

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 12, 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 Pro Tem Finlay 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

ABSENT: Urias

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Kang moved, Schulz seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to continue Business Item 9.B (Options for assistance programs) to a future meeting, and to also adjourn in memory of Tom LaBonge, Tommy Ross, and Michelle Ross, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Urias

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Commissioner
Paula Watson-Gardner

Hensley and Jordan provided information about Paula Watson-Gardner's service on both the Public Safety and Planning Commissions, City Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for

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	her service and wished her well, and Ms. Watson-Gardner thanked City Council and staff for the privilege of serving as a Commissioner.
Recognition of City of Duarte SGVCOG – Energy Award	Ana Bordallo, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and Robert Cruz, Southern California Gas Company, described the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership and awards program, congratulated the City for winning the Gold Tier Energy Champion Award and for its energy efficiency efforts, and expressed appreciation for the strong partnership.
Community Development Status Report	Craig Hensley presented the monthly Community Development Status Report, including statistics and architectural renderings of current and future projects and developments, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
Parks and Recreation Status Report	Manuel Enriquez presented the monthly Parks and Recreation Status Report, and provided an update about programs, classes, Holiday of Promise, and upcoming annual events.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Victor Benavides, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced upcoming events, membership drive, check-ins, and seminars. Victoria Rocha announced upcoming community events and programs, and invited residents to apply for the vacancy on the Planning Commission.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	None.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Kang moved, Lewis seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, after hearing a staff report on Item H, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, H, I, J. Receive and File Items D, E, F, G. AYES: Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Kang, Schulz, Truong, Finlay NOES: None ABSENT: Urias
ITEM H – RESOLUTION 21-01 Grant Funds – Fish Canyon Trail	Council Bill 21-R-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68), FOR THE FISH CANYON TRAIL RESTORATION AND ACCESS PLANNING PROJECT
BUSINESS ITEMS City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Organizations (Continued from 12/8/20)	Paras-Caracci moved, Schulz seconded to make the following appointments to intergovernmental organizations, and to appoint Jody Schulz to the Upper San Gabriel River Working Group, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Kang, Schulz, Truong, Finlay NOES: None ABSENT: Urias

Area “D” Emergency Services

City Manager – Representative; Full Council – Alternates

California Contract Cities

Toney Lewis – Delegate; Full Council – Alternates

City Selection Committee

Bryan Urias – Delegate; Full Council – Alternates

Community Education Council

Jody Schulz – Representative; Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate

Duarte Community Coordinating Council

Bryan Urias – Representative; Toney Lewis – Alternate

Duarte Community Service Council

Vinh Truong – Representative; Toney Lewis – Alternate

Duarte Education Foundation

Margaret Finlay – Representative; Jody Schulz – Alternate

Foothill Employment and Training Consortium

Vinh Truong – Delegate; Samuel Kang – Alternate

Foothill Transit

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate; Toney Lewis – Alternate

Gold Line Phase II JPA

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate; Jody Schulz – Alternate

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Margaret Finlay – Director; City Mgr/Full Council – Alternates

League of California Cities

Toney Lewis – Delegate; Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

Samuel Kang – Gov. Bd. Rep; Jody Schulz – Alt. Gov. Bd. Rep.

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Vinh Truong – Representative; Bryan Urias – Alternate

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22

Bryan Urias – Director; Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments

Margaret Finlay – Representative; Full Council – Alternates

Options – Assistance Programs
(Continued to a future meeting)

The item to consider recommendations pertaining to options for providing additional assistance programs and/or services to Duarte residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic was continued to a future meeting.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

COSGROVE: Wished all a happy new year.

JORDAN: Thanked Councilmembers Schulz and Truong for attending the orientation, and thanked everyone for creating a wonderful holiday atmosphere.

PARAS-CARACCI: Wished all a happy new year, and stated she appreciates all who serve.

SCHULZ: Wished all a happy new year, thanked staff for helping with the orientation, and stated the City is a good example of utilizing efficiency.

LEWIS: Wished all a happy new year, and stated he will attend the Public Safety Working Group meeting tomorrow.

KANG: Wished all a happy new year, stated many are working from home, we need internet continuity, asked if we can bring in other companies for internet services (Jordan responded), inquired about cars racing on Huntington Drive, homeless person, and fixing façade and parking lot at Janet's shopping center (Villalobos responded), and thanked Public Safety for dealing with shopping carts.

TRUONG: Appreciated the orientation and efficiency of staff, stated there were great presentations, thanked all for their congratulations on his newborn son, and he looks forward to 2021.

FINLAY: Inquired about compliance and regulations at parks regarding masks (Villalobos and Enriquez responded).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. in memory of Joanne Montgomery, Brian Lister, Michael Black, Tom LaBonge, Tommy and Michelle Ross, and Tommy Lasorda.

Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay

City Clerk