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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 14, 2020

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 6:21 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (left at 9:52 p.m.), Kang, Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: Urias ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Interim Successor City Manager Enriquez, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to also adjourn in memory of Ray Remy and Herlinda Figueroa, and carried unanimously by those present.
CLOSED SESSION Existing Litigation (One item continued)	There was no public input. City Attorney Cosgrove announced the first Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) and (d)(1) regarding an existing rate case filed by California American Water Company with the California Public Utilities Commission, Application No. 19-07-004 (Filed July 1, 2019.) The second Closed Session item was continued to a future meeting. The Closed Session concluded at 7:01 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:09 p.m., with six members present, and Urias absent.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Mayor Pro Tem Kang, Yasmina, and Aiden led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Mayor Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection, and congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Kang on his birthday.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Reilly and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM	City Attorney Cosgrove announced that City Council met in Closed Session and considered the first item, with no reportable action taken. The second item has been continued to a future City Council Meeting.
SPECIAL ITEMS Mayor's Youth Council update (Considered out of sequence)	Faith Peoples provided an update of recent Mayor's Youth Council activities and upcoming Teen Center events, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
Reorganization Election of Mayor/Chairperson	Interim Successor City Manager Enriquez assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor/Chairperson. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to nominate Samuel Kang

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	for Mayor. Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to close the nominations, and carried unanimously by those present.
Mayor Samuel Kang	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to elect Samuel Kang as Mayor, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Lewis, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci NOES: None ABSENT: Urias
Election of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson	Mayor Kang assumed the chair, thanked all for the privilege of serving as Mayor, and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to nominate Bryan Urias for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Paras-Caracci moved to nominate Margaret Finlay for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Finlay respectfully withdrew her name. Reilly moved to nominate herself for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Mayor Kang asked that a vote be taken to elect Bryan Urias to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.
Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Urias	The vote to elect Bryan Urias as Mayor Pro Tem carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Paras-Caracci, Kang NOES: Reilly ABSENT: Urias
RECESS	Mayor Kang called a Recess at 7:52 p.m. for a Reception. City Council reconvened at 8:07 p.m., with six members present, and Urias absent.
Recognition – Outgoing City Commissioners	Mayor Kang thanked the outgoing City Commissioners for their service to the City, and presented plaques to those in attendance.
Ratification of DUSD recommendations for Commissioners	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to ratify the Duarte Unified School District recommendation to appoint James Finlay as DUSD representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Ken Bell as the DUSD representative to the Public Safety Commission, and carried unanimously by those present.
Oaths of Office New Commissioners	The Oath of Office was administered to the newly appointed City Commissioners in attendance.
Presentation – 2020 Census	Justine Chen, U. S. Census Bureau, Los Angeles Regional Census Center, presented a PowerPoint outlining the purpose of the census, funding, representation, and redistricting, and described questions that will be asked, language programs, and outreach. Paras-Caracci suggested census information could be presented to the Senior Center and the Teen Center.
Update – Duarte Measure D	Manuel Enriquez presented a PowerPoint update about Duarte Measure D, including logo, modification of timeline, City news articles, fact sheets, Duarte View article, City's webpage, direct

mailers, and next steps.

There was discussion about educational events, and providing information. Cosgrove stated an overview could be scheduled as to what is appropriate pertaining to educating and advocating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, luncheons, and pop-up shops.

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

Karen Herrera announced community events, activities, and homeless count in January.

Reilly announced Black History Month Program at the Duarte Historical Museum on February 22.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Anne Wilkins – Westminster Gardens address/mailboxes.

Steve Hernandez – Support for City Councilmembers.

Lino Paras – ADA at City Hall, Mayor procedure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously by those present.

Approve Items B, C, D.

Remove Item A.

ITEM REMOVED – Item A
Minutes 12/10/19

Reilly asked that the names Carlos Mejia and Marcos “Boo Boo” Ramirez be included in the minutes as winners of the Silver Gloves State Championship.

