

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 26, 2019

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 Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced that Councilmember Finlay has not yet arrived at the meeting, Councilmember Urias will participate via teleconferencing from the publicly accessible location listed on the Agenda, the public will have an opportunity to address the City Council from that location, and all votes taken at the meeting will be by roll call vote.

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), Kang, Lewis, Reilly, Urias (by teleconference), Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Interim Successor City Manager Enriquez, City Attorney Cosgrove

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to also adjourn in memory of Dennis Rogers, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: None

ABSENT FROM VOTE: Finlay

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Paras-Caracci led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

Lewis and Fasana provided the warm-up.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Youth and Family Committee

Manuel Enriquez provided information about the Youth and Family Committee, stated it was in existence for over a decade, it has been sunsetted, and a total of 40 persons have served on the Committee. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented certificates to members of the Youth and Family Committee, and expressed appreciation for their service to the community.

Presentation – Foothill Transit

Dorian Barnes, Executive Director, Foothill Transit, presented “Duarte Transit Service,” an overview of the first six months of the electric bus system and partnership with the City, including background and plans underway, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to handicap accessible stops, ridership, and capacity.

Fasana suggested there be an analysis and possible adjustment of bus fares based on some of the capacity that we have on the buses. Mayor Paras-Caracci suggested at a Joint Meeting with the School District and MAD Town Council, there be a topic for discussion about assisting/subsidizing student bus fares, and that representatives from CS Arts could be included.

Steve Hernandez stated the buses do not always get to the stops on time, he is concerned with the design, discussed charging of batteries, stated they need more even distribution, and seniors are on a budget.

Mayor Paras-Caracci asked that information about apps pertaining to real time bus information be sent to City Council.

Presentation–Chamber Quarterly Report

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, presented the quarterly report for July – September 2019.

Public Safety update

Captain Flores presented the public safety update, including information about letters of agency, State of the Station, reduced crime rate and increased arrests from October 2018–September 2019, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Brian Villalobos provided information about the joint City/Chamber notification to businesses pertaining to the letter of agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Knight, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, mixers, and programs in December.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs, story times, classes, and celebrations in December.

Victoria Rocha announced community events, activities, gift-giving opportunities, and holiday events in December.

Brenda Trainor announced Foothill Unity Center pet food bank event next week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Nance Parry – Heritage Park rent increase, ordinance.

Fasana suggested that a link could be created on the City's website regarding the urgency ordinance about residential tenancies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: None

Approve Items B, C, I.

Receive and File Items F, G, H.

Remove Items A, D. E.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item A – Minutes of 11/12/19

Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to continue the Minutes of November 12, 2019, as they were not attached to the digital agenda, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

ITEM A – CONTINUED

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: None

Item D – Council Bill
19-O-04 – Zone Change 19-01
(Second Reading)

Item E – Council Bill
19-O-05 – MCA 19-02
(Second Reading)

ITEM D – APPROVED
Council Bill 19-O-04
ORDINANCE NO. 892

ITEM E – APPROVED
Council Bill 19-O-05
ORDINANCE NO. 893

BUSINESS ITEMS
Burrtec Performance Review,
Amendment, Rate Adjustment

Craig Hensley presented the staff report about the second reading of the two Council Bills that were considered as part of the Public Hearing at the previous meeting.

Lino Paras commended the City Attorney, and questioned if the second reading is appropriate for the Consent Calendar.

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 892 and Ordinance 893, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci
NOES: None

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED DUARTE STATION SPECIFIC PLAN, DEFINING PERMITTED USES, REGULATING THE SIZES AND LOCATIONS OF BUILDINGS, SPECIFYING DESIGN GUIDELINES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, IDENTIFYING PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES, PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE AND IMPLEMENTATION LANGUAGE, AND DEPICTING THE CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO FOR THE PLAN AREA, GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF DUARTE ROAD AND HIGHLAND AVENUE (1801 HIGHLAND AVENUE, 1700 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, AND 1716 EVERGREEN STREET) (ZONE CHANGE 19-01) (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT 19-02, AMENDING CHAPTER 19.22 OF THE DUARTE DEVELOPMENT CODE, TABLE 2-15, WHICH IDENTIFIES ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLANS (Second Reading)

Kristen Petersen discussed the two-part presentation regarding Burrtec's "2020 Annual Review," consisting of the performance review and the rate review.

Victoria Rocha presented a PowerPoint about the annual performance review, including elements, highlights, contract review criteria for rates, adjustment factors, and disposal and processing negotiated rates, and stated staff's recommendation is to approve both the performance review and rate adjustment.

Richard Niño, Burrtec, presented additional information about recyclables, China's National Sword Policy, its impacts, 807% increase in recyclable disposal and processing fees, China's ban on all recycled material in 2020, residential rates, service levels, rate survey, commercial rate summary, commercial recycling and organics, and the future of solid waste.

Steve Hernandez stated the State is neglecting the problem, there needs to be an alternative way to provide products and minimize packing, and they are not dealing with it correctly.

Lino Paras stated we should find a way to give back to the earth in its natural form, he reuses cardboard, and asked if recycling is realistic.

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to approve the Burrtec Waste Services Annual Performance Review and Amendment No. 11 to the Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclables, and Green Waste Services Agreement, and to approve the refuse collection and recycling rates shown in the schedule attached to the staff report, to become effective January 1, 2020, per staff recommendation, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci
NOES: None

RESOLUTION

Council Bill 19-R-31

Special Election – March 3, 2020
(Considered out of sequence)

It was determined that Council Bill 19-R-31 would be considered at this time.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 3, 2020, TO CONSIDER A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THAT ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION OF THAT SAME DATE, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Manuel Enriquez presented the staff report about the proposed resolution pertaining to a Special Election on March 3, 2020, and stated if adopted, staff is requesting that City Council authorize one of its members to submit a ballot argument in favor of the measure, and noted a correction to Exhibit 1 (the ordinance), Page 6, Section 6, changing the word “intendent” to “independent.”

Lino Paras stated we might as well join other cities and keep sales tax here, similar measures were overwhelmingly passed by neighboring cities, he supports this, and he thinks the Mayor should write the argument.

There was discussion about the prior utility users tax a number of years ago that was sunsetted, the City’s structural deficit, and allowing voters to evaluate and make a determination.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-31

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution 19-31, to authorize Mayor Paras-Caracci to write the argument, and to approve the correction to Exhibit 1 as stated above, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Kang, Paras-Caracci
NOES: None

BUSINESS ITEMS (continuation)
Discussion – Timing for City
Council reorganization

There was a discussion about the possibility of moving the reorganization of City Council from the December meeting to the first meeting in January, the Mayor authoring the ballot measure argument for the March 2020 election, possible confusion if a different Councilmember was Mayor on the day of election, the possibility of keeping the current Mayor until after March, and keeping the reorganization in December.

Lino Paras stated when he suggested the Mayor author the argument, he did not mention a name.

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to move the reorganization item to the first meeting in January 2020, and at that time, to reassess and reconsider the item, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Lewis, Urias, Finlay, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: Reilly

RESOLUTIONS (continuation)
Council Bill 19-R-30
SB2 Planning Grant Program

Council Bill 19-R-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF SB2 PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Craig Hensley presented the staff report, and answered questions pertaining to project management cost and affordable housing.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-30

Fasana moved, Lewis seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-30, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: None

Council Bill 19-R-32 – Medical
(PERS All Employees)

Council Bill 19-R-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT (PERS All Employees)

Council Bill 19-R-33 – Medical
(Non PERS City Council)

Council Bill 19-R-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FIXING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT (Non PERS City Council)

RESOLUTION NO. 19-32
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Fasana moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-32 and Resolution No. 19-33, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Finlay, Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci

NOES: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Councilmember absences, working together.
Lino Paras – Previous comments about the Mayor.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS
FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/
ATTORNEY

COSGROVE: Stated the transit occupancy tax item and the housing overview presentation will be brought to Council soon.

REILLY: Stated she would like the City to apply for a planning grant for Fish Canyon Trail, as the second round of grants for Prop 68 will be in March, she would like San Gabriel Valley Foothills Rebuilding Together group to receive certificates for

their good work on the house on Lewiston, we should recognize the Route 66 Parade Committee, expressed appreciation for what she is grateful for, and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

KANG: Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

FINLAY: Thanked Jody Schulz for the holiday caroling event, stated the Mayor was missed at the NLC meeting, congratulated L.A. Councilmember Joe Buscaino on being named the new NLC president, expressed appreciation for what she is grateful for, wished all a Happy Thanksgiving, and stated the holiday decorations look great.

LEWIS: Announced Mayor's Prayer Breakfast tomorrow, wished Councilmember Urias well, expressed appreciation for what he is thankful for, and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

URIAS: Thanked all for their kind words, he hopes to be home soon, and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

FASANA: Stated there was an article regarding complaints and issues about Service Line Warranty, noted the City joined with the NLC for sewer line repairs, inquired if we should leave the program, inquired about how to enhance the recognition of Route 66, stated Huntington Drive is a historically significant name, asked about appropriate options and outreach to address Route 66 since Napolitano's bill has moved through the House, suggested perhaps one of the Commissions or staff could assist, stated he and Councilmember Kang raised issues about rights-of-way related to properties and incursions onto sidewalks, asked for a report back, the presentation from Rutan was well-received by the SGV COG, thanked staff for removing the K-rails, and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she wants to keep on top of the Route 66 100-year anniversary, suggested our monument signs on Huntington Drive could have some type of design on the reverse side, perhaps an emblem of Route 66, she wants a joint meeting with the School District and MAD Town Council, and possibly CS Arts, for a community-wide discussion, she appreciates Councilmember Urias joining us, she is glad to be back, and inquired about funds for a study about lights on Buena Vista by Beardslee School (Hensley responded).

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

In addition to the meetings/events reported on the Agenda, the following attendance events were announced:

Reilly – San Gabriel Valley Consortium meeting regarding homelessness, Contract Cities Director's meeting, YMCA Red Envelope Gala, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Meeting, Senior Center pot luck.

Fasana – Santa Anita YMCA event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m. in memory of Jim Creelman and Dennis Rogers, to Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. (City Commission Interviews).

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

City Clerk