowance for those who are already growing it. He also noted that marijuana is a great option for older people - he suggested it be allowed for those over 65.

Alan (last name not stated) expressed concern about the City denying people access to their legal medical treatment. He thought that most medical marijuana providers were seeking to help communities, not hurt them. He pointed out that medical marijuana has helped many for whom conventional medicine has not.

Nadine Peyrican said she thought individuals should be able to grow what they need, especially those who cannot afford the dispensaries. She acknowledged this is a complicated issue.

Kit Greerty clarified that the issue tonight is not whether medical marijuana can be used for valid reasons, but is instead about the growing of marijuana, which could impact others than just the grower.

Nathan Jensen said he supported the ban on outdoor growing, maybe indoor growing too. He was not opposed to medical use, but was concerned about the possibilities of addiction, crime, fires, etc.

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

No action was taken on the ordinance allowing for limited outdoor cultivation of marijuana. The Council directed the City Attorney to bring back a revised ordinance banning the cultivation of marijuana for introduction at the next Council meeting.

5. Resolution No. 031-14 authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Martinez and T-Mobile West LLC.

Senior City Attorney Veronica Nebb requested that the Council modify the resolution proposed so that the "not to exceed" amount specified therein be subject to the approval by the City Attorney and the Interim City Manager, which will be an addition to the title and the very last paragraph. She also explained that time is of the essence in moving forward on this item.

Mayor Schroder opened and closed public comment on the item with no speakers coming forward.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 031-14 authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Martinez and T-Mobile West LLC relating to the demolition of the water tank reservoir and reconstruction of the water reservoir at the Harbor View Reservoir property owned by the City and leased for use of wireless facilities on the property by T-Mobile West LLC, *as amended*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

6. Public hearing to consider a resolution No. 032-14 amending the Schedule of Fees for City Services to increase the General Aquatic and Rankin Aquatic Center Facility Reservation User Fees and establish a new Administration Fee for recreation classes and pool party reservations. [P.Lorick/02.02.03]

Recreation Supervisor Patti Lorick presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 2014 Fee Study and Recommendations. She discussed the projected 2014 expenses (which would increase even with no program changes), proposed expansions to the program for more family swim nights, early morning lap swimming, water aerobics, and pool programs offered in October.

Ms. Lorick also discussed proposed fee increases, including swim classes, punch passes, season passes, and recreational swim pool parties.

Mayor Schroder commended Ms. Lorick for her excellent presentation and the research and effort that went into it. Vice Mayor Menesini and Councilmember Avila also agreed.

Councilmember DeLaney expressed appreciation for all the information provided, but she asked for more information on the software registration system. Ms. Lorick stated that the system was relatively new and staff is still learning the program.

Mayor Schroder opened the public hearing.

Cookie Telles expressed excitement about the upcoming season and appreciation for Ms. Lorick's work. She noted that everything possible will be done to promote the October program additions.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 032-14 amending the Schedule of Fees for City Services to increase the General Aquatic and Rankin Aquatic Center Facility Reservation User Fees and establish a new Administration Fee for recreation classes and pool party reservations. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

CITY MANAGER

7. Adopt a resolution regarding the City's position relating to the PG&E Pipeline Pathways Project. [AG.Simpson/V.Nebb/6.15.01]

Senior City Attorney Veronica Nebb presented the staff report, discussing PG&E's need for clearance from certain facilities and structures, the need for more communication from PG&E to affected jurisdictions and the public, especially neighboring property owners. She noted that PG&E has already heard and responded to the concerns being raised and indicated they will slow down the project to ensure all the issues are addressed, but she recommended that the Council proceed with the resolution as well.

Councilmember Ross discussed efforts he and others have made to tell PG&E how things could be better handled and how it could benefit them as well.

Councilmember DeLaney asked about the possibility of pursuing an injunction against PG&E through the court system or seeking the help of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Ms. Nebb responded that the injunction doesn't seem necessary at this point, but action can be taken quickly if needed. She also thought that pursuing action through the CPUC would not be effective either, given past rulings they have made on similar issues. Councilmember DeLaney expressed appreciation for the work that has been done by the City Attorney thus far. She indicated her support for the resolution but asked that the word "disturbing" in the last whereas clause be changed to "unacceptable."

Vice Mayor Menesini agreed with Councilmember DeLaney's recommended change. He said he was outraged when he first read PG&E's proposal and continues to be, and he was confident the public would feel the same if they were aware of the details. He could see no connection between what they were proposing and the safety of PG&E's lines. Mayor Schroder noted that it is not just vegetation that are proposed for removal but structures, walls, fences, etc.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Barbara Kapsalis said she was equally outraged about the PG&E proposal. She expressed concern about the accuracy of the information that PG&E is using, as well as concern about the effect on wildlife and the environment. She urged everyone to join together in opposing this.

Mitch Avalon agreed with Mayor Schroder that the proposed program is less focused on safety issues and more on community design and on the convenience for PG&E to be able to make a visual assessment of their lines from the air. He was confident that PG&E can meet their operational objectives without cutting down trees, and he encouraged PG&E to scrap this current program and instead follow a community-based planning process to find a better solution. He also noted there is precedence for requiring PG&E to answer the concerns raised by the public and by other agencies, because the Army Corps of Engineers had proposed a similar program for their flood control channels a few years ago that was successfully protested and blocked. He expressed support for the resolution.

Cameron Kerrington indicated he was outraged by the proposal also, and he encouraged the Council to join other cities (Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda and others) in pursuing legal action against PG&E.

Mayor Schroder explained that the legal firm representing those cities is their contracted firm, in the same way that Walter & Pistole represents Martinez. Ms. Nebb added that when and if legal action seems prudent; her firm will evaluate at that point whether Martinez should participate in a joint action with other cities or a separate action.

Vice Mayor Menesini pointed out that Martinez has written several letters to PG&E and the CPUC about the proposal and given them strong notice that if they proceed with their proposal, they will be violating the City's Municipal Ordinance and breaking the law.

Ms. Nebb also noted that the City and the City Attorney's office would appreciate the public supplying any additional information about the affected properties that might help in the discussions with PG&E.

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

Councilmember DeLaney suggested that the information from Mr. Avalon regarding the precedent set by the Army Corps of Engineers case be included in the resolution, as well as his suggestion for a community-based planning process.

Vice Mayor Menesini recommended that Mr. Avalon's comments be summarized as succinctly as possible, so that the resolution can be passed tonight and not delayed further.

Councilmember Ross clarified that he had learned from PG&E that there are other potential monitoring systems that could be installed, although there may be some limited circumstances when some tree removals are warranted.

The Council briefly discussed how best to word the resolution to address the additional concerns raised.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No.033-14 regarding the City's position relating to the PG&E Pipeline Pathways Project *as amended*. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

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

Interim City Manager Anna Gwyn Simpson stated that the information regarding PG&E Pipeline Pathways Project is posted on the City's website. She also indicated that a letter was received from Backwards K Group, the independent baseball team that was looking to move to Martinez. She explained that it is not going to happen this year because they were not able to secure the temporary lights that they needed in order to bring a semi-pro baseball team to the Marina. She indicated they did send a letter of commitment, which she read, indicating that they are still interested in bringing the Clippers to Martinez in 2015.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Acting Chief of Police Eric Ghisletta stated that part of the 2014 ABC Grant allows for a training component. He noted the Department is going to use a portion of those funds to provide ABC training to City merchants on May 13th in the Council Chambers from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

10. Discussion of City Manager Recruitment and Job Description. [R.Schroder/41.01.01]

Mayor Schroder distributed the powers and duties listed in the City's Municipal Code and job descriptions used in the 2008 and 2006 City Manager's recruitments. He indicated that the first step in the process is to hire a search firm, and three responses were received from the request for proposals sent out by the City Attorney's office. He added that the recruitment will be discussed at a later meeting, after the Council has time to review those responses individually. He clarified also that in past recruitments the search firm developed the job description based on input from each member of the Council. He did not think it would be a good idea to codify the job description as the City's needs could be different at different points in time.

Councilmember Ross pointed out that the information from the 2006 and 2008 recruitments seems to be fairly standard language for the type of position. He agreed that codifying it was not necessary.

Councilmember DeLaney requested that the item be added to the next agenda, so that the search firm could be selected and the process continue forward. The other members of the Council were agreeable to adding the search firm selection on the next Council agenda.

11. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Vice Mayor Menesini reported on an additional item discussed at the Public Safety Committee held on March 31st. He noted that Acting Chief Ghisletta acted upon recommendations of the Public Safety Subcommittee and two Police Officers went through training dealing with mental health issues. Acting Chief Ghisletta described the program they attended. Vice Mayor Menesini commented on the importance of the training, since police often deal with people with mental health issues. He thanked the Acting Chief for responding quickly to the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Councilmember Mark Ross reported out on the Concert Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on March 25th, including the proposed date (May 10th) for the concert, the cost for the concert (noting that tickets are available now), and the volunteer roles available.

12. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Mark Ross thanked various police agencies including Martinez Police for their help.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney noted that she is still waiting for a report on the implementation of the sales tax sharing agreement.

Mayor Rob Schroder stated that he and Mark Ross attended the ribbon cutting for the Pacheco Transit Hub, which is at the intersection of Hwy 680 and 24. He showed pictures of the event. He was reminded by Barbara Kapsalis and Leanne Peterson that this Saturday, April 5, is the Downtown Clean Up Day and encouraged people to contact Barbara at 408-1338 to volunteer. He also announced the Beer Fest on April 12th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Waterfront Park; tickets can be obtained at www.bayareacraftfestival.com. He added that Beaver Creek is participating in the Beer Fest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. to a regular meeting on April 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94553.

Mayor Schroder further announced that April 26th is John Muir's birthday and Earth Day at the John Muir site; and Citizens' of the Year Awards Banquet, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Martinez Event Center.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 5/7/14