

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 6:12 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (COMPLETE SPEAKER CARD AND PRESENT IT TO THE CLERK) Comments are limited only to items listed on the Agenda.

No comments were made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion waiving reading of text of all Resolutions and Ordinances.
 - 1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of November 5, and November 19, 2014. [M.Cabral]
 - 2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Register(s) dated 11/20/14. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
 - 3. Resolution No. 117-14 certifying the election results of November 4, 2014. [M.Cabral/40.20.00]

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Vice Mayor, seconded by Mark Ross, Councilmember, to approve Item #A and Items #1 through #3 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.

4. CITY COUNCIL

- A. Departing Remarks from Councilmember Michael Menesini.

Vice Mayor Menesini stated that he was eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Council and enjoyed working with the staff. He acknowledged several past officials and offered his congratulations to Tim Farley, who was elected to the Contra Costa Community College Governing Board, and former Councilmember Gary Hernandez and reminisced on past stories and projects. He expressed his appreciation to the public and the Council for all their past support. He urged the Council to work together on future challenges. He also stated that he was

extremely happy that the waterfront is moving forward and that East Bay Regional Park District approved the City's agreement to build the bridge that will connect the east and west sides of the waterfront.

B. Presentation

Vice Mayor Menesini was presented with a plant and decorative wine holder. Mayor Schroder stated that the other half of the presentation was not ready, but would like to present it to him at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Schroder, on behalf of the Council, read a Certificate of Recognition saluting Michael Menesini for his public service as Councilmember from November 2006 through November 2014.

Mayor Schroder discussed his history with Mr. Menesini, beginning with Mayor Schroder's appointment to the Planning Commission (appointed by Mr. Menesini) and the example he set as a public servant.

Councilmember Mark Ross indicated he was appointed to the Planning Commission by Mr. Menesini (at the same time as Mayor Schroder), and he discussed his subsequent political career, for which he thanked Mr. Menesini.

Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias acknowledged the many milestones achieved by the City during Mr. Menesini's tenure. She expressed appreciation for his service.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney also acknowledged the indelible mark made on the community by Mr. Menesini. She expressed the hope that his accomplishments will not be quickly forgotten.

Mr. Menesini again thanked the Councilmembers for their kind words and wished them well as they continue with their public service. The Council, staff and public gave Mr. Menesini a standing ovation.

5. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS.

Rob Schroder, Mayor
Lara DeLaney, Councilmember
Debbie McKillop, Councilmember

City Clerk Gary Hernandez swore in Mayor elect Rob Schroder, Councilmember elect Lara DeLaney and Councilmember elect Debbie McKillop. They each received a Certificate of Election.

A. Roll Call

AnaMarie Avila Farias - Present
Lara DeLaney, Councilmember - Present
Debbie McKillop, Councilmember - Present
Mark Ross, Councilmember - Present
Rob Schroder, Mayor - Present

B. Opening Remarks by Elected City Officials.

Mayor Rob Schroder welcomed the public and expressed his appreciation to his family for their support through the years and this recent election. He also expressed his appreciation to his in-laws Jim and Carol Hatch, to his many supporters, campaign workers, and to Councilmember Avila Farias, who had him walking neighborhoods at least five days a week for two months. Mayor Schroder stated that election seasons seem to be difficult with emotions running high, and this one was particularly difficult resulting in hurt feelings and personal grudges. He noted that those who ran for office need to work through those issues in order to move the City forward. He indicated the City is fortunate to have its finances in good order with a balanced budget and healthy reserve, but needs to continue to be prudent and budget within its means. At the same time, the Council needs to continue to develop business space, to provide financial stability and growth to allow the City to provide excellent services and to improve the quality of life for all citizens. He encouraged those who did not support his candidacy to work alongside the Council as it moves forward in selecting a new City Manager, in improving the marina, continuing to find ways to pay for needed maintenance of the infrastructure and to develop a comprehensive plan to help those in need, particularly the homeless. He also extended his hand to the next generation of Martinez citizens and encouraged them to get involved.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney thanked the public for attending the meeting tonight. She indicated that this is a time for us to honor public service, particularly the service of one of her colleagues, Mike Menesini, a time to respect our Democracy, and a time to cherish the place we call home, Martinez. Councilmember DeLaney remarked on Michael Menesini's legacy, dedication and service to the community for over 30 years. She expressed her appreciation to her family, fiancé Mark Mendoza and his family, support of her contributors and every person who honored her with their vote. She indicated a special thank you to Gina Zagotta, who never stopped believing, supporting or nagging her to do more. She also expressed many thank yous to her dear friend and walking partner Julie Kelly, who has traversed this City with her over four campaigns. Councilmember DeLaney noted that in the next four years, she would be pursuing the Joe DiMaggio Hometown Hero Project, an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District, the Save Alhambra Hills and keep in mind the needs of our residents south of Highway 4. She noted that the tasks ahead are many, but she is encouraged by this new Council, and she looks forward to working with colleagues, City staff, and the community. She extended her congratulations to Debbi McKillop for her success in this campaign and indicated she looks forward to working with her.

Councilmember Debbie McKillop stated that as she looked around the Chambers she could see the faces of her friends and family, who volunteered their time, encouraged her, walked the City with her and spent an enormous amount of time helping her through this campaign, for which she is extremely grateful. She thanked her family and especially her daughters, Makayla and Bryanna, for supporting her all the way, her parents Richard and Jerri McKillop for encouraging her throughout life and telling her that she could accomplish anything she set her mind to do, her Campaign Manager MaryJo Rossi and the voters who put their faith in her. Councilmember McKillop commented on the many public servants who have gone before, and although she acknowledged there are many challenges ahead, she looks forward to working with her colleagues and staff to meet the demands of this office.

Councilmember Mark Ross welcomed Councilmember McKillop and expressed his congratulations to her, Councilmember DeLaney and Mayor Schroder. Councilmember AnaMarie Avila Farias also congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers. She expressed hoped they can work together and show their leadership to make decisions that are in the best interest of the citizens.

CITY MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE

6. Comment(s)/Update(s)/Report(s).

Acting City Manager Alan Shear stated that on behalf of himself and City staff he conveyed to former Councilmember Menesini his gratitude for years of dedication and commitment to the City and residents. He also offered his congratulations to Councilmembers DeLaney and McKillop and Mayor Schroder and said he looks forward to working with the new Council.

Interim Chief of Police Eric Ghisletta expressed his congratulations to the new and re-elected Mayor and Councilmembers, and he stated that Councilmember Menesini will be missed.

CITY COUNCIL

7. City Council Comments.

Mayor Rob Schroder requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of retired Police Officer Dan Lynch who passed away on November 26th. Dan Lynch was hired by the Police Department in December of 1982 and retired November 30, 2007 after 25 years of service with the City.

ADJOURNMENT - RECEPTION

Adjourned at 6:51 p.m. in memory of Retired Police Officer Dan Lynch, then to a reception in honor of newly elected and former elected officials, then to a Regular City Council Meeting on December 3, 2014, beginning with Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Office; reconvene 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 – 12/17/14