

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, DECEMBER 14, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Finlay at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
Councilmembers Absent: None
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
Nohemi Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The City Council, Staff, and members of the community saluted the flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Kang and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the adoption of the agenda.

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

4. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority/Financial Authority Reorganization

1. Election of Mayor/Chairperson (City Manager Presiding)

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Paras-Caracci and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to elect Mayor Pro-Tem Finlay as Mayor/Chairperson.

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

2. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chairperson (Mayor/Chairperson Presiding)

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Lewis and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to elect Councilmember Paras-Caracci as Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chairperson.

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

B. Recess/Reception

The City Council recessed at 7:16 pm to celebrate newly appointed Councilmember Garcia, newly elected Mayor Finlay, and newly elected Mayor Pro-Tem Paras-Caracci.

The City Council reconvened at 7:50 pm.

C. Community Development Update

Director of Community Development Hensley announced that the City of Duarte was recognized as a winner of the 2021 Energy Champions Platinum Award; and provided an update on City projects and developments.

D. Parks and Recreation Update

Director of Parks and Recreation announced upcoming holiday events and winter recreational class registration.

5. 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.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Michele Silence announced a proposed 5k event and requested a co-sponsorship from the City.

Steve Hernandez commended the City Manager and City Directors for their work throughout the year; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Victor Benevides, City of Hope representative, congratulated Mayor Finlay, Mayor Pro-tem Paras-Caracci, and newly appointed Councilmember Garcia; and expressed concerns about homelessness, the cold temperatures, and the potential for fires in the basin.

Lino Paras suggested a computer and printer be placed in the chambers so that the public may print agendas; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

7. 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 – November 23, 2021, Regular Meeting and November 30, 2021, Special Meeting. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- D. Approval of warrants – December 14, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA)

- E. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-27 Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.
- F. Award of Contract for the FY 2021/22 Concrete Repair Project (Project No. 22-1) in the amount of \$92,777.00 to DASH Construction Company, Inc.
- G. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-29 Approving the Proposition 68 Program Application(s) for Per Capita Grant Funds.
- H. Receive and File the Community Development Status Report for December 2021.
- I. Receive and File the Parks and Recreation Department Status Report for December 2021.

Moved by Councilmember Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Kang, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Items A-I of the Consent Calendar.

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

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Consideration 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.

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha discussed SB1383 mandates and enforcement timeline.

Michael Heftman, Burrtec Waste, responded to questions posed by the Council regarding waste containers, residential assessments, and educating the public regarding the new mandates.

Mayor Finlay opened the public hearing.

Assistant City Attorney Phan announced that the hearing was properly noticed, and no communication was received.

Public Comment

Steve Hernandez expressed concerns about food waste degrading in the trash containers and associated odors.

Brad Finlay expressed concerns about animals potentially accessing the green waste containers.

Michael Heftman, Burrtec Waste, responded to additional questions posed by the Council regarding community meetings.

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha provided information about the Food Recovery Program to reduce food waste; and discussed the funding of the Food Recovery Program and SB1383 mandates.

Mayor Finlay closed the public hearing.

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to introduce and pass on for second reading Ordinance No. 905, an Ordinance of the City Council 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.

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

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 Attorney Phan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and congratulated newly appointed Councilmember Garcia.

City Manager Jordan thanked Nohemi Hernandez for her assistance during the meeting; and welcomed Councilmember Garcia.

Councilmember Lewis welcomed Councilmember Garcia; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Kang congratulated Councilmember Garcia; thanked City Staff and the Council for all their work; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Garcia thanked the Council and City Staff; wished everyone Happy Holidays; and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Fabian Ivan Cano.

Councilmember Schulz welcomed Councilmember Garcia; congratulated Mayor Finlay and Mayor Pro-tem Paras-Caracci; thanked the Council and Staff for their work; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Truong congratulated Councilmember Garcia; wished everyone Happy Holidays; thanked Staff for the Christmas Toy Drive; and thanked Steve Hernandez for his contributions to the City.

Mayor Pro-tem Paras-Caracci expressed her appreciation of the Council, City Staff, residents, City Manager, and City Attorney; welcomed Councilmember Garcia; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

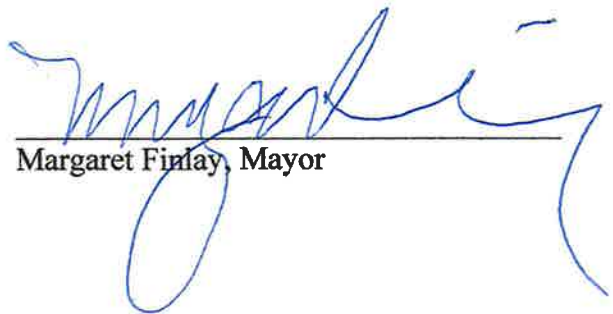
Mayor Finlay thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Mayor; thanked Duarte citizens for electing her to the Council; and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Nita Carey and Fabian Ivan Cano.



Annette Juarez, City Clerk



Margaret Finlay, Mayor