

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 22, 2016

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 Kang called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci (7:08 p.m.), Reilly, Kang ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to add the following two items pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(b)(2) as the need to take action came to our attention after the posting of the Agenda: (1) Letter of recommendation to L.A. County Department of Health Services pertaining to Schaefer Ambulance Service added as Consent Calendar Item 12.D; and (2) Closed Session (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 properties at 1634 Third Street, APNs 8530-017-905, 8530-011-911, and 912; and 1101 Oak Avenue APNs 8530-011-913, 914, and 915) added as Item 14.B, and carried with Paras-Caracci not present. Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended, and carried with Paras-Caracci not present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Sheryl Lefmann 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.
SPECIAL ITEMS Presentation – Wellness Program/ Obesity update	Cesar Monsalve presented an overview of the Duarte Healthy Choice Nutrition Program, Teen Nutrition Council, health camps, City of Hope partnership, City picnic, and additional nutrition/health-related programs and activities.
Public Safety update	Brian Villalobos introduced Captain Caronne Jacob, who presented an update on recent crime statistics. Villalobos showed a PowerPoint of 2015 Year in Review, including statistics, safety

ranking, Cal-Grip grant, emergency preparedness, Neighborhood Watch, and community meetings.

Jim Dinsmore stated there are a number of unreported thefts, stated Nextdoor is not private, and questioned police presence and number of motorcycle officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Ricchio, Duarte Library, announced story times, programs, and children/teen events in March and April.

Sheryl Lefmann announced upcoming Chamber events and meetings in March, April, and May.

Cesar Monsalve announced upcoming Parks and Recreation Department activities in March.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Hernan Casada – Trash on Mt. Olive, street sweeping.

Eleanor – Biola University, students, City of Hope.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

It was noted that when the Agenda was adopted, a letter of recommendation to L.A. County Department of Health Services pertaining to Schaefer Ambulance Service was added as Consent Calendar Item 12.D.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D.

BUSINESS ITEMS

SCE License Agreement

Fasana left the room due to a declared conflict of interest.

George presented a staff report about the three-year License Agreement with SCE for the Duarte Post Office parking lot, and stated this was continued from a previous meeting.

There was discussion about the area being used, the City's relationship with Edison, and the possibility that Edison might like to donate some profits to teen programs in the community.

Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year License Agreement with SCE for the 21-space parking lot at the Duarte Post Office, with staff to have a discussion with Edison about donating profits to a youth program or similar community program, and carried unanimously.

Fasana returned to the room and resumed his chair.

L.A. County Sheriff's Dept. Contract Amendment

Brian Villalobos presented a staff report about the proposed contract amendment to add one day-shift overlap car from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the cost shared by the city of Bradbury.

There was discussion about homeless persons in public places, people pretending to work for the utility companies, training for

dispatchers, badges/logos on shirts, website links, and the current solicitation ordinance. City Councilmembers agreed that they would like to strengthen the solicitation ordinance.

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign an amendment to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department contract for one additional patrol unit, and carried unanimously.

L.A. County Superior Court
Civil Grand Jury – El Niño

George presented a staff report about the City's required response to the Grand Jury report pertaining to El Niño planning for the County's homeless population.

Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a letter to the Los Angeles County Superior Court concerning responses to the 2015/2016 Civil Grand Jury Interim Report entitled "Inadequate El Niño Planning for County Homeless Population," with minor corrections/clarifications, and carried unanimously.

Letter of recommendation
Schaefer Ambulance Service
(Item added)

George presented a staff report about the request received from Schaefer Ambulance Service for a letter supporting its proposal to continue as the 911 ambulance provider for the Duarte area.

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the letter of support, signed by the Mayor, to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services recommending that Schaefer Ambulance Service's contract be reinstated for Zone 3, of which Duarte is part of the area of response, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continuation)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Utility contractors.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REILLY: Attended Duarte High School science field trip at City of Hope and César Chávez community project event, stated the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Plan will be made public in June, wished all a happy Easter, and stated she noticed heavy duty trucks have been using Huntington and other streets.

FASANA: Attended a portion of the César Chávez event, stated we may want to look at extending our transit system hours during the evenings from Monday through Friday, the Fish Canyon Falls sign and brochures are fabulous, there is an opportunity to create a transit linkage from the Gold Line to the Trail perhaps during the Spring months on Saturdays, attended SGV Legislative caucus and discussed upcoming stormwater regulations, the expenditure plan proposal for Metro is out, asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in Belgium, and noted we recently approved a study for signals on Huntington Drive.

FINLAY: Extended congratulations on the futsal court, thanked staff for the safety meeting held in her area, invited all to attend the safety meeting on March 29, and asked if we could get a bet-

ter sign on Encanto Parkway, perhaps made out of wood similar to the National Parks signs, that reads “Welcome to the City of Duarte – Home of Fish Canyon Falls.”

PARAS-CARACCI: Inquired if the Vulcan directional sign that says “Rock Quarry and Trails” could be changed to identify “Fish Canyon Falls” or “Trail to Fish Canyon Falls,” inquired about the ATP grant construction on Highland and the parking lot sign (Hensley responded), suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission could have an open discussion about Park Pride, and stated this could be an opportunity for neighborhoods, service organizations, and Neighborhood Watch to work together in a formal organized manner.

KANG: Attended Hayden 5K event, congratulated staff on the futsal court opening, stated there is a lot more traffic in the mornings, he thinks the light at Mt. Olive/Huntington Drive needs to be re-evaluated, he is interested in stats for Gold Line ridership, we may need more parking, he heard there may be more homeless persons around the Duarte Station at night, he wants to take a look at a gate or monitoring of the bike trail at night, stated many pedestrians are jaywalking on Highland at the curve, there is a safety concern, and invited all to attend the State of the City.

CLOSED SESSION
Real Property Negotiations

A Closed Session was held beginning at 9:28 p.m. There was no public input. Cosgrove announced the Closed Session was added at the beginning of the meeting, and is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Negotiating parties: City of Duarte and prospective buyers or lessees; City negotiators: Darrell George, Craig Hensley; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning properties at 1634 Third Street, APNs 8530-017-905, 8530-011-911, and 912; and 1101 Oak Avenue APNs 8530-011-913, 914, and 915. The Closed Session concluded at 9:38 p.m. City Council reconvened with all members present.

PUBLIC REPORT – CLOSED
SESSION ITEM

Cosgrove announced a discussion was held, with no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Kang moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m., in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in Belgium, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Samuel Kang

ATTEST:

City Clerk