

CALL TO ORDER

The Closed Session, Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation, was canceled.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Closed Session Items Only)

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION --
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Cal.
Gov't Code section 54956.9: One potential case.

RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rob Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Schroder noted that the Closed Session, Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated
Litigation, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. was canceled and will be continued to a future date.

PRESENTATION(S)

- A. Grad Night donations for Alhambra High School and College Park High School.

The Council presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Mr. Phil Philbrook representing
Alhambra High School and Ms. Diane Bechter representing College Park High School. Mr.
Philbrook expressed his appreciation to the Council and stated that this wonderful event could
not be held without the support of the community and the many volunteers. Ms. Bechter
expressed her appreciation and echoed the same comments.

- B. Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Presentation by City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson.

City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson stated that the Committee met on April 30, 2014. They
discussed the Waterfront Park and renovations and the public workshops. Ms. Robinson noted
that Mt. View Park and Susana Park were still in the process of design. She indicated that the
balance as of March 31st is \$7,423,41. It is estimated that \$4 million will be used on Waterfront
Park, \$1.5 million on Hidden Lakes, and the rest on various projects. The projects are on
schedule, on budget and moving along.

Councilmember DeLaney asked about the anticipated timeline, which Ms. Robinson discussed. Councilmember DeLaney thanked Ms. Robinson and the Committee for being such faithful stewards of the money.

Vice Mayor Menesini thanked Ms. Robinson as well for the many fine reports and for her good job as City Treasurer. Mayor Schroder added his thanks also.

C. Measure H Project Presentation.

City Engineer Tim Tucker provided a brief presentation indicating that the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission met and approved the schematic design of Susana Street Park, Mt. View Park and Waterfront Park and recommended that the Council do the same. He indicated that the Parks Subcommittee has met for several months to consider and review proposed designs for the three parks under Measure H. He noted that the design contract for Susana Street Park and Mt. View Park has been approved with Kluber and Associates; and Dillingham and Associates for Waterfront Park. Mr. Tucker also reviewed the issues and proposed improvements for Susana Park.

Mayor Schroder asked who Susana Street Park is named after, and Mr. Tucker confirmed it was named for Susana Martinez, who was related to Ygnacio Martinez. Mayor Schroder also asked about the perimeter of the park and proposed changes to the street, which Mr. Tucker reviewed.

Councilmember DeLaney asked about lighting for the park, and Mr. Tucker discussed the number and design of the poles. In response to a further question, he also discussed proposed changes to the pathways and future maintenance needs.

Councilmember Avila Farias suggested a Mexican-American theme for the park, given the history of the City. She asked why the restrooms were not being remodeled. Mr. Tucker said there was no need because they were still in relatively good condition.

Councilmember Avila Farias asked about the age of the restrooms. Mr. Tucker confirmed they were twenty years old, but he clarified that there were higher priority needs and a limited amount of Measure H funds are available for this project.

Commissioner Avila Farias asked about removal of the block benches, and Mr. Tucker discussed plans to add Victorian-style benches elsewhere in the layout.

Mr. Tucker continued his presentation with a review of the proposed improvements to Mountain View Park.

Councilmember DeLaney expressed concern as to whether there was adequate shading for some of the picnic areas. Mr. Tucker acknowledged the importance of providing shaded areas. He noted there are some existing trees onsite that provide some shade, and some new trees will be planted also.

Reed Dillingham, architect and designer for Waterfront Park, stated that they held three public workshops to listen to the public's needs, desires and concerns for the park, such as noise and lighting issues. He also noted that they met with the PRMCC (Parks Recreation Marina and

Cultural Commission) several times to go over details, as well as the Council Parks Subcommittee. Mr. Dillingham indicated that they wanted to improve the existing facilities, such as the fields for softball, baseball and soccer, to better accommodate large events and spectator seating. He reviewed the lighting, restroom and concession remodeling, improved parking, picnic areas with more shade, an expanded events meadow, modifications to the entrance to the skateboard park and improved park maintenance area. He also discussed the two alternatives for consideration and differences between the two options.

Mayor Schroder expressed appreciation for the design and especially the efforts to integrate the different facilities with a common theme. He was supportive of the placement of the baseball fields, the soccer fields, and the improved parking. He acknowledged the need for shade and spectator seating for the games

Councilmember Ross said he liked the new, elegant design, the larger area for special events, and the rotation of the lights.

Councilmember DeLaney asked if the current field configuration would accommodate the professional baseball league that is interested in relocating to Martinez. Mr. Dillingham said they are working to ensure that there is enough room for the larger field that would be needed.

Councilmember DeLaney asked for clarification on the park maintenance area, which Mr. Dillingham provided. She also asked about, and Mr. Dillingham discussed details of the building that will house the restrooms and the concession facility. Councilmember DeLaney expressed concern whether the size would be sufficient for the needs. She asked about water fountains as well, and Mr. Dillingham said that part wasn't decided yet. Commissioner DeLaney expressed support for the design - the additional parking, relocation of the soccer field, and the expanded events meadow.

Councilmember Ross asked if consideration should be given to increasing the size of the sewer line (if an additional restroom is added) and possibly extending it to the amphitheater to accommodate its future improvements. Mr. Tucker could not say for sure, but it would need more study.

Vice Mayor Menesini said he liked the design and the repositioning of the fields; he commended Mr. Dillingham for an excellent job. He was especially appreciative of the increased parking, and he briefly commented on some of the issues with an additional sewer extension.

In response to Councilmember Avila Farias clarification on the tot lot, Mr. Dillingham confirmed that the plan does call for resurfacing of the play area, for accessibility and safety reasons. Councilmember Avila Farias discussed the need for a barrier to prevent children from running into the road, which was briefly discussed. She agreed that adding a restroom closer to the tot lot would be good. She was appreciative of the alignment of the ball fields, but was concerned about planning for a championship size field when it's not known yet whether a team will come to Martinez. She wondered if another area could be found, perhaps by relocating the maintenance area. There was brief discussion among the Council, staff and Mr. Dillingham regarding the issues with creating a championship field.

Councilmember Avila Farias asked about the possibility of a dog park. Mr. Tucker was unsure that a dog park would be appropriate here, but he indicated the PRMCC subcommittee is actively looking for a good site.

Councilmember DeLaney asked when the plan would be finalized. Mr. Dillingham explained they were still making changes to the design in trying to fit the championship ballfield in, followed by a more detailed cost estimate, then construction documents - roughly a year to go to construction. Mr. Tucker acknowledged everyone's desire for the project to be completed, but he also cautioned against rushing too much. Councilmember DeLaney expressed the Council's wish to see the final drawings.

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

Peter Dragovich spoke on safety issues related to the shipment of crude oil by rail through cities. He noted that there was an informative session held at the Maritime Academy in Vallejo on this subject. He believes that this issue warrants the Council's attention and urged them to pass a resolution or take other actions necessary to protect the safety of Martinez citizens.

Jim Neu noted that he attended the seminar at the Maritime Academy in Vallejo. He noted that the subject of crude oil transportation by rail was the primary topic, and there was also significant discussion on railcar safety. On a different subject, he stated that on June 3rd the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will be having a meeting and will discuss an EIR on the Phillips 66 propane project. He asked whether the County had responded to the City's letter of concern. He was advised that there has been no response from the County.

Patty Winsor, who lives on Buckley Street, requested permit parking again this year for residents of that area and suggested that the permits be color coded to designate the area permitted. She requested that the permit parking start when the pool opens and closes.

Joan Cassidy noted that sometimes the people parking in the area became angry with the residents. She requested that the parking enforcement staff make extra rounds for ticketing in the neighborhood surrounding the pool, which would take the responsibility from the residents and reduce the number of police calls.

Phillip Ciaramintaro spoke on an article by Mayor Schroder in which he stated his hope for the baseball team in Martinez, a ferry landing and the like. He felt the Mayor was pessimistic and getting involved in grandiose ideas. Mr. Ciaramintaro stated that the problem is that there is no plan for the City. He has suggested in the past that the Council put a solid plan in effect and budget accordingly, and that the Council should involve the PRMCC (Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission) on this.

Barbara Kapsalis expressed concerned with removing the beautiful rock benches at Susana Street Park and replacing them with metal benches. She urged the Council to keep the current benches.

Mike Alford stated he was criticized by the newspaper for putting a scare into the people about oil storage. He noted that the citizens paid a lot of money a few years ago to have a study done on a ferry system and they were told it was too expensive. He stated that the truth needs to be

brought out, and the paper won't even print some of his articles because they are too controversial. He wondered why the Council isn't aware of the problems. Mayor Schroder noted that there are current studies on the proposed ferry system that are being reviewed and these were paid for by CCTA and the Water Emergency Transit Authority and not with City money.

Bill Nichols responded to a local columnist, who is a former public relations director from Shell, alleging that some are unnecessarily using scare tactics about Bakken crude. He stated that in the Union switch yard right now there are tanker cars with chlorine, propane, hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, liquid petroleum, industrial solvents and probably Bakken crude. The switchyard is in a bad location and there is no security. He expressed concern that in the event of an incident there would be one fire engine responding, and it would be a no-win situation. He noted that in the last decade there have been four derailments, and in 2012 there was a chemical release in which two railway employees were taken to the hospital.

Rich Verrilli spoke on Proposition 42 regarding shifting the cost from the State to local governments for open reporting. He asked what the budget impact would be to the City. Mayor Schroder stated that the State stopped the funds for the mandate during the budget crisis, but the Council decided to continue in the interest of open government. Secondly, Mr. Verrilli stated that the Democratic Central Committee will be sending a resolution to the City of Pittsburg and others dealing with WESTPAC's proposed crude by rail and petroleum project in Pittsburg as contrary to public health and safety. He will provide the Deputy City Clerk with a copy of the resolution.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
 - 1. Motion approving the City Council Minutes of April 16, 2014. [M.Cabral]
 - 2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 05/15/14. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
 - 3. Motion accepting the City of Martinez Investment Policy for fiscal year 2015. [C.Robinson/2.1.0]
 - 4. Motion establishing the City's Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit for 2014-15 Fiscal Year (Gann Initiative). [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
 - 6. Resolution No. 039-14 authorizing the City Manager to execute a one year extension to Cooperative Agreement No. 4-2389 between the City of Martinez and the State of California acting through its Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) for use of Toll Bridge funds in the amount of \$300,000 for the Marina Vista Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Mitigation Project. [T.Tucker/03.03.00]
 - 7. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1979-3, Village Oaks Terrace: [T.TUCKER/10.02.34]

- A. Resolution No. 040-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 041-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
8. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1981-3, Muir Station Park:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.15]
- A. Resolution No. 042-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 043-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
9. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1983-3, Vista Oaks:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.22]
- A. Resolution No. 044-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 045-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
10. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1988-1, Center Martinez:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.31]
- A. Resolution No. 046-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 047-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
11. Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1994-1, Creekside: [T.TUCKER/10.02.33]
- A. Resolution No. 048-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 049-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
12. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1997-1, Brittany Hills:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.37]
- A. Resolution No. 050-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 051-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
13. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2000-2, Terra Vista:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.40]

- A. Resolution No. 052-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 053-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.
14. For Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 2001-1, Alhambra Estates:
[T.TUCKER/10.02.41]
- A. Resolution No. 054-14 describing improvements and changes.
 - B. Resolution No. 055-14 of intention to levy and collect assessments, set date for public hearing on June 18, 2014, and direct City Clerk to give and publish all required notices.
 - C. Motion approving the Engineer's Report.

Councilmember Avila Farias requested that Item #5, Schematic Design for Measure H Projects, be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Mark Ross, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Item #A and Items #1 through #4 and Items #6 through #14 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.

- 5. Motion approving the schematic design plans for Measure H Park Projects: Susana Street Park, Mt. View Park and Waterfront Park. [T.Tucker/11.08.00&11.16.00&11.05.13]

Councilmember Avila Farias requested that extra emphasis be put on the Susana Street Park landscape detail regarding the historical significance of the Mexican American contributions to the City. She indicated that this would be a wonderful opportunity with the renovation of the park to highlight the Mexican history and its settlers. Councilmember Avila Farias stated that she would be willing to assist staff with information she received from Paul Krintz of the Martinez Historical Society.

Councilmember Ross commented on the fact that Ygnacio Plaza is named for Don Ygnacio Martinez, and Susana Street Park for his wife Susana Martinez; he thought it was cool that the two are so close to each other. He thought it should be highlighted at one area or the other.

Mayor Schroder directed staff to see if it is possible to save the rock benches and water fountain and/or incorporate them into the new design. Mr. Tucker said at the least some of the materials should be reusable in the same park or another one in the City.

Councilmember DeLaney noted that the historic drinking fountain is shown on the schematic. Mr. Tucker agreed and explained that another one would be added for ADA accessibility. Vice Mayor Menesini said he did not think keeping the one and adding another was too expensive.

Councilmember DeLaney stated that she would like to have direction given to staff to make one of the baseball fields at Waterfront Park a championship size and able to accommodate a professional team.

Vice Mayor Menesini agreed with Councilmember DeLaney about a championship field. He also commented on hedges that used to be at Susana Park that he would love to have restored. Overall he was pleased with the design features, and he expressed appreciation for the work done so far.

Councilmember DeLaney noted that some residents had mentioned concerns about the lighting at Waterfront ballfields and the length of time they would be turned on. She asked how the hours would be determined. Mr. Tucker discussed the current ordinance, which has a 10:00 p.m. curfew, but allows the Council discretion for special occasions. He indicated that the PRMCC members want to draft an updated policy for the Council to consider.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Harland Strickland asked if there will be another opportunity for the public to comment on the design before the project is approved. Mr. Tucker said yes, at least one more. Mr. Strickland said he likes the current benches at Susana Park, and he recommended that any new benches in any of the parks be placed in the shade. He agreed with preserving the original water fountain at Susana Park, and he urged the Council to preserve as many trees as possible. He also pointed out that a question was raised at the PRMCC meeting as to whether Measure H funds could be used for lighting, especially considering the costs. He expressed concern about parking for ballgames if a professional team comes to Martinez (with 1000 or more spaces needed). Mayor Schroder asked Public Works Director Dave Scola, who lives in Vallejo, what the average attendance was at its professional league games. Mr. Scola said 600-700 people per game.

Mike Alford questioned the proposed layout of the ballfields at Waterfront Park and the view of the refinery and holding ponds. He suggested a landscape buffer, perhaps a row of trees. Mr. Alford asked if Columbus Day is still celebrated in the City and will there be an Italian Street Festival this year. Mayor Schroder indicated that Columbus Day is listed on his calendar, and the Italian Street Festival has been combined with the Blues Festival. Mr. Alford commented on the contribution that the Italians brought to Martinez, and he said all cultures should be honored.

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

On motion by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, seconded by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, to approve the schematic design plans for Measure H Park Projects: Susana Street Park, Mt. View Park and Waterfront Park as amended to direct staff to include a championship field at Waterfront Park; and that the rock fountain and benches be preserved; and include the Mexican Historical information at Susana Street Park. 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)

CITY MANAGER

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

Interim City Manager Anna Gwyn Simpson reported out on the Blues Festival, which was a great success. She indicated that 1,212 tickets were sold, which was 81% of the goal of 1,500 tickets total, and 1,265 persons attended. She noted that a full report will be going to the Council at a later date, but she first wanted to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Simpson expressed her appreciation to the staff and volunteers who helped. She indicated that this was a collaborative effort of the entire City. Ms. Simpson named all the staff volunteers and Leanne Peterson of Main Street Martinez.

Mayor Schroder recognized Patty Lorick for working the bathrooms. He thanked staff and the members of the Ad Hoc Committee. He expressed extra kudos to Bob Cellini and his crew who were there until midnight cleaning. Mayor Schroder stated that it was a great event, and he heard nothing but good comments.

Councilmember DeLaney confirmed that the Ad Hoc meeting will be held on Friday, May 30th at noon.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Mike Alford asked whether this was the concert for which \$49,000 was allocated last year, and whether the City made a profit on it. Ms. Simpson indicated that all the accounting was not complete, but she was confident the City at least broke even on the event and likely made a profit. He commended Councilmember Ross for the excellent idea.

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

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

17. Consider a resolution and appropriate an additional \$3,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund for the completion of an appraisal of the Alhambra Highlands Subdivision and direct staff to enter into a contract with Denton Valuation for \$8000.

Contract Planning Manager Dina Tasini provided the staff report, discussing the process and background of the project, as well as the qualifications and experience of the firm staff is recommending.

Councilmember Ross asked what the estimated timeline is for completion of the appraisal, and Mr. Denton said 30-60 days.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 056-14 to appropriate an additional \$3,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund for the completion of an appraisal of the Alhambra Highlands Subdivision and direct staff to enter into a contract with Denton Valuation for \$8000. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

18. Consider a resolution in support of Contra Costa Community College District Bond Measure E. [R.Schroder/41.01.01]

Mayor Schroder presented the staff report and discussed the importance of the proposal.

Councilmember Ross expressed his support as well, noting that past bond money has been spent very well.

Councilmember Avila Farias also indicated her support for the bond.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution 057-14 in support of Contra Costa Community College District Bond Measure E. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

19. Review and consider proposals from search firms for recruitment and selection of a City Manager. [R.Schroder/42.06.00]

Mayor Schroder presented the staff report, summarizing input given at the last meeting.

Councilmember Ross stated he preferred the Bob Murray firm, but would be fine with any of the three.

Councilmember Avila-Farias acknowledged Bob Murray was the less expensive option, but she also was interested in Avery.

Vice Mayor Menesini commented on the complexities of the recruitment process. He agreed Bob Murray has done a good job in the past, but he could also see how using a different firm like Avery could be helpful.

Councilmember Avila Farias asked about next steps in the process, which Mayor Schroder reviewed.

Councilmember DeLaney reiterated her comments from the previous meeting and her preference for Avery for a change. She expressed appreciation for Avery's experience with labor relations as well.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the item.

