

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 23, 2021

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 participate on Zoom, and 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 Urias called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz,
Truong, Urias

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay,
Urias

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION -Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager

There was no public input. The Closed Session items was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager. The Closed Session concluded at 7:00 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m., with all members present.

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Cosgrove reported that the City Council met to discuss the above item, with no reportable action taken.

SPECIAL ITEMS Mayor's Youth Council update

Elizabeth Perez and Faith Peoples, Mayor's Youth Council, presented an update on Teen Center activities, including speaker series, and upcoming events, and announced the Teen Center will be opening on April 5.

Recognition – Retiring employee Marla Akana

City Manager Jordan, City Councilmembers, and City Attorney Cosgrove thanked Marla Akana for her 36 years of service with the City of Duarte as Deputy City Clerk and City Clerk, expressed appreciation, congratulated her on her retirement, and presented her with a plaque.

Presentation – Former City Councilmember John Fasana	A video presentation honoring former Duarte City Councilmember John Fasana was shown, reflecting on his 33 years of public service, with congratulations and appreciation expressed by family, friends, and community members.
Public Safety status report	Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety report, and provided an update on recent crime trends and homelessness issues.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Brenda Trainor, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, thanked and congratulated the recipients of the Chamber Champion Heroes Awards, and announced upcoming networking events. Victoria Rocha announced upcoming community events and programs, and invited participation in the ADA survey.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Victoria Rocha read a comment submitted by Sheryl Lefman, Duarte Chamber, pertaining to Item F, thanked the City for considering the adoption of the Ordinance establishing limitations of third-party food delivery fees, and stated Chamber members support this and encourage adoption. Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N. Receive and File Items D, E. AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: None
ITEM F–ORDINANCE NO. 901 Third-Party Food Delivery Fees (Second Reading)	Council Bill 21-O-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS OF THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY FEES (Second Reading)
ITEM H – RESOLUTION 21-04 Projects List SB 1 – Road Repair	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017
ITEM I – RESOLUTION 21-05 Condemns Discrimination, Hate, and Bigotry	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATION, HATE, AND BIGOTRY IN ALL FORMS
BUSINESS ITEM – California Cities for Local Control (Continued from March 9, 2021)	City Manager Jordan presented a staff report about the item, and answered questions from Councilmembers. There was discussion about whether the League, COG, or Contract Cities have taken a stand on this, reaching out to see if these organizations support it, land-use related issues, and need for more specific information.
(Continued)	Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to continue this item to the next City Council meeting, with direction to staff to conduct additional research with respect to the specific policy points that are being advocated by the group California Cities for Local Control, and report back to City Council, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: None
Rename – Business Center Drive	Craig Hensley presented a staff report about possibly renaming Business Center Drive, west of Highland. Finlay read a comment submitted by Lino Paras suggesting that a street name in the Duarte Station TOD be named after John Fasana.

There was discussion about using “Way, Drive, or Road.”

Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to rename Business Center Drive, west of Highland, “Fasana Road,” and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Proposal – Foothill Unity Center
Emergency COVID aid

Victoria Rocha presented a staff report about the item, and stated if approved, the contract will require a budget amendment of \$10,000 from the General Fund.

There was discussion about stipulating that the City receive a report from Foothill Unity Center after the monies are spent, and changing the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement to reflect that change.

Schulz moved, Finlay seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Foothill Unity Center, Inc., that memorializes the \$10,000 in funding, and to amend Section II.B.2. to state that the final report and presentation to City Council will be on the earlier of either July 31, 2021, or the final expenditure of the funds, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

JORDAN: Stated five applications for the Planning Commission vacancy have been received, and inquired as to when City Council would like to conduct interviews. After discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to conduct interviews prior to the beginning of the second City Council meeting in April 2021.

COSGROVE: Stated the California Supreme court ordered the State Water Board to file an answer to the petition for hearing, stated it was a pleasure to work alongside John Fasana, and congratulated him on his retirement from the City Council.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated and read the names of the Chamber Champion Heroes Award recipients.

LEWIS: Congratulated the Chamber award recipients, thanked former Councilmember Fasana, and stated he misses him.

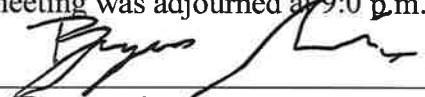
SCHULZ: Congratulated Mr. Fasana on having a street named after him, and thanked Parks and Recreation as the Rotary Club for the “Egg-stravaganza” event.

TRUONG: Thanked the Chamber for the great Heroes program, and congratulated Mr. Fasana on a street being named after him.

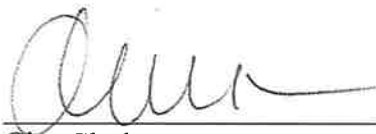
FINLAY: Stated she and Mr. Fasana have been great friends for many years and she is looking forward to the dedication of his street, Loyd Gibbons service was held today, stated he was an amazing man, and inquired if the City Council do something along the bike path as a remembrance, such as a marker, plaque, or bike rack. Truong suggested perhaps a silhouette of a bike.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:0 p.m.



Mayor Bryan Urias



City Clerk