

CITY OF DUARTE

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF DUARTE, THE DUARTE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE DUARTE
COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022 – 7:00

P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session was called to order by Mayor Finlay at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Kang, Schulz, Truong, Garcia, Paras-Caracci, Finlay
Councilmembers Absent: Lewis
Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Thai Viet Phan, Assistant City Attorney
Kristen Peterson, Assistant City Manager / Director of
Administrative Services
Craig Hensley, Community Development Director
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager
Annette Juarez, City Clerk
Joyce Ayala, Management Aide
Maia McCurley, Associate Planner

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Alyssa Ho.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Kang and carried by the following vote of the Council to approve the adoption of the agenda.

AYES: Kang, Schulz, Truong, Garcia, Paras-Caracci, Finlay
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewis

4. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Presentation of Certificate to Eagle Scout Jacob Dexter Williams

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Jacob Dexter Williams for his achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding the Redrawing of Election District Boundaries

Jeff Simonetti of National Demographics Corporation gave a presentation regarding the redistricting process, neighborhoods, and communities of interest. He also discussed map submission and provided an overview of the online mapping tool.

There was discussion regarding district boundary requirements, the current district boundaries, and the online mapping tool.

Mayor Finlay opened the Public Hearing.

Public Comment

City Clerk Juarez announced that no written public comment was submitted.

Lino Paras addressed the Council to express his opinion regarding district boundaries.

Mayor Finlay closed the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

The report on the redistricting process, neighborhoods, and communities of interest was received and filed.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming library programs and events.

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced upcoming City events.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kevin Kane requested that the City Council consider establishing community garden in the City.

Lino Paras expressed his support of a community garden.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to read all Resolutions and ordinances presented for consideration by Title only and waive further reading. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- B. Approval of absence(s) of City Council member(s) from the City Council meeting.
- C. Approval of minutes – December 14, 2021, Special Meeting and December 14, 2021, Regular Meeting. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- D. Approval of warrants – December 25, 2021 and January 11, 2022. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- E. Receive and File the Community Development Status Report for January 2022.
- F. Receive and File the Parks and Recreation Department Status Report for January 2022.
- G. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-01 Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.
- H. Approval of Installation of a Yield Sign at the Southbound Approach of Town Center Villas at Las Posadas Drive and 15 MPH Signs throughout the Las Posadas Townhome Neighborhood.
- I. Reappointment of City Commissioners to a One-Year Term Expiring December 31, 2022.
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance NO. 905 adding Sections 6.09.090 through 6.09.230 Inclusive to the Duarte Municipal Code to Comply with State Law Regarding Organic Waste Disposal and Establish Standards, Procedures, and Related Definitions.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Kang, and carried by the following vote to approve Items A-J of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Kang, Schulz, Truong, Garcia, Paras-Caracci, Finlay
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewis

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

- A. Adoption of Resolution No 22-02 Approving General Plan Amendment 2021-01 Updating the Duarte Housing Element with the 2021-2029 Housing Element and Associated Negative Declaration
- B. Adoption of Resolution No. 22-03 Approving General Plan Amendment 2021-02 Amending the Safety Element of the City of Duarte General Plan; Adoption of Resolution No. 22-04 Approving General Plan Amendment No. 21-03 Incorporating Environmental Justice Policies; and Adopting a Negative Declaration

Director of Community Development Hensley introduced consultant Karen Warner of Karen Warner Associates.

Consultant Karen Warner presented an overview of the Housing Element describing the process, regional housing needs allocation, rezoning, and housing element sites.

Associate Planner McCurley presented an overview of the Safety Element describing the topics and issues addressed in the update; and gave an overview of the environment justice policies being incorporated in the Housing Element Update.

Associate Planner McCurley and Lexi Journey, Rincon Consultants, responded to questions posed by the Council regarding disadvantaged communities.

Mayor Finlay opened the public hearing.

Public Comment

City Clerk Juarez announced that no written public comment was received.

Ted Jimenez, Southwest Carpenters of Los Angeles representative, encouraged the Council to include language regarding the hiring of skill-trained workforce and disadvantaged workers in the Housing Element to create a pathway for local workers.

Mayor Finlay closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by the following vote of the Council to adopt Resolution No. 22-02 approving General Plan Amendment 2021-01 updating the Duarte Housing Element with the 2021-2029 Housing Element and the Associated Negative Declaration; and adopt Resolution No. 22-03 approving General Plan Amendment 2021-02 Amending the Safety Element of the City of Duarte General Plan; and adopt Resolution No. 22-04 approving General Plan Amendment No. 2021-03 incorporating Environmental Justice Policies and adopting a Negative Declaration.

AYES: Kang, Schulz, Truong, Garcia, Paras-Caracci, Finlay
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Lewis

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

11. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

**12. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/
FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

City Manager Jordan stated that he was looking forward to a great 2022.

Councilmember Kang expressed his appreciation of the Community Development Department for their work on the mixed-used development; requested that Staff assist with the ingress and egress at Starbucks; requested that CalTrans clean-up the weeds at the Mt. Olive freeway exit; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Garcia thanked City Staff for their hard work; wished everyone Happy Dr. Martin Luther King Day and Happy New Year; commended Foothill Unity Center for their toy and food drive; and thanked the Library for their rapid tests.

Councilmember Schulz echoed the sentiments of her colleagues; thanked Staff for their work; and thanked Sergeant Fiedler and the LA County Sheriffs for their hard work; and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Truong wished everyone a Happy New Year; thanked Staff for their work; announced that LA County is providing At-Home PCR tests; stated that the entire City of Duarte is a community of interest in terms of redistricting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Paras-Caracci expressed her appreciation of the Phoenix art piece at The Huntington; commended Staff for the yellow frames around the traffic signals at Mt. Olive Drive and Huntington Drive; requested to see a sample of the fencing that will be used at the City Yard; expressed her appreciation of the holiday events; requested that Senator Portantino and Assemblymember Rubio make a visit to the City; requested that Duarte Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Gordan Amerson also be invited to provide an update to the City; gave her sentiments about Gabriel Carmona and Roger Helizon, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Finlay requested a joint meeting with the Duarte Unified School District; commended Staff for the holiday events; and gave her sentiments about Gabriel Carmona and Bill Cortice.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Gabriel Carmona, Roger Helizon, and Bill Cortice.



Margaret Finlay, Mayor



Annette Juarez, City Clerk