

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 28, 2020

NOTE: Due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 in which Section 3 supersedes Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (issued on March 12, 2020) addressing Brown Act regulations. This new order states that the City does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. The Order allows the City to hold City Council meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting electronically.

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor, the City Council meeting was closed to the public. Members of the public were able to view/listen to the live City Council meeting broadcast on the City's website. Public comments were submitted electronically by emailing duarteinfo@accessduarte.com before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment. Emailed public comments were read into the record.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Community Facilities Financing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting by teleconference in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Kang called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (left at 8:04 p.m.), Lewis,
Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Urias, Kang

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang
NOES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victoria Rocha presented announcements provided by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, including COVID-19, May events, and Dine-In Duarte event, and community announcements including Parks and Recreation programs, virtual Recreation Center and Workshops, and senior food bank.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Urias seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote.

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Approve Items A, B, C, E, F, G, H.

Remove Item D.

AYES: Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang

NOES: None

Item G – Ordinance No. 897
Second reading of adoption

ORDINANCE NO. 897 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUARTE IMPOSING A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION (Second Reading of Adoption)

ITEM REMOVED
Item D – Notice of Completion
Elecnor Belco Electric

Hensley answered questions from Councilmembers about the project and new signals. Fasana stated he would like to see a map of what has been done and what remains to be done regarding traffic signals, and to include information about signals for those who are sight-impaired.

ITEM D – APPROVED

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to accept the Traffic Signal Battery Backup System (Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc.), and to authorize the City Clerk to initiate the notice of completion, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang

NOES: None

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

JORDAN: Stated we received notice that City Council Aide Jeremy Pascua will be moving on, and his last meeting with us will be May 12.

LEWIS: Attended the testing process at the San Gabriel Valley airport.

REILLY: Inquired about the status of the Climatec project and the mixed use project (Hensley responded), inquired about virus testing and results at the senior facilities in Duarte (Jordan responded), and stated she would like to have a discussion at the next meeting about sending a letter to the Governor asking to re-open as soon as possible within reason. (Cosgrove suggested it could be considered when we review the emergency declaration).

FASANA: Thanked the Mayor for the PPE supplies provided to our facilities, thanked staff and the Mayor for arranging the call to the County, expressed his feelings and observations about the pandemic situation, stated Metro will offer free parking for stations that are less than 30% filled on weekends, we will soon have to decide about the 3rd/4th of July event, asked if staff could look at Senator Rubio's latest bill (AB 2364) regarding requirements for the State Water Board, and stated the guidelines from the health experts are evolving, and our facilities are being cooperative.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she is looking forward to what the Governor and County Supervisors will decide about re-opening,

once the new date is set for the roll-out and re-opening, we will need to give our businesses a heads up, thanked the Chamber for the banner program, thanked staff for volunteering at Foothill Unity, asked if the Mayor would consider possibly establishing an ad hoc committee with Councilmembers or task force to focus on COVID-19 and plans to re-open, discussed reconnecting with residents and virtual visits with Duarte leaders, and stated she will be doing a test run with the Woman's Club this week for a few conversational items and Q&A.

FINLAY: Congratulated the Chamber and City for the banner program, the dining event on Saturday worked out well, discussed L.A. Times article about sprawl saving lives, stated the Education Foundation will be working to try to help high school graduation, thanked staff for smoothing out the bike path, stated when people are walking on Royal Oaks Drive at Mt. Olive and Royal Oaks Drive North, they have to walk on the street, inquired about opening that section of the bike path, and stated in Hawaii, a \$5,000 fine was issued for parking in a beach lot.

URIAS: Inquired about virus testing in Duarte, suggested promoting the availability of virus testing on our social platforms, and asked that staff bring back information about it.

KANG: Discussed working with other Councilmembers and the Supervisor's office regarding two convalescent homes in Duarte, stated all patients and workers have now been tested, discussed shortage of PPE, flattening the curve, and need for more testing, stated there are a number of shopping carts around town that are being occupied by homeless persons, suggested we could perhaps visit the ordinance again (Cosgrove discussed legislation about shopping carts, and stated we could agendize the issue with recommendations), thanked the Duarte Community Service Council and Foothill Unity for doing a great job, wished Jeremy good luck and stated he has been very helpful, and asked if we could get the names of people who have passed away in Duarte due to the virus, so we can adjourn in their memory.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kang adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. in memory of Nora Luna, Greg "Bobby" Prodigalidad, and Frank Samson.

Mayor Samuel Kang

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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