

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 12, 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 5:12 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Kang (arrived during Workshop), Nunez, Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: Finlay ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Urias seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.
WORKSHOP 2018/19 Mid-Year Budget	A Workshop was conducted to receive input and to provide information about the 2018/19 mid-year budget and the proposed amendments. Kristen Petersen presented the mid-year budget in detail, and answered questions from City Councilmembers. The Workshop concluded at 6:38 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m., with six members present, and Finlay absent.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Fire Chief Inman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Urias provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Kang and Fasana provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS Mayor's Youth Council update	The scheduled Mayor's Youth Council update was not presented.
Presentation – Annual Employee Service Awards	Kristen Petersen presented a PowerPoint report about the City employees, Commissioners, and Councilmembers who were recognized at the recent annual service awards event. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Certificates to the award recipients in appreciation of their years of service.
Introduction – Jeremy Pascua City Council Aide	George introduced Jeremy Pascua, the City's new City Council Aide. City Council welcomed Jeremy Pascua to the City. Mr. Pascua stated he looks forward to working with City Council.
Presentation – Duarte Road Gold Line related traffic signal update, and Metro Intersection Safety	Marty Amundson, L.A. County Public Works, presented detailed information about vehicle and pedestrian movements and all train track movements at the Duarte Road/Mountain Avenue signal and the Duarte Road/Buena Vista signal, and answered ques-

tions from Councilmembers pertaining to balancing wait time for northbound traffic, upgrading of software, and timeline for smart technology.

Lillian DeLoza-Gutierrez, Metro, introduced Edna Stanley from the Gold Line, who presented details about the Mountain/Buena Vista grade crossings and operations at the Monrovia rail yard, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to malfunction of arms, intersection failure, and standard procedures.

Steve Hernandez discussed traffic on westbound Duarte Road when railroad arms are down, Mountain Avenue when cars leave/enter the yard, and Buena Vista when the train is stopped.

Chris Frye stated she is concerned when first responders are waiting at the signal, and inquired if they can communicate with conductors to let an ambulance through.

Brian Villalobos provided information about the decrease in L.A. County Sheriff response times since the Gold Line went in, and noted emergency vehicles are able to come from any direction.

Fasana requested information be provided when software updates are made to the traffic signal near the Duarte Road Gold Line.

Presentation – Royal Oaks traffic signal update

Amanda Hamilton, Public Works Manager, presented an update about the Royal Oaks traffic signal, including studies, design, pedestrian safety, traffic circulation, delays, modified timing, next steps, and design modification phase.

There was discussion about completion time, phasing of improvements, traffic backing up, sensors, flashing light, left-turn arrow, and after school traffic.

Anil Gunaratne suggested the possibility of two lanes for eastbound traffic.

William Courtice stated when eastbound traffic is stopped in front of his house, he cannot get out of the driveway.

Mrs. Courtice stated traffic is backed up in the mornings and afternoons, it starts at Buena Vista, and stated when school is not in session, the signal is not needed.

Levon Yotnakhparian stated the timing for the green light at Mt. Olive is too short, as not many cars can go through when it turns green.

Lino Paras stated a deputy there would be psychological, and suggested a two-way lane, metal barrier, and red curb.

Phil Montanez stated he is the crossing guard at Royal Oaks, and the objective of safety for the school children has improved. Deputy MacLean, School Resource Deputy, stated the school is

focusing on making the parking lot more efficient, part of the planter will be removed, release times have been adjusted, and it has been safer for the crossing guard and the students.

There was further discussion about traffic after school, left-turn arrow, phasing in of improvements, and additional eastbound green time during non-school hours.

Paras-Caracci requested that City Council and the community be informed when updates occur to the Royal Oaks traffic signal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina Heany, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, luncheons, and seminars from February through May.

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

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, programs, and workshops from February through April.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Signals at City of Hope and Euclid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

Item D – ORDINANCE NO. 889 Construction/Demo Waste

Council Bill 19-O-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6.10 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE (MCA 18-04) REGARDING DIVERSION OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE (Second Reading)

Item E – ORDINANCE NO. 890 Wastewater Treatment Systems

Council Bill 19-O-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT 18-03 WHICH WOULD ADD CHAPTER 6.13 "ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS" IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO TITLE 6 "HEALTH AND SANITATION" OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDINANCE NO. 2018-0037, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (Second Reading)

RESOLUTION

Council Bill 19-R-01

Post-Employment Benefits Trust

Paras-Caracci read by title Council Bill 19-R-01:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCIES POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST ADMINISTERED BY PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS)

Kristen Petersen presented the staff report about the proposed resolution. There was discussion about the success of the program, and escalation rates if not pre-funded.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-01

Fasana moved, Urias seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-01, and carried unanimously by the members who were present.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Stated during the Council Workshop, an adjustment to the Agenda was discussed pertaining to Items from City Councilmembers, that new formatted item will be included on the next Agenda, and provided information for Arlene Miller's services.

FASANA: Attended Duarte High School Culinary Arts ribbon cutting, attended Black History recognition event presented by the Duarte Historical Society, asked that future Agenda items include televising workshops and a policy about saving or removing trees, asked if the City Attorney can review fireworks reports for the last five years to determine if sales tax rates were correctly calculated, and thanked staff for getting the word out about the street closure due to the recent accident in Irwindale.

NUNEZ: Attended three-day League Conference which was insightful and helpful, and visited Lario Park when it was offering showers and clothing for the homeless.

URIAS: Attended Groundhog Shadow Day event, met with Cal-Am Water and Carpenters Union, visited Lario Park showers, and stated there is some graffiti and instructions are missing on some of the fitness equipment at Aloysia Moore Park.

KANG: Asked for a status report about the Irwindale traffic accident (Villalobos responded), visited Fresno water treatment facility, inquired about the City's infrastructure for water pipes and water quality standards, and discussed showers at Lario Park.

REILLY: Attended San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative meeting where the San Gabriel monument plan was discussed, attended Duarte High School ribbon cutting for the Culinary Arts event and Duarte Chronicles at the museum, used a 3-D printer at the library, and attended legislative breakfast with Assemblymember Rubio and Homeless Initiative Conference in Los Angeles.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended school safety events at Duarte High School and Royal Oaks Academy, Groundhog Job Shadow Day event, McDonald's grand re-opening, Black History Month event at the museum, and installation of officers at the Dagupan City event, visited Lario Park showers and Burrtec's material recovery facility, stated the Duarte Emblem Club is celebrating 80 years this year and asked that it be recognized at the next meeting, and stated the Duarte Woman's Club is celebrating 60

years next month, and asked that it be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. in memory of Arlene Miller and Elvira Munoz.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk