

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 – MARCH 27, 2018

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 Fasana called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Finlay (arrived at 5:58 p.m.), Kang, Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Fasana ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to adjourn in memory of Timothy Rhambo, Linda Brown, and Ysela Rodriguez, and carried with Finlay not present.
WORKSHOP Homelessness Discussion	A Workshop was conducted for a discussion pertaining to homelessness, and to present information about the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Planning Grant Regional Process, Irwindale/Duarte Planning Process, Union Station/Coordinated Entry System, L.A. County Sheriff's Department Homeless Programs and Services, legal update on homeless issues, potentially new municipal codes, and next steps by the City. The Workshop concluded at 7:31 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Gerald Delker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	There was a moment of silence in honor of Timothy Rhambo.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Kang and Finlay provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS Proclamation – Elks Recognition	Mayor Fasana read and presented a Proclamation for Elks Recognition Month to Gerald Delker, with congratulations extended.
Proclamation–DMV/Donate Life	Mayor Fasana read and presented a Proclamation for DMV/Donate Life California Month to Mr. Jesse Cruz, One Legacy.
Public Safety update	Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety update.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events and meetings in April. Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, programs, and activities in April and May.

Jenny Gabel, Duarte Library, announced programs, story times, services, and workshops in March and April.

Steve Hernandez announced cruise presentation and Rotary Easter bunny event.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Brian Tindall – Straws, polystyrene, plastic.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items B, C, F.

Receive and File Item E.

Remove Items A, D.

ITEMS REMOVED – Item A Minutes

It was clarified that the Moment of Reflection item was a request from Mayor Fasana that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Officer Casillas.

ITEM A – APPROVED

Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2018, and carried unanimously.

Item D – 2016 and 2017 General Plan Housing Element

Craig Hensley displayed a diagram of potential areas impacted by SB 827 (Wiener), and introduced Karen Warner, who answered questions from Councilmembers about the 2016 and 2017 General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Reports.

Fasana asked the City Manager to forward the L.A. Times article and other recent articles about SB 827, as it could have terrible impacts on our City.

ITEM D – APPROVED

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to authorize staff to forward the 2016 and 2017 General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Reports to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEM

Contract–Tree Trimming,
Maintenance, Inspection Services
West Coast Arborists, Inc.

Amanda Hamilton, Public Works Manager, presented a staff report about the project, answered questions about the tree trimming cycle, and stated representatives from West Coast Arborists were in attendance should there be any additional questions.

Lino Paras discussed the contract, high maintenance trees, distance of trees from Edison lighting, and tree varieties.

Fasana requested a report about how often we review the list of approved trees, whether we run it by a Commission, and what procedure is used to determine trees that are on or off the list. Kang stated if trees need to be replaced, he would like to see bigger trees planted.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to award the contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc., in the amount of \$138,000 (estimated annual) for Tree Trimming, Tree Maintenance, and Inspection Services, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

COSGROVE: Regarding the MS4 litigation, stated Duarte's case was completed today, and the judge is attentive.

GEORGE: Stated the 2018/19 budget discussions have been held with City Departments, and he will be meeting individually with Councilmembers soon.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked staff for working with Americorps/ Promise Fellows on the César Chávez community volunteer project, for the homelessness workshop, and for the work on the completed Vineyard sidewalk, and she hopes we can look at the crosswalk at Vineyard off of the bike trail.

REILLY: Attended Duarte Woman's Club annual tea, Route 66 Parade committee meeting, Emblem Club installation at the Elks Club, and César Chávez Day event.

FINLAY: Thanked staff for the workshop and information, announced breakfast with the Easter bunny on Saturday, expressed sadness at losing School Superintendent Dr. Mucerino, and stated he will be going to a school district in Riverside County.

KANG: Stated Dr. Mucerino's leaving is a huge loss for our City, he was the life saver of the School District, we need to continue the vision, and thanked staff and his colleagues for the insightful information about homelessness.

FASANA: Congratulated staff and Westminster Gardens on the César Chávez event, stated our School District is headed in a positive direction, other districts are facing budget issues, and thanked staff for the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m., in memory of Timothy Rhambo, Linda Brown, and Ysela Rodriguez, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk