

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 24, 2015

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 Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Finlay (arrived during Closed Session), Kang (left at 8:15 p.m.), Reilly, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: Fasana ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Petersen, City Attorney Melching
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Kang moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried with Fasana absent and Finlay not present.
CLOSED SESSION Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation	There was no public input. Melching announced the Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4); Anticipated litigation; Number of potential cases: one. The Closed Session concluded at 7:14 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:15 p.m., with four members present, and Fasana absent.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Marilyn Mays led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Reilly and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM	Melching reported that during the Closed Session, there was no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS Presentation – Proclamation Recognition for National Service	Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented a proclamation for the Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service to the Duarte's Promise AmeriCorps VIP Fellows, and expressed appreciation for their volunteerism.
Presentation – Wellness/Obesity Prevention Programs	Cesar Monsalve presented the annual update on the City's wellness program and obesity prevention program, including events, partnerships, classes, nutrition/health-related activities, and implementation efforts.
Presentation – Union Station Homeless Services	Michelle Garcia, Union Station Homeless Services, presented an overview of the Family Solution Center, including programs, services, providers, vision, guiding principles, and resources.
Public Safety Update	Brian Villalobos provided the monthly Public Safety update.

Redevelopment Dissolution
Update

Jeff Melching provided an update on the dissolution of redevelopment, including proposed legislation, court of appeal, and legislative efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming workshops, programs, story times, and book sale in March and April.

Abdali Martinez introduced herself as the new Field Representative for Assemblymember Roger Hernandez, and announced upcoming events including Women of the Year ceremony.

Finlay asked that the Women of the Year honorees from Duarte be invited to a Council Meeting for recognition.

Karen Herrera presented community announcements about City events, projects, programs, and activities in March and April.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Jack Collins – Harassment.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to add attendance at the SCAG General Assembly, May 7-8, 2015, Palm Desert, to Consent Item E, and carried with Fasana absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows, and carried with Fasana absent.
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

REILLY: Attended City of Hope blood and platelet donors hoe-down, Carol Liu and Board of Supervisors Women's History Month events, and Friends of the Duarte Library author's luncheon, announced watershed restoration program on April 11 and May 9, and attended School Board meeting where a feasibility study for a new high school gym was approved.

FINLAY: Stated the State of the City was informative and entertaining, inquired about an email she received concerning graffiti and trash on the walkway near Huntington Drive and the freeway entrance (it was noted that staff is following up on it), suggested walkers using the bike path near Mt. Olive and Royal Oaks Drive wear reflective clothing at night, distributed information from SCAG meeting about the Burbank airport upgrade, stated she has received inquiries about mining on the hillside in Azusa and the monitoring station, she thinks it is time to revisit the situation, suggested the possibility of a town hall meeting at Valley View over the next couple of months, and to bring in the AQMD, as many people are offended by what they are seeing.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she has also received correspondence concerning the uptick in the monitoring station and PM readings, with specific concerns in the Fish Canyon area, she would like an update for the benefit of the residents, she was able to recognize volunteers at Foothill Unity Center, invited attendance at

the Women's Business Expo on April 25, she would like to formally recognize Diana Burckhard for her 15 years of service to the Chamber, she heard we will be getting new curtains for the Community Center, with regard to the recent system upgrades and meeting broadcast, inquired about the possibility of having the face of the speaker on one of the screens and the agenda on another screen, stated she looks forward to the School Board's selection of a new Superintendent and to continue to partner and collaborate with them, and encouraged the public to view the meetings and be allowed to make decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. in memory of Katie Bartlett.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk