

MINUTES
REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO
THE DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, &
COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE,
CALIFORNIA

Tuesday April 13, 2021

5:00 p.m. – Workshop – City Hall Renovation

6:00 p.m. – Closed Session

7:00 p.m. – Open Session

5:00 P.M. WORKSHOP - CITY HALL RENOVATION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference the 5:00 p.m. City Hall Renovation Workshop- meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Finlay at 5:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong, Urias (arrived 5:48 p.m.)

Councilmembers Absent Kang

Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager
Craig Hensley, Community Development Director
Dominic Milano, City Engineer
Amanda Hamilton, Public Works Manager
Annamarie Porter, Interim City Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Public Works Manager Hamilton

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted by unanimous consensus of the Council

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING CITY HALL RENOVATION

Community Development Director Hensley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the necessity for the City Hall Courtyard ADA retrofit, in order to be in compliance for accessibility. Included were ramp and handrail replacements, grading, parking, hardscape and landscaping.

Landscape Consultants Richard Krumwiede and Andrew Krumwiede of Architerra Design Group Inc. continued with conceptual options for landscape designs to include upgraded access paths, a curved or linear seat wall near the persons' loading zone, focal point back lighting, a wall water feature, fixed art of various designs and materials to include colored plexiglass or laser-cut steel sculptures, enhanced concrete, litho-mosaic courtyard center, and a curved or linear sheltered staging area.

Also present to answer any questions was Kurt Pedersen of RKA Engineers

Community Development Director Hensley answered questions from Council regarding maintenance, costs, timeline and funding to include CBDG funds.

CDBG representative Tina Gall stated that approximately \$335,000 of the proposed \$520,000 - \$540,000 total retrofit costs could come from CDBG funds

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY HALL COURTYARD RENOVATION – NONE

Mayor Urias Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:11 p.m.

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference the 6:00 p.m. Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Urias at 6:12 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Kang (arrived 6:30 p.m.) Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong, Urias
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Kristen Peterson, Assistant City Manager and Director of Administrative Services

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS - NONE

6. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

6A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:

Kristen Peterson, Assistant City Manager and Director of Administrative Services
Katy Suttorp, Burke Williams & Sorensen, LLP, Outside Legal Counsel.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION:

SEIU Local 721 Management and Professional Employees and General Employee Units

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Manager Jordan stated there was no reportable action

Mayor Urias Adjourned to Open Session

7:00 PM OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

8. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Via teleconference the 7:00 p.m. Open Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Urias at 7:16 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Kang, Lewis (arrived at 7:19 p.m.), Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong, Urias
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
David Cosgrove, City Attorney
Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager
Craig Hensley, Community Development Director
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
Annamarie Porter, Interim City Clerk

9. SPECIAL ITEMS

A request to combine items 9B & 9D was made by City Manager Jordan, as their reports were related.

Approved by unanimous consensus of the Council

9A. Proclamation for DMV/Donate Life Month

Legacy Ambassador Rachel Rodriguez shared her personal journey with organ donation and thanked Council for their recognition

9B. & 9D. Community Development Status Report & Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Community Development Director Hensley presented the April 2021 Community Development Status Report to include: New traffic signals, slow streets program, annual sidewalk repair, New Hope Village, Esperanza at Duarte Station, The Residences at Duarte Station, The Huntington, the City of Hope, Wyndham Hawthorn Suites Hotel, Verizon Cell Tower Construction, New commercial building, Arbor Capital, and the Housing Element.

9C. Parks and Recreation Status Report

Director of Parks and Recreation Enriquez presented the monthly Parks and Recreation Status Report, including grant application, upcoming craft and virtual events, and flower deliveries to seniors, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to possibly hosting a vaccination site and rides for seniors

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Library Manager Joanna Gee stated in-person services would be returning shortly, and Spring and Summer programs available on-line.

Chamber of Commerce Victor Benavides the Chamber re-opening, and upcoming events that could be viewed on their website

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced the upcoming events that could be viewed on the City's website

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – NONE

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.A Motion to read all Resolutions and Ordinances presented for consideration by Title only and waive further reading. (CC/HA/SA/FA)

12.B Approval of Minutes - March 23, 2021 (CC/HA/SA/FA)

12.C Approval of Warrants - April 13, 2021 (CC/HA/SA/FA)

12.D Receive and File Community Development Status Report (CC)

12.E Receive and File Parks and Recreation Status Report (CC)

12.F Approve the 2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report (CC)

12.G Approve an agreement with the Duarte Unified School District for use of the City-owned Fitness Center Pool for Swim Team use for the term of April 16, 2021 - May 31, 2021; and authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City

12.H City Council/City Manager Conference Attendance and other items suggested by Council. (CC)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS– NONE

Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to approve Consent Calendar items 12.A – 12.H. Motion carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong, Urias
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION – NONE

14. BUSINESS ITEMS

14.A Discussion and possible direction regarding California Cities for Local Control (Continued from March 23, 2021)

City Manager Jordan reviewed the item followed by Assistant to the City Manager Rocha who presented the report regarding Land Use Local Control. Through research she found the organization was redundant to the League of California Cities, The COG, and California Contract Cities. She then responded to questions from Council regarding reaching out to the Councilmember from Torrance. She replied that she and City Manager Jordan had, but without response. In her efforts to reach out to other agencies, their reply was that they would not be in support of the additional advocacy group.

Council received and filed the report and provided direction to Staff to not endorse the efforts of the advocacy group as its' efforts were duplicitous.

15. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

16. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HOUSING AUTHORITY, & COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Reports on trips, conference attendance, and meetings, per California Government Code Section 53232.3)

City Manager Jordan spoke of efforts regarding levels of reopening City services.

Councilmember Shultz reported on the re-opening of the museum, and asked about supporting small business events

Councilmember Kang reported on the dangers of selling flowers at the 605 Fwy. He also asked for ridership statistics on City's buses.

Councilmember Finley reported on wildlife getting into trash on the nights before trash pick-up. She also asked for confirmation that restrictive fencing would be on the following agenda.

Mayor Urias asked for remedy regarding an individual that perpetually drank in public.

17. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:15 p.m. in Memory of Juana Sequeira Solis.



City Clerk

Bryan Urias, Mayor