

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m. with all members present except Councilmember Ross and Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy who arrived after roll call.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code.
Agency Designated Representatives: Philip Vince, City Manager; Alan Shear, Asst. City Manager, and Fran Buchanan, IEDA.
Employee Organization: Laborers International Union of No. American, Local #324; Martinez Police Non-Sworn Employees Association; and Martinez Police Officers Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments are limited only to Items listed on the agenda)

There being no comments, the Council adjourn to closed session in the City Manager's Office.

RECONVENE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Schroder reported that a closed session was held regarding labor negotiations pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code, and direction was given to the City's negotiators.

PRESENT: Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, Michael Menesini, Councilmember, Mark Ross, Councilmember, Janet Kennedy, Vice Mayor, and Rob Schroder, Mayor.

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION

- A. Local Action Items for Disaster Recovery Planning.

The presentation was made by Danielle Hutchings, Earthquake and Hazards Program Coordinator, for the Association of Bay Area Governments. She spoke on long-term disaster recovery, which can take up to two years for a community to be fully restored. Ms. Hutchings reviewed 10 action steps for cities to accomplish prior to a disaster.

Ms. Hutchings emphasized the need for officials and staff to communicate city efforts to the community during the disaster recovery period and provided ABAG's website for further information and instructions: <http://quake.abag.ca.gov>.

Councilmember Ross thanked Ms. Hutchings and expressed hope that staff would be able to follow up on the action steps. He agreed that disasters are a real concern.

Councilmember Menesini also thanked Ms. Hutchings for the presentation and pointed out that FEMA funds had helped to build the current City Hall.

Vice Mayor Kennedy thanked Ms. Hutchings and encouraged everyone to visit ABAG's website for many helpful tips.

Councilmember DeLaney stressed that it was important for individuals and families to prepare for disasters because the City would not be able to help right away. Ms. Hitchings agreed and stated that ABAG's website addresses this as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Tamara Schultz introduced the Alhambra Hills Open Space Committee and members. Ms. Schultz stated that this was a new committee formed to purchase the Alhambra Highlands/Hills as open space for perpetuity. She indicated that they are working to encourage environmental land acquisition groups, as well as to raise funds to help with the acquisition costs. She noted that they have a Facebook page called the "Alhambra Hills Open Space Committee;" their e-mail address is ahosc@att.net. Ms. Schultz encouraged all those who want to save open space for future generations to come and help; she expressed that they would like to assist the City in any way to achieve this endeavor.

Samar Carrillo and Sandy Evans expressed frustration that the Marina Skate Park does not allow bikes to use the park, and urged the Council to build a bike park. Mayor Schroder suggested that they go before the Parks, Recreation, Marina, & Cultural Commission and suggested that there may be funds that can be set aside from Measure H. Councilmember Menesini directed staff to contact the City's insurance to provide an update on what the City can do in terms of incorporating the bikes at the skateboard park.

Mike Alford reported that Walmart would like to expand their store to include groceries which will bring more jobs to the community. Mr. Alford commented on the new entrance to the City on Marina Vista which looks sharp and has provided a new image to the downtown, and he congratulated the Council for bringing the City back to life.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

*Council recessed at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m. with all members present.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of March 2, 2011 *as corrected*. [M.Cabral]

2. Motion accepting Check Reconciliation Register dated 03/17/11, 03/24/11, and 03/31/11. [C.Spinella/2.1.1]
3. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1363 C.S. amending the Martinez Municipal Code Title 3, Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.36, Informal Bidding Procedures under the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act to incorporate the revised monetary limits adopted by the California Legislature in regards to the bidding of public construction contracts. [M.Chandler/10.12.03]
4. Resolution No. 029-11 establishing the rate per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. [T.Tucker/10.06.06]
5. Resolution No. 030-11 accepting the Nancy Boyd Park Improvements Project per contract documents and instruct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion. [D.Salts/11.06.00]
6. Resolution No. 031-11 authorizing the placement of the classification of Police Captain and the classification of Police Lieutenant into the Martinez Management Compensation Plan - Division B: Sworn Employees. [A.Shear/04.05.02]

Councilmember DeLaney made a correction to the March 2nd minutes; under Council Comments, Page 5, to the year Proposition 19 was on the ballot which was in 2010 not 2008 as indicated.

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, to approve Items #1 through #6 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CITY MANAGER

7. Zocchi Building Site: [M.Austin/5.23.00]
 - A. Motion to direct staff to work with vendor of the City Council's choice to negotiate a lease agreement with the City for use of the 48,000 sq. ft. building located on the Zocchi property - 360 Ferry Street; and
 - B. Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to expend up to \$10,000 for development of a lease agreement for use of the Zocchi Building with Universal Sports Academy as described in their proposal to the City; and
 - C. Motion directing staff to work with the other vendor not chosen for the 48,000 facility to explore use of the 30,000 sq. ft. building or other location for a sports facility on City property.

Mitch Austin, Recreation Manager, presented the staff report.

Mr. Austin described what staff had been discussing with the vendors since the last meeting. He noted that both vendors have now expressed interest in specific properties--Universal Sports Academy is now interested in the 48,000 sq. ft. facility, and California Court Side is interested in the 30,000 sq. ft. facility. He also noted that the retrofit costs were now included in the development costs, and that the City was looking at a shorter lease agreement--15 years as opposed to 20. He summarized the proposed uses for each of the buildings and described the practical next steps that would need to occur for both projects.

Dan Middleton and Steve Sutich, California Court Side LLC, presented a revised proposal, discussing the new name, different building features, the new local focus of their project, and an update on their financial backing. They also described a similar venue they managed in Beaverton.

Vice Mayor Kennedy asked what area most of their teams were from; Mr. Sutich stated most were in a 10- to 20-mile radius, though some were as far away as 40 miles.

Councilmember DeLaney thanked Mr. Middleton and Mr. Sutich for their presentation and asked if the smaller building presented any limitations for their proposal, and Mr. Sutich stated that ventilation is a concern. Councilmember Ross asked for some details on the exterior of their building, which they provided. Councilmember DeLaney also expressed some concern about the addition of the cafe, and the competitive effect this would have on downtown businesses and Mr. Middleton clarified that it would be very small. Mayor Schroder stated that he was pleased to see how this was turning out. Councilmember Ross asked about access safety with the train intersection nearby, and Mr. Austin stated that would be addressed during the traffic and parking study. Councilmember Menesini discussed some possible issues.

Skip Ray and Glen Salling of Universal Sports Academy stated that they were still committed financially and that their goals and focus were the same.

Mayor Schroder opened the item for public comment.

Mike Alford commended the Council for their foresight in acquiring the locations. He stated that this is a win-win situation and encouraged the Council to develop both locations.

Steve Thurston encouraged the Council to work with the sports facilities instead of waiting on a grant that may never come.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara DeLaney, Councilmember, directing staff to work with Universal Sports Academy to negotiate a lease agreement with the City for use of the 48,000 sq. ft. building located on the Zocchi property--360 Ferry Street; and to work with California Courtside (not chosen for the 48,000 facility) to explore use of the 30,000 sq. ft. building or other location for a sports facility on City property; and approving Resolution No. 032-11 authorizing the City Manager to expend up to \$10,000 for development of a lease agreement for use of the Zocchi Building with Universal Sports Academy as described in their proposal to the City. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

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

No comments made.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief of Police Gary Peterson provided a progress report on the Neighborhood Policing Initiative: The Department has divided the City into 24 areas and have assigned officers to each area; a map is up on the City's website which shows each area and the officers' email addresses; and the officers have started making contact with residents in order to fully develop the program.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

10. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy announced that she and Councilmember Lara DeLaney will be attending Policy Committee meetings for the League of California Cities in Ontario. She commended all those who worked on the "Swan Day," a women's art festival, and thanked staff for providing a building for the event. Vice Mayor Kennedy announced the 30th Anniversary with Martinez's Sister City, Dunbar, Scotland, and they have asked people from Martinez to send messages via email. She thanked the City Manager, Asst. City Manager, and the IT Manager Kathy Devries for setting up a Facebook page called "Martinez Dunbar."

Councilmember Lara DeLaney requested that she had a discussion with the City Manager and Public Works Director about an idea from a local resident who performs energy audits on homes. She indicated that she would like to bring this issue to the attention of the public by having a workshop on the possibilities of making energy improvements to their homes and suggested adding earthquake retrofits as a component; the Council agreed to the workshop. Councilmember DeLaney commended Mitch Austin for his article in Marina Dock Age regarding the marina improvements and the progress the City is making. City Manager Vince added that he has spoken to the Chamber of Commerce and they look forward to collaborating together on this project.

Councilmember Mark Ross indicated that he would like to see the Repair and Reconstruction Ordinance that was suggested in the "Disaster Recovery" presentation be introduced and adopted. He also suggested that an additional workshop or perhaps another component to the energy improvements workshop would be disaster preparedness, discussing what the City, businesses, and residents should do to be prepared for earthquakes and other disasters.

Councilmember Michael Menesini urged the public to help Japan victims. Councilmember Menesini stated that he spoke with Assembly Member Susan Bonilla about the marina and how much it has cost the City in pulling permits, and she seems very much interested in helping the

City negotiate its way through this situation. Councilmember Menesini stated that he would like to develop a presentation, with the help of staff, for Assembly Member Bonilla and solicited Council support in developing the presentation. He also suggested that the City enlist the support of Warren Rupf. Councilmember Menesini complimented Dave Scola for retaining the Magic Shop in downtown Martinez, and he announced a Craft Beer Festival on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lara DeLaney noted that the City has received funds from corporate partners to help with the 4th of July fireworks. She especially thanked Allied Waste, Praxair, CBS Outdoors, and Shell.

Vice Mayor Janet Kennedy wished Mayor Schroder a Happy Birthday (April 8th).

Mayor Schroder requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Police Dog Canto who died on March 26th from pneumonia; he belonged to Officer Ian Leong.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. *in memory of Police Dog "CANTO"* then to a Regular Meeting on April 20, 2011, 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 - 5/4/2011