

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

PRESENTATION(S)

Item taken out of Order

B. Proclaiming October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

Mayor Schroder, on behalf of the City Council, read and presented a proclamation proclaiming October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" to Kris Annette Jachens of STAND! For Families Free of Violence. Ms. Jachens thanked the City and reported on the prevalence and impact of domestic violence.

A. Presentation on Measure J, Community Transportation Plan.

City Engineer Tim Tucker introduced Dick Evans, the City's representative on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, to provide a 2014 Countywide Transportation Plan Update.

Mr. Evans reviewed the report, which included the history of the voter-approved Measure C (in 1988) and voter-approved Measure J (in 2004). He also reviewed the accomplishments since 2009, including the Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore, widening of State Route 4, new carpool and merge lanes on I-680, Intermodal Transit Centers, new pedestrian overcrossings, current construction programs such as Highway 4 widening and EBART extension, upcoming projects along with their funding status, program accomplishments, upcoming community meetings, and other public forums. Mr. Evans announced that the public needs to submit comments on the Transportation Plan by November 3rd either by attending the meetings or by sending letters to the Authority at 2099 Oak Road, Walnut Creek. The next meeting will be on October 15th.

Mayor Schroder asked about the scope of the Plan, and Mr. Evans stated it would cover the next three years. Mayor Schroder commented he would like to see a water transportation component.

Councilmember Ross noted the City is submitting comments on the Plan through Transportation Partnership and Cooperation (TRANSPAC). He noted the Plan is intended to balance priorities from both public interest and city planning standpoints.

Councilmember DeLaney requested a list of current and future transportation projects on the next agenda. Mr. Tucker provided a brief update on current projects. Councilmember DeLaney also asked for an update on the road maintenance program.

Vice Mayor Menesini commented on the new Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District legislation and asked that the Council look at it.

Mayor Schroder brought up the need for pedestrian safety enhancements, and Mr. Tucker stated the City is applying for a grant to address that issue.

Julian Frazier noted that he is very concerned about the rail safety issue. Both the volume of material and the speed of the train are big concerns.

C. Presentation on Pickleball.

City Engineer Tim Tucker introduced Ms. Karen Seimson and commented that staff has been working with Ms. Seimson. The Parks, Recreation, Marina, and Cultural Commission has granted approval to do a test project at Hidden Valley Park Tennis Courts.

Ms. Seimson presented a video explaining the sport of pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is played on a shortened tennis court with oversize ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball and is played with two to four players. This sport has caught on especially with the older generation because it is low impact and it is a lot of fun. Ms. Seimson thanked staff for their help getting the courts ready at Hidden Valley Park to make this possible. She reviewed the next steps including, purchase of equipment and clinics. She urged the Council to come and learn how to play.

The Council thanked Ms. Seimson for bringing this to the City.

D. Martinez Home Tour (*added to the agenda*)

Carolyn Duncan and John Curtis announced the 8th Martinez Home Tour on Saturday, October 11th. Funds collected from this event will go towards helping restore the Historic Train Station. Ms. Duncan showed a PowerPoint presentation previewing some of the homes that will be highlighted in the Arlington, Green, Talbart area. Ms. Duncan added that the Masonic Temple, Shell Alumni Museum, Martinez Museum and the John Muir Historical Site will be included in the Home Tour. Tickets are available from merchants downtown and can be purchased online at www.MartinezHomeTour.com.

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

Talbart Howard and Mark Scoto of E3 stated that they announced a clean water remediation technology and demonstrated it on September 30th generating clean water from the Bay. They expressed interest in creating jobs in the City. Mr. Howard recognized Mike Alford for his efforts in making the demonstration possible. Vice Mayor Ross asked about the next step in the City. Mr. Howard stated the next step is to partner with other organizations to create labor and trade skills.

Barbara Kapsalis asked if there were any plans to address the traffic on Shell Ave. and D Street now that the for-lease signs are up for Cascara Canyon. She also asked that a red curb be painted on the corner of Shell Ave. and Terrace Dr. to prevent parking and protect visibility for safety reasons. The Council directed the matter to City Engineer Tim Tucker and Public Works Director Dave Scola.

