

MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2010
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
City of Martinez
Martinez Event Center, 536 Main Street

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in Martinez, California, by Conference Chair Ed Balico. David Rounds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Davis, Antioch
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood
Mayor Stratford, Clayton
Mayor Bjerke, Concord
Mayor Doyle, Danville
Mayor Abelson, El Cerrito
Mayor Valstad, Hercules
Mayor Andersson, Lafayette
Mayor Schroder, Martinez
Mayor Chew, Moraga
Mayor Anderson, Oakley
Councilmember Worth, Orinda
Councilmember Murray, Pinole
Vice Mayor Kee, Pittsburg
Mayor Mitchoff, Pleasant Hill
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon
Vice Mayor Silva, Walnut Creek

1. FEATURED PROGRAMS:

David Rounds, Publisher of the Contra Costa Times, addressed the Conference discussing issues facing the newspaper industry in general as well as the Bay Area News Group and the Contra Costa Times as a result of the current economic downturn and from changes occurring as a result of wide-spread news information now being available free on the world-wide web. Mr. Rounds also highlighted the various platforms (both newsprint and electronic) which will be used by the Times in the future to disseminate news information.

2. League of California Cities Activities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative

Mr. Figueroa addressed the Conference highlighting the importance of newspapers in providing detailed coverage of local government issues.

3. Chair's Time

Chair Balico deferred his time to Contra Costa Transportation Authority representatives who updated the Conference that the Authority will be pursuing placement of a vehicle registration fee on the November ballot and a draft expenditure plan will be developed during the next month and then circulated to cities for feedback.

Senator Mark DeSaulnier addressed the Conference reporting that it is anticipated that AB155 (re municipalities needing to get State approval prior to filing for bankruptcy) will be moved to an inactive status next week.

4. County Supervisor's Time

Supervisor Uilkema welcomed the Conference to District 2.

5. Mayors' Time

San Ramon Mayor Wilson proposed, rather than placing AB155 into an inactive status, that it go away altogether.

Lafayette Mayor Andersson advised the Conference that former Lafayette Mayor Bill Chilcote recently passed away.

Martinez Mayor Schroder read a statement to the Conference explaining the purpose of the recent letter he signed as a LAFCO member relative to Brentwood ballot Measure F to amend the urban limit line. He stated the intent of the letter was to clarify the LAFCO process and he neither supported nor opposed the ballot measure nor did he intend the letter be used for campaign purposes. Concord Councilmember and LAFCO member Allen voiced her agreement with Mayor Schroder's statement.

6. Public Communications

Rob Brown, Executive Director of Save Mount Diablo, also read a statement and submitted a letter to the Conference expressing concern and questioning whether the Conference was ok with the Conference's two representatives to LAFCO making veiled threats to residents of Brentwood that, if they did not approve ballot Measure F, the property could be moved to Antioch's sphere of influence area. He further questioned whether it was their role to pit one city against another city.

Concord Councilmember and LAFCO representative Allen voiced her disagreement with Mr. Brown's comments.

Conference Chair Balico indicated the letter does not represent the views of the Conference on this issue and he indicated the matter would be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

7. Welcome to Martinez by Mayor Rob Schroder

Martinez Mayor Rob Schroder welcomed the Conference to the newly-established Martinez Event Center and he introduced former Martinez mayors and current councilmembers and staff.

8. Adjourn to July 1 meeting in Pinole

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular Conference meeting to be held in Pinole on July 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director