

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 – FEBRUARY 26, 2019

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 6:01 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Kang (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Nunez, Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: Finlay (SCAG event) ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Nunez seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.
WORKSHOP Brown Act	A Workshop was conducted to provide information about the Brown Act, Ethics, and Transparency. The Workshop concluded at 7:00 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:11 p.m., with six members present, and Finlay absent.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Pattie Dalessandro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	In lieu of a warm-up, a video of attendees participating in “This City” was filmed for use at the State of the City.
SPECIAL ITEMS Introduction–Student Interns and Teen Nutrition Council	Manuel Enriquez described the Student Intern and Teen Nutrition Council programs, and introduced the Student Interns and members of the Teen Nutrition Council.
Recognition – Duarte Emblem Club	Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Pattie Dalessandro and members of the Duarte Emblem Club with a congratulatory certificate and a cake in recognition of the Club’s 80 th anniversary.
Presentation by So. Cal. Gas Co. Balanced Energy	Bob Cruz, Southern California Gas Company Public Affairs Manager, presented a PowerPoint about balanced energy pertaining to meeting the State’s environmental goals.
Presentation – FlashVote Survey Revenue Enhancements	Karen Herrera presented a PowerPoint about the FlashVote results pertaining to revenue enhancements and City spending priorities, as well as a proposed Duarte sales tax measure for keeping sales tax revenues local.

There was discussion about taxes as a whole vs. sales tax, pension obligations, and one-time Redevelopment reimbursements.

Lino Paras discussed Prop 218, Pico Rivera's high sales tax, and previous discussions about revenue measures.

There was additional discussion about Measure H, letting the voters decide, and keeping taxes local.

Steve Hernandez stated the last time the issue was raised, we were in a depression, and now it is necessary.

George stated the City considered a revenue measure in 2012, and if City Council wishes, an ad hoc committee can be created, and a draft plan can be developed for Council consideration.

Talia Leon stated she understands and agrees that taxes should stay local, shared her experience with an elderly woman in need of money, and discussed fireworks show expense.

Mayor Paras-Caracci inquired of Councilmembers if they wished to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. With their approval, Councilmembers Nunez, Urias, and Reilly were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Public Safety/Homelessness Update

Tony Hadloc, Duarte Homeless Outreach Coordinator, presented an update about the homeless outreach team, resources for staff and residents, homeless hot spots, flood control clean-up, Lario Park, and 2019 homeless count.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tony Hadloc announced upcoming CERT classes.

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming events, seminars, and grand openings in February and March.

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

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, and programs in March.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Ted Jimenez – Carpenters' union, Little Libraries partnership.

Talia Leon – Traffic at Central and Buena Vista.

Ralph Diaz – Duarte resident, Carpenters' union.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Kang moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

Approve Items B, C, G, J.

Receive and file Items D, E, F.

Remove Items A, H, I.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item A – Minutes

Mayor Paras-Caracci requested that in the future, when a Councilmember is absent due to attending an official event, the name

of the organization and/or event be shown in parenthesis following his/her name.

ITEM A – APPROVED

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the minutes, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

Item H – Council Bill 19-R-02
Balanced energy solutions

Council Bill 19-R-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS AND THE MAINTAINING OF LOCAL CONTROL OF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Fasana suggested the last paragraph be amended to read “Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Duarte, California, does hereby support balanced energy solutions that provide the decision-making authority and resources needed to achieve the State’s climate goals, and supports proposed State legislation and policy that retains local control by allowing technologies that can power buildings and fuel vehicles, and meet or exceed emissions reductions regulations.”

ITEM H – APPROVED
RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

Urias moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-02, as amended as stated above, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

Item I – Co-sponsorship request
Hayden 5K event

Mayor Paras-Caracci inquired about the deadline for submitting requests for co-sponsorship. Villalobos responded.

ITEM I – APPROVED

Reilly moved, Urias seconded to approve the request from Santa Teresita, Inc./Hayden Child Care for City of Duarte co-sponsorship of Hayden 5K event to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

BUSINESS ITEM
2018/19 Mid-Year Budget and
Approval of amendments

Kristen Petersen presented highlights of the mid-year budget report, including General Fund revenues and expenditures, and other City funds, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to recruitment costs.

Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to receive and file the 2018/19 Mid-Year Budget Report, and to approve the budget amendments as outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS
FROM COUNCIL/MGR/ATTY

URIAS: Thanked Mr. Jimenez for attending the meeting and for the partnership with Little Libraries, and thanked staff for following up on park concerns.

FASANA: Asked that staff be cognizant of the suggestions received from the public about the signal at Buena Vista/Central and whether they are appropriate to incorporate in the replacement signal, stated we may want to agendize a graffiti policy in terms of residents, and stated he will not be attendance at the next meeting, as he will be at a COG event.

KANG: Inquired about the number of car crashes around the S-curve on Royal Oaks for the past five years, suggested the use of guard rails or shrubs, announced City of Hope event for breast health, and stated the ice cream at La Michoacana is very good.

NUNEZ: Inquired about all-access for disabled children at local parks, and asked that we work with local business owners on the corner of Duarte Road and Buena Vista, as there is a lot of graffiti.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she would like to have items about graffiti and littering on a future agenda, including how to empower residents, stated the buildings and wall at the entrance to the 210 West Freeway is covered with graffiti, and asked if Boy Scout Troop 185 and/or Cub Scouts could be invited to a meeting to lead the flag salute.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

In addition to the meetings reported on the Agenda, the following attendance reports were provided:

Reilly: Chinese Lantern Festival Gala celebration.

Fasana: COG meeting.

Paras-Caracci: Arrow of Light Bridging Ceremony for Cub Scouts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk