

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 9, 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 5:36 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Finlay (left at 8:58 p.m.), Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong, Urias

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Paras-Caracci the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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 SESSIONS

-Exposure to Litigation

There was no public input. The Closed Session items were as follows: 1) Exposure to Litigation, pursuant to Government

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-Real Property Negotiations
-Public Employee Performance
Evaluation

Code Section 54956.9(a); (d)(2), (e)(1); 2) Real Property Negotiations, pursuant to Government Code 54956.8. Property: 1735 Huntington Drive. Subject: Price and Terms of lease. The City's negotiators are Daniel Jordan and David B. Cosgrove. The parties with whom the City is negotiating are Sheryl Lefmann and Chamber staff; 3) Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager, per Government Code Section 54957(b)(1). The Closed Session concluded at 7:08 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:18 p.m., with all members present.

PUBLIC REPORT OF
CLOSED SESSION
(Reported after Special Items)

City Attorney Cosgrove reported that the City Council met to discuss the above items, they took no action on any item, and with regard to the Real Property Negotiations item, Councilmembers Paras-Caracci, Kang, and Truong were appointed to an ad hoc committee to work with the Chamber of Commerce on leasehold issues.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Presentation – Duarte Residents
United (DRU)

Rita Kwasnick and Beth Fuller, Duarte Residents United (DRU), presented information about the citizen group focusing on the health and safety of Duarte residents, the riverbed occupants, and wild life, described fire hazards in the flood control area, statistics, and the need to establish shelters.

John Fasana stated housing is needed to get people out of the riverbed, temporary housing needs to be identified, and suggested a possible partnership with churches providing food.

There was discussion about working with Azusa and Irwindale, meeting with County representatives, progress that has been made, obstacles encountered, the possibility of the DRU representatives being a part of the committee, and action items discussed during a phone meeting between Schulz and the Army Corps of Engineers.. City Council asked that staff find potential options for beds within Duarte, and someone that we can partner with, along with Azusa and Irwindale, and report back.

Presentation – SGV COG
White Paper – LAHSA reform

Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analysis, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, presented an overview of a white paper pertaining to homelessness in Los Angeles County, with a services and overlapping cooperation comparison between the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and Los Angeles County, described the white paper document outlining problems, potential solutions, recommendation to increase representation within the current system, and suggested improvements. It was noted that a proposed Resolution adopting the white paper would be considered on the Consent Calendar.

John Fasana discussed the Metro governance model, stated we may want to look at the numbers, and stated we need to look at equitable distribution of resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Tina Heany, Duarte Chamber, announced Community Heroes event and Chamber check-in events. Victoria Rocha displayed the new features and design of the Duarte City News, and announced upcoming events, programs, virtual meetings, ADA survey, and Parks and Recreation Spring event.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the agenda. Rita Kwasnick – Homelessness, riverbed occupants, housing.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Paras-Caracci 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. Receive and File Items D, E. AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: None
ITEM G – RESOLUTION 21-03 Adopts White Paper (LAHSA)	A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS’ WHITE PAPER ON LAHSA REFORM
PUBLIC HEARING Council Bill 21-O-02 Third-Party Food Delivery Fees (First Reading)	Mayor Urias announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item, and read by title Council Bill 21-O-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS OF THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY FEES (First Reading) Notice of the hearing was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written communications were received. City Attorney Cosgrove presented a staff report about the proposed ordinance. Community Development Technician Yesenia Paez presented a report about impacts in other cities that have adopted similar ordinances, as well as common trends. Sheryl Lefman, Duarte Chamber, presented the results of a restaurant study conducted with Chamber businesses. Mayor Urias asked if anyone wished to speak on the matter. As there were none, Mayor Urias closed the Public Hearing. Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to introduce Council Bill 21-O-02 for first reading, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: None

BUSINESS ITEM – Calif. Cities Local Control (Continued) The discussion pertaining to California Cities for Local Control was continued to the next meeting.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER COSGROVE: Stated the petition for a hearing on the storm water case in the Supreme Court is compiled, and he will report back with any disposition received.

SCHULZ: Stated she is looking forward to the homelessness conversation on an upcoming Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. in memory of Loyd Gibbons.

Mayor Bryan Urias

City Clerk