Item A – APPROVED

Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to approve the minutes of 12/10/19, as amended, and carried unanimously by those present.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Service Line Warranties review

Victoria Rocha presented a staff report about the existing Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) agreement with the National League of Cities (NLC), and answered questions from Councilmembers.

There was discussion about the intent of the program, recent news article, comments and/or complaints from residents, possibility of discontinuing the program, number of residents who use the service, and receipt of royalties.

Paras-Caracci inquired if the NLC audits SLWA, and stated we should look at that.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to discontinue participation in the program.

There was additional discussion about the number of claims, the dollar amount saved by residents, and possibly removing the royalties aspect or dedicating the royalties to those with lower incomes for participation in Parks and Recreation Department activities.

The motion to discontinue participation in the program failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana

NOES: Lewis, Reilly, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Kang

ABSENT: Urias

Finlay suggested the royalties could be dedicated to the Parks and Recreation Department's financial assistance program.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to forego the royalties, and let the residents pay a lower rate for the service.

Finlay moved, Kang seconded a substitute motion to continue the SLWA program, and to dedicate the revenues to the Parks and Recreation Department's financial assistance program, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Reilly, Finlay, Kang

NOES: Fasana, Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: Urias

Intergovernmental Organizations Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to make the following appointments to Intergovernmental Organizations, and carried unanimously by those present.

Area "D" Emergency Services

City Manager – Representative

Full Council – Alternates

California Contract Cities

Liz Reilly – Delegate

Full Council – Alternates

City Selection Committee (County)

Samuel Kang – Delegate

Full Council – Alternates

Community Education Council

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Toney Lewis – Alternate

Duarte Community Coordinating Council

Bryan Urias – Representative

Toney Lewis – Alternate

Duarte Community Service Council

Liz Reilly – Representative

Toney Lewis – Alternate

Duarte Education Foundation

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Liz Reilly – Alternate

Foothill Employment and Training Consortium

Samuel Kang – Delegate

John Fasana – Alternate

Foothill Transit

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate

Toney Lewis – Alternate

Gold Line Phase II JPA

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate

Liz Reilly – Alternate

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Margaret Finlay – Director
City Manager/Full Council – Alternates

League of California Cities

Samuel Kang – Delegate
Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

John Fasana – Governing Board Representative
Margaret Finlay – Alternate Governing Board Representative

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Toney Lewis – Representative
Bryan Urias – Alternate

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District

Margaret Finlay – Representative
(Appointments made upon occurrence of a vacancy)

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22

Samuel Kang – Director
Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments

Margaret Finlay – Representative
Full Council – Alternates

Fasana stated the Executive Director of Foothill Employment and Training Consortium would like to attend a Council Meeting to give a presentation.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS
FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/
ATTORNEY

ENRIQUEZ: Congratulated and named those who received awards at the recent employee recognition event, and thanked the Committee for the stellar job.

FINLAY: Requested an informational report about the development of the Chadwick property in Bradbury, and congratulated employees.

COSGROVE: Noted nominations from the floor do not require a second.

FASANA: Stated he hoped all had a good holiday season, and provided an update on the homicide incident on the Gold Line.

LEWIS: Thanked staff for the employee event, stated he will miss Mrs. Paras-Caracci as Mayor, he looks forward to Mr. Kang being Mayor, and wished all a happy new year.

REILLY: Stated the awards dinner was a great event and read the message, and wished all a happy new year.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she appreciates the accolades, Mr. Kang as Mayor will continue his efforts to beautify the City, the employee event was awesome, congratulated those recognized, and wished all a happy new year.

KANG: Stated he is delighted and honored to be the Mayor, his initiative is to do more economic development and beautify the City, the employee event was awesome and enjoyable, noted today is his birthday, and wished all a happy new year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m. in memory of Everett Adams, Ray Remy, and Herlinda Figueroa.

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk