

CITY OF DUARTE

Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia called the open session to order at 4:10 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Kang, Truong (arrived at 4:17 p.m.), Calderon, Martin Del Campo, Garcia

Councilmembers Absent: Lewis

Staff Present: Brian Villalobos, City Manager
Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development
Larry Breceda, Director of Public Safety Services
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Albert Nuñez, Management Analyst
Frances Jimenez, City Clerk
Stephanie Sandoval, Public Works Manager
Angela Chiaromonte, Financial Services Manager
Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Manager

City Manager Villalobos shared appreciation for Assistant to the City Manager Rangel and Management Analyst Nuñez for their hard work putting together this project; he thanked the residents, staff, and council for their participation in the process of developing the strategic plan; and shared excitement to use the final plan as reference for the next few years.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATION - ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

John Fasana suggested the focus of the plan should look at youth in the community; commented on the need to increase the youth population; and their involvement; and asked that robust programming be marketed and promoted even further for the youth.

3. CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

A. Strategic Action Plan for the Duarte Strategic Plan

MIG staff provided an overview of the strategic planning process and the framework of the draft plan.

Conversation was had regarding ways to improve community engagement and further outreach. The City Council also discussed the feedback that was received through the community questionnaire.

Discussion ensued regarding a vision statement that highlighted emerging values and the current mission statement was reflected upon.

Suggestions were made regarding engagement on social media, the website and exploring ways to involve the community.

MIG consultants clarified the goals and strategies of the strategic plan and considered ideas made by the City Council, such as increasing collaboration with the Duarte Unified School District on projects. Further suggestions were provided regarding community vitality and fostering partnerships with community groups.

Additional dialogue ensued regarding strategies to address housing needs and ways to prioritize infrastructure and beautification in public spaces.

MIG staff reviewed the project timeline and the proposed schedule regarding next steps.

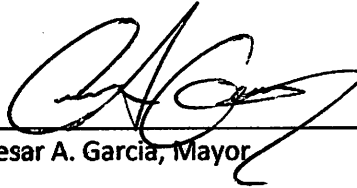
The City Council shared their final opinions regarding the strategic action plan draft.

4. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

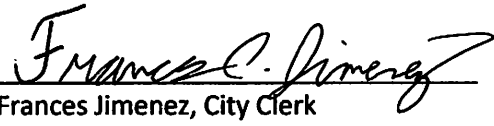
None.

5. ADJOURNMENT - To Scheduled Regular City Council Meeting

At 6:11 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting.



Cesar A. Garcia, Mayor



Frances Jimenez, City Clerk