

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 25, 2017

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 in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Pro Tem Fasana called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Finlay (arrived prior to the Closed Session, left at 9:59 p.m.) ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Kang moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to adjourn in memory of Joannie Yuille, and carried with Finlay not present.
CLOSED SESSION Real Property Negotiations	There was no public input. Cosgrove announced the Closed Session was a conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Negotiating parties: City of Duarte and prospective buyers or lessees; City negotiators: Darrell George, Craig Hensley; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning property at 1735 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-011-074. The Closed Session concluded at 6:55 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:12 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Lillian Cabral led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	Cosgrove reported that City Council met in Closed Session to discuss real property negotiations, and gave direction to the negotiators, with no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS Proclamation – Rotary Month	Mayor Finlay read and presented the Proclamation for “May is Rotary Club of Duarte Month” to Lydia Carswell, Steve Hernandez, and Brian Villalobos. Ms. Carswell provided additional information about the history of the Duarte Rotary Club and its motto “The Mouse That Roared.”
Youth/Family Committee Annual Report Card	Cesar Monsalve introduced Lillian Cabral, Steve Hernandez, and Adam Knight, who presented the Annual Report Card about

the Youth and Family Master Plan, including its development, action steps, themes, implementation, highlights, outcomes, and goals.

Chamber Quarterly Report

Tina Carey, Duarte Chamber, presented the Quarterly Report for January – March 2017, including seminars, events, business visits, and membership activity.

Public Safety update

Sgt. Dave Kearney and Brian Villalobos presented the monthly public safety update, including recent incidents in and around Duarte. City Council asked that a delegation from the City go to Sacramento to lobby on behalf of CalGRIP funding. Mayor Finlay stated she would like monthly meetings to be held with Temple Station Captain Flores and any other deputies he feels should be included, to provide and receive updated information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber seminar in April, and Taste of Duarte in May.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced classes and programs in April, and amnesty fine-free month in May.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, programs, fundraisers, and workshops from April – July.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Joan Schmidt – Award, Napolitano event, gang injunction.

Sheryl Lefmann – Reconsider gang injunction.

Kyle Shea – Duarte Transit program.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

Kang moved, Fasana seconded to add attendance at the 2017 NLC Summer Board/Leadership Meeting, June 19-21, 2017, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Item 12.O (Conference Attendance), and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Kang moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, I, L, M, O.

Remove Items F, G, H, J, K, N.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item F – Contract for Chamber
Tenant Improvements

Cosgrove stated it has been determined by the Community Development Department that the low bidder's bid was non-conforming and is not eligible, and the next low bidder's amount is substantially higher than staff's estimate, so the recommendation is to reject all bids, rework the specifications for the job, and to rebid the project at a later date.

ITEM F – NOT APPROVED

Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to reject all bids submitted for Duarte Chamber of Commerce Tenant Improvements (1735 Huntington Drive), and carried unanimously.

Item G – Contract for Site Clearance at 1303 Huntington Drive
Budget Amendment \$47,000

David Eoff IV, Associate Planner, presented a staff report and answered questions about the item.

ITEM G – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to award the contract to Resource Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$47,000 for Site Clearance and Abatement at 1303 Huntington Drive, and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$47,000 from the General Fund, and carried unanimously.
Item H– Law Enforcement Grant	Brian Villalobos presented a staff report about the item.
ITEM H – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the use of the 2017/18 State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) for front line law enforcement services, specifically, the City of Duarte’s Motorcycle Deputy and Special Event over-time patrols, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.
Item J – MOUs with employees Council Bill 17-R-27 Employer’s Contribution/Medical	Council Bill 17-R-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION AT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 22892(b) Kristen Petersen presented a staff report about the item.
ITEM J – APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 17-27	Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to approve Memorandums of Understanding with the City of Duarte employees (Service Employees International Union, Local 721), and to adopt Resolution No. 17-27, and carried unanimously.
Item K – Notice of Completion Paint Curb Address Numbers	Yesenia Serna, Community Development Technician, presented a staff report and answered questions about the item.
ITEM K – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to accept the Citywide Paint Curb Address Paint Numbers project (Care for the Children), and to authorize the City Clerk to initiate the Notice of Completion, and carried unanimously.
Item N – Agreement with LDM CDBG Services	Yesenia Serna, Community Development Technician, presented a staff report.
ITEM N – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve a Professional Services Agreement with LDM Associates, Inc., for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administrative professional services, effective July 1, 2017, and to authorize minor modifications to the agreement in a manner and form approved by the City Attorney in order to accommodate final CDBG funding allocations and/or as needed due to programmatic interpretations by the L.A. County Community Development Commission, and carried unanimously.
BUSINESS ITEM Foothill Transit Community Plan	Kristen Petersen presented a detailed staff report about a joint partnership between the City of Duarte and Foothill Transit, including background, electric buses, cost, program requirements,

services, bus stop improvements, fares, student riders, and TAP cards.

Kevin McDonald and Doran Barnes, Foothill Transit, were present to provide additional information and answer questions from City Councilmembers, and stated if approved, this would be an innovative and creative partnership and process.

Steve Hernandez discussed bus service provided by the School District.

There was discussion about connecting to rail, electric buses vs. CNG, composite bus frames, on-peak/off-peak TAP process, replacement of buses, branding/look of the vehicles, battery warranties, recharge location, fare boxes, discounts, revenue/fare structure, fare subsidy, vendors, and current infrastructure.

Mayor Finlay asked that the topic of a fare subsidy be sent to a Commission to provide staff and Council with general feedback and an overall opinion.

Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to designate \$1.6 million in Prop A funds towards the purchase of two electric buses, to have a discussion about the fare subsidy at a later date, and to authorize staff to bring back a Memorandum of Understanding with Foothill Transit for a joint partnership to provide, operate, and maintain transit services throughout the City, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

PARAS-CARACCI: She was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at Congressman Napolitano's event, congratulated the honorees, and suggested the possibility that Bike SGV could offer educational classes at movie nights and Neighborhood Watch type events.

FINLAY: Distributed tickets to the Rotary dinner to City Councilmembers (and left the meeting at 9:59 p.m.).

REILLY: Discussed an online article about jobs, provided statistics about the economy, and attended program at the Duarte Library where there was a speaker from Whittier Narrows.

KANG: Stated there are shrubs growing over the monument signs, the Highland/Duarte sidewalk project looks great, inquired about lighting (Hensley responded), stated the Indian BBQ restaurant did not change the décor at his previous business, stated he recalls a rise in gang violence in 2008/09, Monrovia put spot lights on gang-infested houses and then demolished them, we want to be pro-active, and asked for information about the pros and cons of gang injunctions (George and Villalobos stated they will follow-up with him).

GEORGE: Asked if the Budget Workshop scheduled for May 1

could be held at a later date.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council that the date of the Budget Workshop would be changed from May 1, to possibly May 17, subject to City Council availability.

FASANA: Stated Bike SGV made a great presentation at the COG meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adjourn the meeting 10:11 p.m. in memory of Joannie Yuille, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

City Clerk