

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 – NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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 in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Kang (left at 8:50 p.m.), Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Finlay ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	George Farra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Villalobos and Finlay provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS Reorganization Election of Mayor/Chairperson	City Manager George assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor/Chairperson. Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to nominate John Fasana for Mayor/Chairperson. Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to close nominations, and carried unanimously.
Mayor John Fasana	Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to elect John Fasana as Mayor/Chairperson, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Kang, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Fasana NOES: None Mayor Fasana thanked his colleagues, and stated he is looking forward to the upcoming year.
Election of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson	Mayor Fasana assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to nominate Liz Reilly for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations, and carried unanimously.
Mayor Pro Tem Liz Reilly	Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to elect Liz Reilly as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson, and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events in December, and introduced Chamber Charlie.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced programs, classes, story times, and clubs in November and December.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, and activities from November through March.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Joe Guarrera – Congratulations.

Steve Hernandez – Appreciation for community recognition.

Gene Jones – Year-round pool ideas.

Lino Paras – Congratulations, sheriff's car, election.

Captain David Flores – Congratulations, incident update.

Liz Reilly – Location of light on podium.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items B, C, E.

Remove Items A, D.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item A – Minutes 11/13/17

Lino Paras clarified the intent of what he said concerning the directly-elected Mayor.

ITEM A – APPROVED

Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2017, as clarified, and carried unanimously.

Item D – Council Bill 17-R-51
SGVCOG Amendments

Council Bill 17-R-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT AS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL'S GOVERNING BOARD (FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT)

George presented a staff report about the item.

Item D – APPROVED
RESOLUTION NO. 17-51

Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 17-51, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council Bill 17-R-50 (TEFRA)
Tax-Exempt Obligations
SMG Arts - \$7,750,000

Mayor Fasana announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider the item, and read by title Council Bill 17-R-50:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS BY THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,750,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, DEVELOPING, RENOVATING, EQUIPPING, AND FURNISHING FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SMG ARTS PROPERTY, LLC, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO HEREIN SPECIFIED

Notice of the hearing was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written communications were received about the item.

Kang stated in Section 1 of the Resolution, there is a period in the amount “\$7,750,000” rather than a comma, and it needs to be corrected. The correction was noted.

Cosgrove presented a detailed staff report about the item, described the TEFRA process, answered questions from Councilmembers, and stated staff recommends approval.

Mayor Fasana asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the item.

Ralph Opacic, CS Arts, provided statistical information about the number of students, partnership with the School District, the dance program, and instrument lessons, and thanked the City for its support.

Steve Hernandez stated the school has exceeded every expectation, it has helped home sales, they are doing a phenomenal job, and he thinks it will save our schools.

George Farra suggested the Public Hearing be continued until there is an accounting of the \$3 million previously approved, a business plan, and a forecast of additional funding.

Kang moved, Finlay seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion about CS Arts complementing the public school system, people wanting to come to our City and attend our schools, increase in property values, students looking forward to dance classes, and amount the School District receives per student. It was noted that the City bears no cost or financial obligation, and the school needs to satisfy the lender to make sure the loan is secured.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-50

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 17-50, as amended to correct the punctuation typo, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Stated staff has been pursuing the reimbursement of expenses from FEMA for the debris flow from the rains of last winter, and we have been approved for up to \$400,000.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended DUSD art exhibit, Congressional prayer breakfast, Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, and photo shoot for Foothill Transit, and hopes all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

REILLY: Attended Duarte Senior Center potluck, YMCA Gala at Santa Anita Race Park, Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, and Chamber Brown Bag Lunch, and stated Hertz has rental cars parked in the lot at Smart & Final, they are taking up space, and asked that we look into it.

FINLAY: Inquired about possibly reducing the number of City Commissions, congratulated Mayor Fasana and Mayor Pro Tem Reilly, attended the Thanksgiving potluck and the mobility fair in downtown L.A., stated she will help with feeding the homeless on Sunday, and she hopes all had a great Thanksgiving.

KANG: Discussed quadcopters, stated he observed drug activity by homeless persons at McDonald's, and he hopes we have a plan soon to remediate this.

FASANA: Asked for a workshop about homelessness to understand what legally can be done, discussed transportation technologies, factors, growth, and housing, stated access to the Mesa should be shown on the district election map, and stated he is open to panel interviews for the Commission interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., to the Special City Council Meeting/Public Hearing pertaining to district elections, Monday, December 4, 2017, 5:00 p.m., and carried with Kang not present.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk