

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Mayor Schroder called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

EXCUSED: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATION

A. Proclamation honoring Alan Pellegrini on his Retirement.

Mayor Schroder read and presented Alan Pellegrini, Water Superintendent, with a proclamation recognizing his 30 years of service to the City; and he reviewed the many accomplishments Mr. Pellegrini achieved while working for the City. Mayor Schroder declared December 5th as Alan Pellegrini Day. The Council expressed their congratulations to Mr. Pellegrini. Mr. Pellegrini expressed his appreciation to the City and his staff, who will carry on the work with an excellent water system.

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

Dr. Norman McDonald expressed concern about the lack of a location to dispose of medical sharps, and suggested that the City contact the Sanitary District to see how they handle sharps.

Mike Alford expressed concern for the room capacity at the County hospital and the lack of doctors. He urged the Council to try to remedy the situation.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION WAIVING READING OF TEXT OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES.

1. Motion approving City Council Minutes of November 14, 2012. [M.Cabral]
2. Motion approving Check Reconciliation Registers dated 11/29/12. [C.Spinella/2.1.0]
3. Motion adopting Ordinance No. 1367 C.S. the Martinez Municipal Code Title 9, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare by adding Chapter 9.58 Aggressive Solicitation (panhandling). [G.Peterson/4.8.12]

4. Resolution No. 122-12 authorizing destruction of City records pertaining to the City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office and the Police Department. [M.Cabral/40.10.01]
5. Resolutions for out of Agency Water Service: [T.Tucker/15.01.02&15.08.00]
- A. Resolution No. 123-12 reaffirming the City Council intent to pursue annexations within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) in the unincorporated Alhambra Valley area; and
- B. Resolution No. 124-12 authorizing the City Engineer to execute Agreements to Extend Water Service to Property Located outside the City Limits.
7. Resolution No. 126-12 certifying the election results for the November 6, 2012 Consolidated General Election. [M.Cabral/40.20.03]

Councilmember DeLaney requested that Item #6 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, seconded by Mark Ross, Vice Mayor, to approve Items #1 through #5 and Item #7 of the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

6. Resolution No. 125-12 accepting the Rankin Aquatic Complex Project per contract documents and instructing the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion. [D.Salts/10.05.03&11.04.03]

Councilmember Lara DeLaney commended staff for their excellent work on the Rankin pool and park, delivered on time and under budget.

Vice Mayor Mark Ross echoed Councilmember DeLaney's comments about the excellent work provided by staff.

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

On motion by Michael Menesini, Councilmember, seconded by Lara Delaney, Councilmember, to approve Resolution No. 125-12 accepting the Rankin Aquatic Complex Project per contract documents and filing a Notice of Completion. Motion unanimously passed 5 - 0.

CEREMONIAL:

- * Comments from departing Councilmember Janet Kennedy
- * Presentation to Councilmember Kennedy
- * Swearing in of Elected Officials:
 - City Clerk Richard Hernandez
 - City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson
 - City Councilmember Anamarie Avila Farias
 - City Councilmember Mark Ross
- * Opening Remarks from Elected Officials.

Mayor Schroder noted that it was Councilmember Kennedy's last meeting and reflected on her service to the City with the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, and her ten years as a member of the City Council.

Councilmember Kennedy recognized Mike Alford for his perfect attendance at Council meetings, and she gave him an award. She reflected on her past service, experience, and lessons learned from her time on the Council, and she asked that the public work with the Council to resolve issues and strive for peace rather than discord. Councilmember Kennedy also expressed her appreciation to her family and friends, colleagues on the dais and the citizens of Martinez for their support and encouragement. She presented each Councilmember and newly-elected Councilmember Avila Farias with a departing gift.

Mayor Schroder, on behalf of the Council, presented Councilmember Kennedy with a proclamation for her public service on the Council, December 2002 through December 2012, subcommittees, League of California Cities, Association of Bay Area Governments, Council on Homelessness, Habitat for Humanity, and AAUW, and he declared December 5th as Janet Kennedy Day. Councilmember Kennedy acknowledged staff and expressed her appreciation for all their hard work.

As a departing gift, Councilmember Kennedy was presented a collage of pictures of the City of Martinez.

Presentations:

Officer Dave Mathers, on behalf of the Martinez Police Officers Association (MPOA), presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Councilmember Kennedy for her dedication and support to Public Safety and the MPOA.

Satinder Mahli, on behalf of Senator DeSaulnier, presented a Certificate of Recognition in honor of Janet Kennedy's many years of dedication to the City and the community.

Mark Herbert, on behalf of Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her leadership, community services and dedication to the citizens of Martinez.

Paul Adler, on behalf of County Supervisor Federal Glover and Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, presented a Certificate of Recognition for her exemplary leadership and dedication to public service especially her advocacy for the homeless. Mr. Adler indicated that Supervisor Glover stated that she was one of the more helpful people to call upon and he appreciated Councilmember Kennedy's work over the last year and more important her friendship.

Marie Knutson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, presented a bouquet of flowers to Councilmember Kennedy for all her assistance and contributions over the past years.

The Council expressed their appreciation to Councilmember Kennedy and shared a few memories from her past tenure: Vice Mayor Ross commented on her dependability and her faithfulness to her convictions. Councilmember DeLaney commended her for her passion, her fairness and her commitment to the community. Councilmember Menesini expressed appreciation for her friendship and her contribution to the City.

Mayor Schroder discussed her strong community ties and the unique perspective she brought to the Council. He thanked her for her service.

Deputy City Clerk Mercy Cabral swore in re-elected City Clerk Richard Hernandez. City Clerk Hernandez swore in re-elected City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson.

City Clerk Hernandez swore in newly elected Councilmember Anamarie Avila Farias and re-elected Councilmember Mark Ross.

Opening Remarks:

Councilmember Anamarie Avila Farias expressed her appreciation to the community and looked forward to working with City staff and her new colleagues. She commended retiring Councilmember Kennedy for her service and the example she gave. She also expressed her appreciation to her family for their support in her campaign and in her new role.

Vice Mayor Mark Ross expressed his congratulations to Councilmember Avila Farias and provided some colleague's advice about dealing with challenges and being open to new ideas. Vice Mayor Ross stated that he is excited for the future and thanked the public for their continued support.

City Treasurer Carolyn Robinson reviewed her responsibilities and recent accomplishments, and she expressed her appreciation to staff for all their hard work and willingness to make the necessary budget cuts, as well as the public who voted for her. She stated she was honored to serve the City of Martinez.

City Clerk Gary Hernandez commented on his years of service and expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Kennedy for her friendship that he values and to the Council as a whole for all their efforts. He also thanked Deputy City Clerk Mercy Cabral for her hard work and all those who supported him.

CITY MANAGER

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

City Manager Philip Vince complimented Public Works Superintendent Bob Cellini and the public works crew for all their efforts in preparing before the storm.

CHIEF OF POLICE

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

Chief of Police Gary Peterson expressed his appreciation to Janet Kennedy for the dialogue and her genuine concern for neighborhood safety issues and for the support given to the Police Department.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES

CITY COUNCIL

10. Council Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Schroder stated that at the December 19th meeting, he will be presenting a proposal for reorganization of the subcommittees and ad hoc committees, as well as appointing the Vice Mayor.

11. City Council Comments.

Vice Mayor Ross spoke on the closing of the fire station in Martinez and asked if, or how, the Council can help to keep it open.

Councilmember DeLaney congratulated all those re-elected and welcomed the newly elected Councilmember Avila Farias; she indicated she looks forward to working together.

Mayor Schroder announced that it was Lara DeLaney's, his wife Susanne's and Carolyn Robinson's birthday and requested that everyone sing them Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Menesini congratulated Anamarie Avila Farias, Carolyn Robinson and Gary Hernandez.

Mayor Schroder requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Louise Fisher, Retired City employee, (1957-1992) who passed away on October 11, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. in memory of retired employee *Louise Fisher* then to a Regular City Council meeting on December 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA.

Approved by the City Council,

Rob Schroder, Mayor

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