

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 10, 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 6:05 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana (arrived during Closed Session), Finlay, Kang, Reilly, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Melching
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried with Fasana not present.
CLOSED SESSION Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation	There was no public input. Melching announced the Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (Paragraph 1 of subdivision d); <i>City of Duarte et al. v. Matosantos et al.</i> Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2012-8001338. The Closed Session concluded at 7:00 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:12 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	William Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Kang and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM	Melching reported that during the Closed Session, City Council received an update on Department of Finance pending litigation, with no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS Presentation – Youth and Family Committee – 2014 Report Card	Cesar Monsalve introduced Nick Lopez, William Peters, and Elsa Moreno, Youth and Family Committee members, who presented an overview of the December 2014 Annual Report Card, including master plan, advisory committee accomplishments, 66 action steps, 2014 highlights, and 2015 goals. Mayor Paras-Caracci suggested the possibility that each Councilmember could make appointments to the Youth and Family Committee. Fasana suggested the Mayor's Youth Council could possibly provide input.
Presentation by CalAm Water Drought-tolerant City Hall garden	Brian Barreto, CalAm Water External Affairs Manager, presented a check to the City in the amount of \$8,000 for the drought-tolerant City Hall garden surrounding the new electronic sign.

Presentation by Metro
Transit Safety

Jennifer Mendoza Arndt, Metro Community Relations Manager for Transit Safety Programs, presented an overview of Metro's transit safety programs and outreach plan, including engineering, enforcement, education, training, events, rail safety ambassadors, website, tours, and post-service commencement.

Presentation by Duarte Rotary
Ramp Up Duarte Program

Brian Villalobos, Duarte Rotary Club Treasurer, introduced Carlos Manrique and Basil Krueger, who presented a \$2,000 donation to the Ramp Up Duarte program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced upcoming Chamber events in March.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, F.

Receive and File Item E.

Remove Items D.

ITEM REMOVED

Craig Hensley presented a staff report about the item.

Item D – Award of Contract
Torres Construction Corp.
Remove Barriers – ADA

Reilly moved, Kang seconded to award the contract to Torres Construction Corporation in the amount of \$56,778.00 for Removal of Architectural Barriers for ADA Improvements, and carried unanimously.

ITEM D – APPROVED

Fasana requested a report back about painting of street addresses. Kang noted some names on streets signs are fading.

ORDINANCE

Council Bill 15-O-04 – Commercial Zones, Service-Based Uses, Commercial-Freeway Zone (MCA 15-01) (2nd Reading)

Melching read by title Council Bill 15-O-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT (MCA) 15-01 WHICH WOULD: (1) AMEND TABLE 2-5, "ALLOWED USES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS," OF SECTION 19.12.020, "LAND USES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS," OF CHAPTER 19.12, "COMMERCIAL ZONES (C-P, C-G, C-F)," OF ARTICLE 2, "ZONES, ALLOWABLE USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," TO TITLE 19, "DEVELOPMENT CODE," OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE; (2) ADD SECTION 19.12.042, "LIMITATIONS ON SERVICE-BASED USES IN C-F ZONED PROPERTIES" OF CHAPTER 19.12, "COMMERCIAL ZONES (C-P, C-G, C-F)," OF ARTICLE 2, "ZONES, ALLOWABLE USES, AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," TO TITLE 19, "DEVELOPMENT CODE," OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE; (3) AMEND CHAPTER 19.160, "DEFINITIONS," OF ARTICLE 9, "DEFINITIONS," TO TITLE 19, "DEVE-

LOPMENT CODE,” OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE; TO MODIFY THE LAND USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL-FREEWAY ZONE; PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON SERVICE-BASED USES IN THE COMMERCIAL-FREEWAY ZONE; AND MODIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS RELATED TO SERVICE-BASED BUSINESSES (MCA 15-01) (Second Reading)

Jason Golding, Senior Planner, presented a detailed staff report about the proposed ordinance, discussed the request for modifications from the consultant for Mountain Vista Plaza, and staff recommendation.

ORDINANCE NO. 856

Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 856, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

KANG: Inquired if the graffiti item discussed at the last meeting has been mitigated (George responded); inquired if it is possible for him to initiate a volunteer group to look for graffiti and report it, stated he is making an app to identify where Duarte buses are, he could add an app for reporting graffiti by taking a picture on a phone and sending it to the City, discussed an article about gardens on the rise, and stated he thinks the community garden is fantastic.

GEORGE: Provided information about the community garden, and announced this is the first City Council Meeting that is being streamed live through the new AV/Granicus system.

REILLY: Stated it is good to have CERT training through the Neighborhood Watch program (Villalobos stated block captains have been invited), attended an operation makeover in the Maxwell area where a garden was recompleted, inquired if Burrtec has mulch available that could be used at no cost for garden projects, stated she was told there is a problem with trash cans being kept out all week to save parking spots south of Duarte Road, announced Special Olympics fundraiser on April 30, and provided information about the City’s involvement.

FASANA: Stated he thinks notification about graffiti could be through a quick email, he is not sure we would need an app, and stated he may miss the next City Council meeting, as he may be in Washington, D.C. advocating for transportation funds.

FINLAY: Suggested emptying birdbaths and other standing water, as they are breeding grounds for mosquitos, the former Mayor of Bradbury recently visited the area, and announced State of the City on March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended and read at toddler story time at the library, attended Monrovia’s women of the year scholarship luncheon, served on a panel at Mt. Olive High School to help

seniors with their projects, stated the turn-around time for graffiti removal is 48 hours for private property, if it is not removed within 48 hours, we will take care of it and bill the resident, we want to make sure the City is kept clean and safe, asked who we would contact about graffiti on the freeway on-ramp (Hensley stated the City will contact Caltrans), inquired about street cleaning discussions on Royal Oaks Drive, stated the truck pops in and out of a 25 m.p.h. swerve, it is a safety issue, and stated the Kiwanis 100th anniversary display is at the Historical Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk