



CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

12:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY NOTICE - The City of Martinez has set up a page on our website for the latest updates and helpful resources to help slow the spread of COVID-19 at: <https://martinezcityofca.prod.govaccess.org/government/coronavirus-covid-19>

As a precaution to protect public health and safety, and pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video/Teleconference only. Please refer to <https://martinezcityofca.prod.govaccess.org/government/meetings-and-agendas> for specific instructions and proper protocol during the virtual meeting.

For this particular meeting, please join us by choosing any of the following options:

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The City Council may discuss and/or take action on any or all of the items listed on the Agenda, irrespective of how the items are described.

ALL TO ORDER (OPEN SESSION)

ROLL CALL - Councilmembers Debbie McKillop, Mark Ross, Brianne Zorn;
Vice Mayor Lara DeLaney, Mayor Rob Schroder

PUBLIC COMMENT - Reserved for Closed Session Items Only

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION)

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (Government Code Sec. 54956.8)
Property: 820 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, CA
Negotiating Parties: Acting City Manager Michael Chandler, Acting Assistant City Manager Lauren Sugayan, City Attorney Terri Highsmith and Matt Hatfield, Senior Director, Tri Commercial.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
2. Public Employment (Government § 54957)
Title: Chief of Police

ADJOURNMENT - Adjourn to a Regular City Council meeting on October 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. I hereby certify this City Council Closed Session Agenda was publicly notified by 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2022.

Kat Galileo, Assistant City Clerk

Information for the Public

Any public record concerning an agenda item that is distributed to all or a majority of the City Council less than 72 hours before the meeting at which the item will be discussed or considered shall be available for inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's desk on the second floor of City Hall, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, California 94553, and in the public binder at the meeting.

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted. Staff reports are available for review in the City Clerk's Office prior to the City Council Meeting and/or at the City Council Meeting; staff reports are available on the City's website at www.cityofmartinez.org.

The Mayor accepts Public Comment on Agenda Items as they are discussed. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda can be addressed during the "Public Comment" portion of the meetings (kindly limit comments to 3 minutes on any one item). If you wish to be identified for the record, please state your name and present a Speaker Card to the Clerk.

The public is invited to attend Public Hearings and take the opportunity to speak. In accordance with Section 65009 of the California Government Code, anyone wishing to challenge action taken on any of these items in Court may be limited to raising only those issues he/she or someone else raised at the described Public Hearing or in written correspondence addressed and delivered to the City at or prior to the hearing.

AD HOC HOMELESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The ADHOC HOMELESS SUBCOMMITTEE consisting of Council Members, **Brianne Zorn** and **Lara Delaney**, have initiated the possible relocation of the marina homeless encampment to a downtown location.

So, the City of Martinez is doubling down on this failed approach by negotiating for the purchase of a historic downtown building located at 820 Alhambra Avenue, approximately a block away from Main Street, apparently for the purpose of relocating the Marina homeless encampment into our downtown business district. Who will pay for this misadventure? Eden House and RCD (Berrellessa Palms) that house economically challenged individuals are primarily supported with State and Federal funds. The City of Martinez without partnerships and without entities that can provide services (including possibly conservatorship (as per Governor Gavin Newsom's new **CARE** law) will perpetrate the same untenable homeless crisis that we currently endure.

See attachment.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

As an Assistant District Attorney, I have worked as a point person, for District Attorney Kamala Harris and other District Attorneys, in programs instituted in San Francisco by Governor (then Mayor) Gavin Newsom, **Project Homeless Connect** and Alameda's County's **Stand Down** initiated by Judge Hyde.

These highly effective programs emphasized connecting the homeless populations to services such as job counseling, mental health counseling, drug abuse counseling along with medical assistance and personal grooming needs. The salient characteristic of these programs was the establishment of partnerships with private non-profits, business organizations and various governmental agencies. They often employed a carrot and stick approach to encourage, if encouragement was needed, meaningful participation.

The City of Martinez, to say the least, is not equipped to engage in addressing these very complex challenges. A homeless encampment established on the fly in our Marina Amphitheatre has and is a recipe for disaster ... for the folks encamped and our community at large. There is no mechanism for connecting these individuals to the services they need to move on with their lives and there are no partnerships with governmental agencies or private entities to provide meaningful services. We need to partner with surrounding cities, non-profits, the County Counsel (who is responsible for establishing conservatorships), Human Services (who can provide social workers and others to address dysfunctional behavior at the County Hospital and other locations), and the District Attorney's Office.

Services and partnerships are noticeably absent at the encampment in our Marina Amphitheatre (apart from portable showers and the like).