Yvonne Adams submitted a petition requesting that a street light and speed sign be replaced on Chilpancingo Avenue due to the darkness and the speeding traffic. The remainder of the street lamp that is there is a hazard for a personal injury. The Council directed the matter to City Engineer Tim Tucker and Public Works Director Dave Scola.

Jim Neu asked if the City submitted comments on pipeline safety and rail transport before the deadline, which was yesterday. It was noted that the City has not submitted comments. Mr. Neu asked if the City has been in contact with Union Pacific to address the lack of security and mixed hazardous material storage in rail cars for long periods of time. He further asked whether the contract has been reviewed regarding safety. Vice Mayor Menesini stated that the City Attorney's office is reviewing the lease. Mr. Neu urged the Council to take a stance on this issue soon.

Paul Karsh added his voice to the request that the City join with its neighbors to demand that State and Federal authorities act to reduce the danger of crude-by-rail. He commented on The Rail Safety working group's report that the DOT 111 tank cars currently in use are inadequate and the issue of transport by trucks from the Kinder Morgan terminal in Richmond to the local Tesoro refinery.

Laurel Scott stated that she is very concerned about the transport of Bakken crude oil and stated that it is an accident waiting to happen.

Amiee Durfee, Martinez Environmental Group, requested the Council to take a stand against the crude transport. She asked if the Council is tracking the Valero project in Benicia or the oil terminal being built in Stockton. She urged the Council to get involved and take a stand on the issue.

Ann Sheridan stated that the crude oil transport is a great concern, especially going across the trestle.

Charles Scott stated he would hate to see the City destroyed due to an accident and agreed the City should take steps to protect the community.

Tom Griffith stated that the Martinez Environmental Group sent a resolution to the Council in May, which has not been addressed. He stated this is a national issue with broad concern.

Mark Thomson stated that at the last meeting Council stated that a resolution would be on this agenda and urged the Council to place this issue on a fast track.

Beth Rainsford stated that she is extremely concerned about the transport of oil. She noted it is her understanding there is no evacuation or emergency response plan in case of an explosion. She commented that the hazard might have to be disclosed during home sales, and urged the Council to adopt a resolution to protect the citizens.

Julian Fraizer stated that the Council should have adopted a resolution on the crude oil transport by now.

Talbart Howard noted that there are a few people looking at ways to mitigate the risks of the oil companies. He suggested that water be shipped instead.

Mike Alford noted that the issue and a potential response had been discussed at the meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee.

For the record an email was received from Kristin Henderson.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of September 3, 2014. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 09/15/14 and 09/25/14. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
3. Motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a sixty (60) month lease agreement with Xerox for seven (7) photocopier machines at City facilities. [Kathy Devries/19.03.15]

Item continued to next meeting.

4. Resolution No. 103-14 authorizing destruction of records pertaining to the City Clerk's Office and the Personnel Division of the Administrative Services Department. [M.Cabral/40.10.01]
5. A. Resolution No. 104.14 of Intention to amend the contract between the City of Martinez and the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to enter into an additional 2% % cost sharing agreement (PERS Section 20516) applicable to the 3% @50 formula (PERS Section 21362.2) and the 3% @55 formula (PERS Section 21363.1) for classic local police members.

B. Introduce the PERS Ordinance amending the contract between the PERS Board of Administration and the City of Martinez. [A.Shear/4.5.6&4.5.13]

Mayor Schroder opened Items #1, #2, #4, #5A, and #5B for public comment.

Julian Frazier commented on Item 5, stating that items like this should be considered at times other than during an election cycle.

Assistant City Manager Alan Shear noted that the agreement was adopted three years ago and the resolution was for the implementation of the cost sharing that was agreed to.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Item #A, Items #1, #2, #4, #5 A and B 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.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CITY MANAGER

6. Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Programs Update. [M.Chandler/30.08.00]

Senior Management Analyst Mike Chandler introduced Wesley Dayton, the City's new Sustainability Programs Assistant. Mr. Chandler reviewed the sustainability programs including California Youth Energy Services Program, Beverage Container Recycling and Education Project coordinated with Republic Services, Water Conservation Workshops, Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance implementation and public outreach, municipal infrastructure (LED lights), new electric vehicle charging stations, an Earth Day Booth, and the successful application for a Bike Rack Voucher grant. Mr. Chandler reported on educational workshops, whose topics included sustainability, backyard composting, and multifamily building enhancements. He announced the upcoming Martinez Reuse Roundup to be held on October 25th, which will be held in the Alhambra High School parking lot. Donations will support Christmas for Everyone.

Mayor Schroder thanked Mr. Chandler for his efforts. Councilmember Ross commented on the City's Climate Action Plan efforts, noting Martinez has done more than many other cities. Councilmember DeLaney thanked Mr. Chandler for his work and efforts. Councilmember Avila Farias complimented staff on the idea to hand out the reusable bags at back-to-school day.

Mayor Schroder opened public comment on the Item.

Mike Alford suggested E3 could get involved with the youth education programs and other aspects of the City's work on the Climate Action Plan.

Talbart Howard commented on how E3's technology could be of use to the City's Climate Action Plan.

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

Council discussed and accepted report.

7. City Manager Comments(s)/Update(s)/Reports.

Interim City Manager Jim Jakel stated that the Memorandum of Understanding with East Bay Regional Parks will be going before the Board in November. He announced that an Economic Development Workshop will be held on October 15th, hosted by the Martinez Chamber of Commerce and the East Bay Leadership Council to be held at the Martinez Event Center. More details will be released soon.

City Manager Jakel provided a calendar update including the next Council meeting on October 15th, then Election Day on November 4th, a Council meeting on the 5th and the Mayor's Conference on the 6th.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Councilmember Ross asked Interim Chief Ghisletta if there were any incidents during the Blues Festival. Interim Chief Ghisletta stated that there was only one incident near the end of the event, two or three people were escorted off the shuttle.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

9. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Schroder and Vice Mayor Menesini reported out on the Marina Subcommittee meeting held Tuesday, September 30th. Topics included repairs to the damaged fishing pier and the water testing station. Councilmember Menesini added that staff is looking into other possible upgrades to the piers. Councilmember DeLaney asked if staff has set up meetings with the Department of Finance and the Department of Boating and Waterways to follow up on SB 1424. Mayor Schroder reported a meeting was held a few months ago and the State has not yet responded. Mr. Chandler stated he had contacted Senator Wolk's office and was waiting to hear back.

Councilmember Avila Farias reported that the Public Safety Subcommittee had discussed a resolution to address the crude oil transport issue. The Subcommittee is working with the League of California Cities to determine broader solutions to this complex issue. These cities are joining together to try to figure out what type of legislative work can be done. A resolution will be brought forward, but a broader solution is needed since the City does not have jurisdiction over the railroad. She agreed this is a very important issue and the City's response needs to be carefully planned.

10. City Council Comments.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney announced several events in addition to the Historic Home Tour on October 11th, including the Martinez Restaurant Tour, Cemetery Clean Up, the Shell-sponsored Martinez Education Run on October 4th at 8:30 a.m. with the Pasta Feed the night before, and the Joe DiMaggio Centennial Birthday on November 18th at the Shell Club House.

Councilmember Mark Ross thanked Talbart Howard for his presentation. He reported that the litigation that was filed against the Air District, which was mentioned during public comment, was thrown out of court. He noted that the Air District is working on a resolution regarding the crude oil transport, which may come up at the October 15th meeting.

Vice Mayor Michael Menesini stated that he would support a resolution addressing crude oil transport. He noted the Subcommittee felt the draft resolution was not strong enough and the

City Manager is amending it, in addition to the City's efforts with the League of California Cities. He commented on the importance of ensuring the City's response takes all the facts into account. Vice Mayor Menesini stated it is his hope that the resolution will be on the next agenda. He added that the Cemetery Clean Up is a great event and he adopted former Mayor Schaefer's tradition of bringing beer after the clean up.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias stated that she and other Councilmembers attended the Berrellesa Palms grand opening and noted that it is a phenomenal project and great contribution that Resources for Community Development has brought to Martinez.

Mayor Schroder stated that the Martinis on the Plaza was last Saturday and was sold out. He noted that he and Gay Gerlack were judges. New Ray's won first place, Barrel Age came in second, and Whiskey Lane came in third. He also announced that the Martinez Candidates' Forum will be held on October 7th at the Alhambra High School Performing Arts Building at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Schroder stated that he attended the E3 demonstration and there will be more to come as a result of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:29 p.m. to a Regular City Council Meeting on October 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk – 11/1/14