

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 – JANUARY 23, 2018

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 Fasana called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Finlay (left at 8:47 p.m.), Kang (left at 8:19 p.m.), Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Fasana ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Kang moved, Finlay seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
CLOSED SESSION 1) Performance Evaluation 2) Exposure to Litigation	There was no public input. Fasana stated the first Closed Session item was pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1); Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Annual evaluation of City Manager, Designated City representative: David Cosgrove, City Attorney. The second item was pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(2). The Closed Session concluded at 6:10 p.m. City Council reconvened at 6:14 p.m. for a Workshop, with all members present.
WORKSHOP – Fireworks	A Workshop was held pertaining to fireworks. Staff presented information about the revenues, expenses, and regulations related to the discharge and sale of safe and sane fireworks. The Workshop concluded at 6:56 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:07 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Jan Winston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Paras-Caracci and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	Cosgrove announced that City Council met in Closed Session as stated above, with no reportable action taken on either item.
SPECIAL ITEMS Recognition – Zachary Stegman Eagle Scout	Mayor Fasana presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Zachary Stegman in recognition of his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and congratulations were extended.
Presentation – Chamber report	Tina Carey presented the Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report. Sheryl Lefmann displayed highlights of the Chamber's

	updated new website.
Presentation – Housing Laws	City Attorney Cosgrove presented a PowerPoint about affordable housing legislation, including background, the legislature’s response, Housing Accountability Act and amendments, consistency findings, consequences, and a summary of other affordable housing bills.
Public Safety update	Brian Villalobos provided the monthly Public Safety update, and stated the year-in-review is being prepared.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events in January and February. Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced programs, classes, story times, and workshops in January and February. Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, and activities in January and February.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Jan Winston – Graffiti. Lois Gaston – NLC resolution, embrace all people. Brian Tindall – Styrofoam/polystyrene. Gene Jones – L.A. Times article, customer service, politics. George Lucas – Street sweeping, signs. Kang left the meeting to participate in the Homeless Count.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, F, G, H. Receive and File Item D. Remove Item E.
Item F – RESOLUTION 18-01 Naming “Orange Blossom Park”	Council Bill 18-R-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE NEW PARK TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE CORNER OF THIRD STREET AND OAK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF DUARTE “ORANGE BLOSSOM PARK”
ITEM REMOVED – Item E “Gold Line Station Ped./ Bicycle Improvements” – Sully-Miller Notice of Completion	Jason Golding presented a staff report about the project, and answered questions from Councilmembers about the bicycle master plan and change orders. Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to accept the Gold Line Station Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements along Duarte Road and Highland Avenue and Citywide Wayfinding project (Sully-Miller), authorize the release of retention funds for the construction contract, and authorize the City Clerk to initiate the Notice of Completion, and carried with Kang absent.
ITEM E – APPROVED	Finlay commented on the Homeowners’ Exemption Awareness Month Proclamation, and encouraged residents to check if they

BUSINESS ITEMS
2018/19 budget calendar

qualify for an exemption.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the 2018/19 budget calendar as outlined in the staff report, and tentatively set 4:00 p.m. on April 30 and May 1, 2018, for the Budget Workshops, and carried with Kang absent.

Reimbursement Request
Shenkman & Hughes – \$30,000
(Continued from 1/9/18)

City Councilmembers discussed the reimbursement request from Shenkman & Hughes, and expressed their disappointment and disdain at having to spend these funds.

Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to pay \$5,000 per month beginning March 1, 2018, until the reimbursement request was paid in full.

There was discussion about the statutory time for payment, running the risk of litigation plus attorney's fees, and the wisest legal course.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded a substitute motion to approve the reimbursement request from \$30,000 from Kevin I. Shenkman, Shenkman & Hughes, pertaining to by-district elections, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Finlay, Reilly, Fasana

NOES: Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: Kang

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

COSGROVE: Stated Kevin Shenkman declined an offer to donate \$30,000 to Duarte High School for student programs, and as stewards of public dollars, not paying the invoice would end up costing more than paying it.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she appreciates recommendations from legal counsel, staff, and those who speak at meetings, she attended Martin Luther King, Jr., Day event at Performing Arts Center and boxing show in Las Vegas where Duarte boxers competed, stated some painted street stop lines, speed limits, and bike insignias have faded away, she has observed shopping carts on the streets, the sooner they are off the street the better, noticed a small uptick in graffiti in odd places and small areas, she will send photos to staff, and asked if we can track what is being tagged to see if there is a specific connection.

FINLAY: Thanked Public Safety and Neighborhood Watch for coming to her area, stated City Councilmembers truly listen to residents' requests, everything takes money, and she appreciates all the input.

REILLY: Stated the payment to the attorney was disdainful to her, although it was the better way to go, inquired about how many have signed up for the League's service line warranty program and if there are any locally-vetted contractors in the program, discussed an article about the County Board of Super-

visors making it illegal for minors to use marijuana, inquired about a presentation about cannabis (Cosgrove responded), she heard the high school's Martin Luther King, Jr., event was wonderful, she and the Mayor attended Santa Teresita Hospital's groundbreaking ceremony for their second cottage, attended Historical Society presentation by Larry Walls, and invited all to her Coffee and Conversation on Saturday at the Library.

FASANA: Attended groundbreaking event at Santa Teresita, stated at mid-year, we can look at the graffiti removal program to see if adjustments are needed, if there is a benefit to having a statement of values that reflect the values of diversity, he is fine with that at some point, regarding shopping carts, stated he would be interested to see if the locking technology is helping to solve the problem, noted Arcadia has a prohibition on parking every night and our City does not in most areas, and stated the goal of enforcement is to make sure the street is being swept, not collecting fines.

GEORGE: Stated staff will be reporting back at mid-year regarding pool hours.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., in memory of Thomas Miner, Pauline Baca, Leo Forgette, and Pat Ostrye, and carried with Kang absent. It was noted that any or all of the members of City Council may, prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting and pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.2(c)(2), meet with the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:30 a.m., in the Duarte Community Center Lounge, for a general discussion. The public is welcome to attend.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk