

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 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 7:01 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

Truong the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting in memory of the over 500,000 persons who have died from COVID in the United States, and carried unanimously by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

SPECIAL ITEMS

(Considered out of sequence)

Presentation—Allegra Consulting
Clean Air Duarte

Allegra Consulting representatives Brenda Morales, Zev Smith-Danford, Suzanne Madison, Madison Manning, and Aly Rosales presented the educational video “Clean Air Duarte,” describing the campaign background, smoke-free multi-unit housing policies, tobacco control grades, personal stories, outreach, letters of support, and next steps.

There was City Council discussion pertaining to enforcement, California Apartment Association, landlords, problems experienced in other cities, smokers who live in multi-unit housing areas, tobacco control grading, and the need for a comprehensive thorough discussion.

Statice Wilmore stated Pasadena adopted a smoke-free policy in 2011, this policy is needed, it has been adopted by more than 100 communities Statewide, and she would like this agendized.

Finlay moved, Schulz seconded to agendize a discussion about smoke-free multi-unit housing policies, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor’s Youth Council update

Faith Peoples and Elizabeth Perez, Mayor’s Youth Council, provided an update on Teen Center activities, including tutoring services, special video, speaker series, and upcoming programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming events, including Chamber check-ins and Champion Hero Awards.

Victoria Rocha announced upcoming community events and programs, stated the deadline for Planning Commission applications has been extended to March 16, and provided information about the blood drive and ADA survey.

Paras-Caracci requested information about the Planning Commission vacancy be sent to Councilmembers.

Brian Villalobos provided information about the City’s successful vaccination site held on the weekend, which was sponsored by the City of Hope and Duarte Unified School District.

Ruben Cardenas, Carpenter’s Union 213 Los Angeles, stated union members have supported the City’s blood drives.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the agenda.

Sheryl Lefmann – Moving to South Carolina, working remotely.

Statice Wilmore – Frontier, mushroom-shaped City trees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

Approve Items A, B, C, G.
Receive and File Items D, E.
Remove Item F.
AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay,
Urias
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ITEM REMOVED
Item F – Final Tract Map 82518

Jason Golding, Planning Manager, presented a staff report about the item.

ITEM F – APPROVED

Kang moved, Finlay seconded to approve Final Tract Map 82518, and authorize the Mayor to execute the associated Sub-division Agreement for the completion of public works improvements associated with the development, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay,
Urias
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

BUSINESS ITEMS
Appointment - SGVCOG
Committee

Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager, presented the staff report about the item.

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to appoint Councilmember Paras-Caracci as the representative to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Paras-Caracci, Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Finlay,
Urias
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

2020/21 Mid-Year Budget report
Budget Amendments

Kristen Petersen presented the staff report and a PowerPoint, including changes since budget adoption, projected general fund revenues and expenses, and mid-year summary.

Paras-Caracci asked that a discussion about City trees be included in the budget workshop.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to receive and file the 2020/21 mid-year budget report, and approve the budget amendments as outlined in the staff report, 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

COSGROVE: Provided an update on the storm water litigation, thanked Sheryl Lefmann for her help, and stated he is sorry to see her leave.

PARAS-CARACCI: Appreciated the Union Carpenters who attended the meeting and who helped out at functions, wished Sheryl and her husband the best, and stated she has done a wonderful job at the Chamber.

LEWIS: Appreciated the Allegra presentation, discussed the results of second-hand smoke experienced by his sister, and wished Sheryl good luck.

KANG: Stated he has received phone calls about street vendors selling flowers (Villalobos responded), stated there has been an influx of homeless persons staying on Huntington Drive, and inquired about increasing our services (Jordan responded).

TRUONG: Thanked the Carpenter's Union for showing support to Duarte, stated Sheryl will be missed, we need to build off the successes we have had with the homeless, and he looks forward to the budget workshop.

SCHULZ: Stated it was nice to meet the Union Carpenters, congratulated Sheryl and wished her all the best, she is looking forward to the next presentation about smoke-free areas, she hopes we can figure something out about the homeless issue, she will be happy to volunteer at the vaccination clinic, and discussed the cupid's box from Parks and Recreation.

FINLAY: She appreciated the Carpenters Union at the meeting and the Allegra presentation, looks forward to visiting Sheryl, and asked if a sign could be put up at the new dental clinic location.

URIAS: Thanked staff for being fiscally responsible and for the voters' approval of Measure D, stated Sheryl has done a tremendous job at the Chamber and he will miss her, thanked City of Hope, the School District, and the City for the vaccination event, encouraged all eligible residents to sign up and be vaccinated, and inquired about lowering flags (Enriquez responded).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. in memory of the over 500,000 persons who have died from COVID in the United States, and those who have lost their lives in the City of Duarte.

Mayor Bryan Urias

City Clerk