Mike Alford commented on the many meetings he has attended. He questioned why a consultant firm is needed to handle the process when the Council knows more about the City and what it needs. Vice Mayor Menesini explained the role of the recruitment firm, but he confirmed that the Council will make the final selection. Mayor Schroder added that the Council relies on the recruiter to bring qualified candidates for them to consider.

Councilmember Ross also pointed out that the recruitment firm checks and verifies the qualifications and experience of the candidates.

Richard Verrilli asked why the Council is looking for another City Manager so quickly after Ms. Simpson was chosen. He agreed that the consultant is necessary to look into each candidate's background and abilities, which would be difficult for the Council to accomplish independently.

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

Councilmember Avila Farias thanked Mr. Alford for the confidence he expressed in the current Council's abilities. She agreed the Council has the necessary skills, but indicated that other demands (jobs, etc.) would prevent them from doing so. She echoed other Councilmembers and confirmed the Council will make the ultimate decision.

On motion by AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, select the recruitment firm of Bob Murray and Associates for the City Manager position. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0. Yes: AnaMarie Avila Farias, Councilmember; Lara DeLaney, Councilmember; Mark Ross, Councilmember; Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor; Rob Schroder, Mayor.

20. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Councilmember Ross echoed the comments made earlier that the concert was a great effort by Interim City Manager and staff who put many hours in making this event happen, as well as the citizens who came to the meetings - Gay Gerlack, Bob Perry, Eloise Cotton, Roy Jeans (Armandos), and others - not to forget the promoter Jim Douglas, who was incredibly helpful. Councilmember Ross indicated he looks forward to doing this again; the only complaint he heard was that there was no Coors light or Bud.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney agreed that the concert was a terrific team effort; she thanked staff and the volunteers that helped support the event. She heard that there was not enough bathrooms and that the porta potties were a little filthy during the course of the event. She also thanked Veronica Nebb for giving her time to the City. Councilmember DeLaney indicated she had concerns with the length of the event and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Overall, she thought it was very successful and was very appreciative to staff and the volunteers.

21. City Council Comments.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias thanked the Concert Ad Hoc Committee and Interim City Manager Simpson for a successful concert, and said she looked forward to seeing the final analysis.

Councilmember Mark Ross expressed his regrets that he will not be able to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26th. He thanked all the Veterans past and present. He also noted that the City's reusable bags came out nice.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney also expressed her regrets that she will not be able to attend the Memorial Day events and expressed her appreciation to all the Veterans who served and are serving now. She also suggested that the entire Council or a committee look into the rail transport issue regarding Bakken (crude oil).

Vice Mayor Menesini agreed with Councilmember DeLaney and stated that it should be calendared for the Public Safety Committee since what is really of concern is the emergency responders. Mayor Schroder suggested that the City gather information so whatever action or statements made are based on facts. He agreed that it was an important issue and that the most important charge of the Council is the safety and security of its citizens. Regardless of the oil issue, he acknowledged there is hazardous material going through the City every day. Councilmember Ross added that the Committee should look at the whole scope of rail safety and not just the tracks in the downtown and the line that goes through the center of the town.

Mayor Rob Schroder reported out on the Alhambra Highlands meeting that was held on Tuesday, May 20th. He indicated that it was well attended and that Councilmember DeLaney was in attendance, as well as East Bay Regional Parks (Bob Doyle, General Manager, Bob Nisbet, Chief of Land Acquisition, Ted Radke, Chair of the Board of Directors), Seth Adams, Save Mount Diablo, representative from the Sierra Club, Robert Hanna, Great Grandson of John Muir, and others. He thought it was a very good meeting, and East Bay Regional Parks District was very helpful. He reported that Mr. Doyle said the first step in the process is the appraisal. Once the appraisal is done, we will know if it is feasible to move forward or not. Mr. Doyle did offer to give the City the three thousand dollars if the Council did not approve the extra funds for the appraisal. Mr. Doyle further stated that his staff would assist with the analysis of the report. Mayor Schroder noted that depending where this item goes, it can become a closed door session.

Councilmember Ross requested an agenda item or a joint meeting with the MUSD on the subject of disposition and acquisition of land.

Mayor Schroder requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dwight Meadows who was a member of LAFCO for over 20 years, he was on the Resource Agency, he was a grape farmer in the East County, grew grapes and he gave a lot to this County. His services will be held on Friday, at 11:00 a.m. at Trilogy in Brentwood.

City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson announced that Tim Tucker just became a grandfather. The Council offered their congratulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:17 p.m. in Memory of Dwight Meadows then to a Regular City Council Meeting on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez California.

Approved by the City Council,