

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 13, 2015

At 6:00 p.m., a Reception was held to recognize employees for their years of service and achievements.

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 7:06 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (7:09 p.m.), Kang, Reilly,
Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Melching

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Barbara Dickerson 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.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Employees Service Awards

Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced and congratulated the employees for their years of service. Awards were presented to Eddie Howard, Christine Frye, Sheryl Lefmann, Marilyn Mays, Nick Zigic, Kelly Barnes, Darrell George, Susana Ledesma, James Arcaro, Kenneth Bell, Efren Castro, Jason Golding, William Lawrence, Johnny McLaurin, Barbie Bylsma-Houghton, Peggy Diamond, and Pamela Romero. Achievement Awards were presented to Nohemi Hernandez, Marilyn Mays, and Michelle Brown.

Recognition – Foothill Unity Center – 35th Anniversary

Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced Foothill Unity Center Board Members, who provided information about the Center. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a congratulatory Certificate of Appreciation to Foothill Unity Center for helping people and changing lives throughout the San Gabriel Valley for the past 35 years.

Recognition – Kristen Pugh

Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kristen Pugh for her nine years of service as Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations at the City of Hope, and congratulations were extended.

Public Safety Update

Brian Villalobos presented the public safety update, and provided information about the fingerprinting class process and mitigation of measures for homeless or transients at the transit platforms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Dickerson, Citrus College, announced 100th anniversary celebration in June, and provided information on the college's scholastic achievements.

Jack Ochoa, Duarte Historical Society, announced upcoming Sherlock Holmes and Hello Kitty exhibits, and board meeting.

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events in January.

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

Rainbow Yeung, AQMD, announced Martin Luther King, Jr., day of service, and upcoming workshop.

Karen Herrera presented community announcements about City events and activities in January and February.

Russ Decker, Olympia Youth Orchestra, thanked all who participate in and supported the recent concert.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

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

Receive and File Item E.

BUSINESS ITEMS
2015/16 Budget Calendar

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the 2015/16 budget calendar as outlined in the staff report, and set 5:00 p.m. on May 4 and 5, 2015, for the Budget Workshops, and carried unanimously.

MIG Consulting – EIR
Town Center Specific Plan

Craig Hensley presented a staff report about the item, introduced Lisa Brownfield, MIG Consulting, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to plan framework posters, funding, and geographic blueprint.

Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$283,946 with MIG Consulting as lead consultant for the preparation of a specific plan and supplemental EIR for the Town Center Specific Plan, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$325,000 to provide project funding, and directed staff to proceed with the formation of a Town Center Ad Hoc Committee, and carried unanimously.

Tipping Investment, LLC
Exclusive Negotiating Agmt.

Craig Hensley presented a staff report about the proposed Exclusive Negotiating Agreement, and answered questions from Councilmembers about outreach and deposit amounts.

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to authorize the City Manager to

execute an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Tipping Investment, LLC, for the properties located at 1101 Oak Avenue and 1634 Third Street, to consider possible residential development, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Thanked Digital Networks and Chad Grenawalt for their assistance with the new AV system.

KANG: Stated the new AV equipment looks great, commented about traffic congestion on Huntington Drive and the 210 Freeway, inquired if the trees at Huntington and Mount Olive were knocked down, and if they will be replaced.

REILLY: Congratulated Foothill Unity Center and Citrus College on their anniversaries, encouraged all to attend the transit study event as it is critical to give opinions, she likes the new look of the Council Chambers, and extended new year's wishes.

FASANA: Stated the artwork at the Gold Line Station is very nice, new cars will be delivered to Monrovia and the education campaign will be starting soon, regarding Azusa Rock, stated we need to see what we can do to get the trail open and accelerate the process, there is some graffiti on the Puente Largo bridge, attended San Gabriel Valley COG strategic planning session, appreciated the input from the AQMD, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Maher Hathout, George Raheb, and Trey Evans.

FINLAY: Asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Kenneth Chavis, attended League meeting in Lakewood, there was no quorum, and attended legislative tour in Sacramento, where she met with a number of staff members, and HR 29 pertaining to taxing of services was discussed.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she hopes all enjoyed their holidays, she has attended a number of grand openings in the City, it was nice to celebrate over 235 years of service from employees and Commissioners, her husband and son celebrate their birthdays this month, she looks forward to 2015, thanked staff for their time and work in updating the Council Chambers, and asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Trinidad Teresa Gibbons.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. in memory of Dr. Maher Hathout, George Raheb, Trey Evans, Kenneth Chavis, and Trinidad Teresa Gibbons.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk