

CITY OF DUARTE

Minutes of the REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/DUARTE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025
7:00 PM — Regular Session**

7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia called the open session to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Truong, Calderon, Martin Del Campo, Garcia
Councilmembers Absent: None
Staff Present: Brian Villalobos, City Manager
Thai Viet Phan, City Attorney
Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager / Director of Administrative Services
Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development
Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Services Manager
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Andres Rangel, Assistant to the City Manager
Frances Jimenez, City Clerk
Patricia Alcala Aparicio, Deputy City Clerk

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to adopt the agenda.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Jessy Vergara.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - SPECIAL ITEMS

Mark Montgomery recognized Jason Golding for helping the community for over 27 years.

Steve Hernandez thanked Jason Golding for his help and patience with the community.

5. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Recognition of Jason Golding's 27 Years of Service

City Manager Villalobos congratulated him on his retirement; highlighted the fact that he grew up in the City; and dedicated 27 years to giving back to his community.

Community Development Director Hensley spoke on Planning Manager, Jason Golding's years of service; commended his outstanding work in architecture and design; presented him with a commemorative sign; and expressed that Jason will be deeply missed for his exceptional character, dedication to customer service and lasting legacy through the many complex projects he contributed to within the City.

Jason Golding accepted the commemorative sign and thanked his family, friends, coworkers and the city Council for their support for his 27 years of service. He also reflected on his journey since first moving to Duarte, the positive changes that have made the city safer, and the shared dedication of staff who made a lasting difference in the community.

The City Council recognized Planning Manager, Jason Golding for his 27 years of service to the City of Duarte and community; they highlighted his professionalism, kindness, and passion for his hometown; shared personal memories of his support and collaboration; commended his lasting impact on the city's growth and character; and presented him with a plaque of recognition of his years of service.

B. National Magic Week Proclamation

John Ingman gave a short magic show.

The City Council proclaimed October 25th–31, 2025, as National Magic Week.

Kimberly Hallinger, President of the Society of American Magicians, spoke about the history of the organization and invited the community to future events.

C. Filipino American Heritage Month Proclamation

Jo-Ann Oloteo, Public Safety Commission Chair, accepted the proclamation in memory of former Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci who inspired her to be part of the community and to apply to be a part of the Public Safety Commission; she thanked the City Council for the proclamation and for recognizing the Filipino American Community.

The City Council proclaimed October 2025 as Filipino American History Month.

Mayor Garcia spoke about the hard work she has done as the Public Safety Commission chair.

D. Public Safety Department Update

Public Safety Manager Ariizumi, shared information on behalf of Public Safety Director Breceda and reported that there has been a decline in part 1 crimes by 14.8%; shared that there has been a notable reduction in robberies by 13% and burglaries by 32%; highlighted recent work done by the special assignment team. He also praised Outreach Coordinator Erika Ramos's outreach work and shared information regarding upcoming events the Public Safety team will be attending.

The City Council praised Outreach Coordinator Ramos for helping the homeless community; mentioned to be aware of the rising temperatures.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming library events.

Assistant to the City Manager Rangel announced upcoming city events.

Herman Rojas spoke about his wife, Public Safety Commission Chair Oloteo's work and dedication to the community.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Victoria Ramirez reported on upcoming events and the Mayor's Youth Council's participation at the Halloween Howl event to raise funds for student scholarships.

City Manager Villalobos introduced the new Deputy City Clerk, Patricia Alcala Aparicio.

Steve Hernandez requested that the City Council adjourn the meeting on behalf of San Bernardino County Deputy Andrew Nunez and on behalf of the Friends of Duarte Library, he made an announcement regarding memberships.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to read all Resolutions and Ordinances presented for consideration by Title only and waive further reading (CC/HA/FA).

B. Approve absence(s) of City Councilmember(s) from the City Council meeting.

C. Approval of Minutes - October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting (CC/HA/FA).

D. Approval of Warrants - October 28, 2025 (CC/HA/FA).

E. Receive and File the Public Safety Department Update.

F. Approve the Award of Contract for FY 2025/26 Citywide Concrete Repair Project - Project No. 26-3 to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$102,900.00.

Moved by Councilmember Finlay, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to adopt items 9A - 9F of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

10. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

12. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

13. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. FY 25-26 Chamber of Commerce Update Presentation

Assistant to the City Manager Rangel introduced Executive Director for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Kalpna Shah; and explained that per the FY 2025-26 Agreement with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, they are required to provide a quarterly update of the work they have conducted so far.

Executive Director Shah presented the Chamber of Commerce's quarterly update and shared upcoming events and plans.

The City Council requested that the Chamber's updates be added to their weekly update reports; requested information regarding the statistics for memberships and how the membership benefits the businesses; and supported the Chamber in reaching out to bigger businesses.

Moved by Councilmember Finlay, seconded by Councilmember Kang, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to receive and file the FY 25-26 Chamber of Commerce Updated Presentation.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

B. Resolution appointing representative to SGVMVCD

City Manager Villalobos presented a staff report regarding the appointment of a City Councilmember to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District for either a two- or four-year term.

The City Council commended former representative Councilmember Finlay on her work and discussed her reinstatement as representative to SGVMVCD for a four-year term.

Moved by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin Del Campo, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to appoint Council member Finlay as representative to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District for a four-year term.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

C. City Councilmember Speaking Time Limits

City Manager Villalobos presented the staff report for councilmember speaking time limits; detailed the option to limit councilmember comments; thanked Management Analyst Albert Nunez for researching in surrounding cities; and cited that there is no set standard for this decision, rather it is at Council's discretion.

The City Council discussed setting speaking time limits on Council comments; raised some concerns when deliberating on certain business items; suggested only having some limitations on closing comments; spoke on preparedness of the City Council before the meeting and therefore suggested limiting the speaking time limits to five minutes or at the discretion of the mayor.

After deliberation, the City Council decided to table the item to the November 11, 2025, Council meeting.

Moved by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Kang, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to table the Council member speaking time limits.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

D. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Make Recommendations Relating to the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics

Assistant to the City Manager Rangel presented a staff report regarding the establishment of an Ad Hoc committee for the 2029 Los Angeles Summer Olympics. The tasks of the committee include, but not limited to, the establishment of analysts to recruit a NOC (National Olympic Committee) and the opportunity to create fan zones and viewing parties. Staff recommended that the committee consist of three City Council members, two Duarte unified school board members, a CS Arts representative and a City of Hope representative.

After discussion, Mayor Garcia, Councilmember Truong and Finlay expressed interest in being part of the Ad Hoc committee. The City Council discussed the cost of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee for the 2028 Olympics and the possibility of collaborating with other cities to incur potential costs.

Mayor Garcia suggested making an amendment to the resolution to include the 2026 FIFA World Cup and also include a member of the Chamber of Commerce representative and a member of the Duarte Community Coordinating Council.

Moved by Mayor Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin Del Campo, and carried by the following vote of the City Council to amend the Ad Hoc Committee to include the 2026 FIFA World Cup along with the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.

AYES: FINLAY, KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, CALDERON, MARTIN DEL CAMPO, GARCIA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

14. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53232.3

Mayor Pro Tem Martin Del Campo reported that she attended the Utility Box Art Ad Hoc Committee and shared appreciation for the new ideas they bring to the table.

Councilmember Calderon shared that he also attended the Utility Box Art Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He also attended Westminster Gardens at their 75th Anniversary Celebration; and encouraged people to vote.

Councilmember Finlay shared she attended the Red Ribbon Week March and congratulated LA County Sheriff Deputy Art Valenzuela for being recognized at the Kiwanis Club Installation Ceremony for his work and being selected as the Community Service Award Honoree.

Councilmember Lewis wished everyone a good night.

Councilmember Kang encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilmember Truong reported he attended the SGVCOG LA 28 meeting; expressed interest in being part of the 2028 Olympics Ad Hoc Committee; and raised concerns over the number of travelers expected but expressed reassurance that Public Safety departments throughout LA County will be prepared.

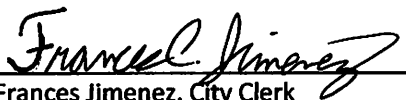
Mayor Garcia stated he also attended the Red Ribbon Week March and shared appreciation for the turnout of the events; mentioned the upcoming Chamber's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at City of Hope; and shared he attended the Kiwanis Installation Dinner. He also gave an update regarding the Foothill Transit meeting and the Rotary Breakfast he attended and invited residents to attend upcoming community events.

Councilmember Lewis suggested adding a MAD member to the Olympics Ad Hoc committee. City Attorney Phan suggested bringing forward the idea when the item comes back to the City Council.

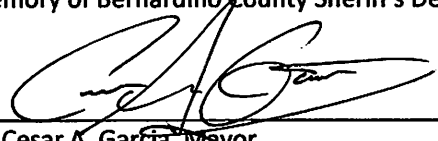
Mayor Garcia wished a happy birthday to Albert Nunez, Angela Chiaromonte, and Councilmember Lewis Toney.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez.



Frances Jimenez, City Clerk



Cesar A. Garcia, Mayor