

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 22, 2016

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 Kang called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Kang ABSENT: Fasana ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove (arrived during Closed Session)
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to also adjourn in memory of Scott Coykendall and Detective Benjamin Marconi, and carried with Fasana absent.
CLOSED SESSION 1) Conference–Labor negotiators 2) Conference – Litigation	There was no public input. George announced the first Closed Session item is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with labor negotiators; Negotiators: Darrell George, Kristen Petersen; Regarding SEIU Local 721 Management and Professional Employees and General Employee units. The second item is pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and (d)(4); City Council will meet in Closed Session to discuss whether to initiate litigation in one case. The Closed Session concluded at 7:08 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:17 p.m., with four members present, and Fasana absent.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Assemblymember Roger Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Kang and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS	Cosgrove reported that City Council conferred on both items, with no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS	City Manager George assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor/Chairperson.
Reorganization Election of Mayor/Chairperson	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to nominate Margaret Finlay for Mayor/Chairperson. With there being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
Mayor Margaret Finlay	The motion to elect Margaret Finlay as Mayor/Chairperson carried, with Fasana absent.

	Mayor Finlay thanked her colleagues and her family for their support and attendance at the meeting.
Election of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson	Mayor Finlay assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to nominate John Fasana for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. With there being no further nominations, nominations were closed.
Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana	The motion to elect John Fasana as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson carried, with Fasana absent.
RECESS	Mayor Finlay called a Recess at 7:34 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:43 p.m., with four members present, and Fasana absent.
Recognition – Roger Hernandez	Mayor Finlay introduced outgoing Assemblymember Roger Hernandez, and presented him with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his service to the City of Duarte as a California Assemblymember from November 2010 – December 2016.
Public Safety update	Sgt. David Kearney provided an update on recent public safety incidents in the unincorporated County area. Brian Villalobos presented information about reporting, letters of agency, trespassing , homelessness, and smoking/vaping.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sheryl Lefmann announced upcoming Chamber of Commerce events in November and December. Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced story times, workshops, and programs in November, December, and January. Jackie Ruiz announced upcoming community events, programs, and activities in November and December.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Steve Hernandez – Recent shootings, politics.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried with Fasana absent. Approve Items B, C, D, F, G. Receive and File Item E. Remove Items A.
RESOLUTION NO. 16-30 City-Wide Salary/Pay Schedule	Council Bill 16-R-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING A CITY-WIDE SALARY AND PAY SCHEDULE
ITEM REMOVED Item A – Minutes ITEM A – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Minutes, as amended to read, “ Reilly asked if there could be temporary paper signs used during the trial period,” and carried with Fasana absent.
PUBLIC HEARING Council Bill 16-O-11	Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item.

Building Laws (1st Reading)

George read by title Council Bill 16-O-11:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16.04, "BUILDING LAWS," OF TITLE 16, "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION," OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE (First Reading)

Yesenia Serna, Community Development Technician, presented a staff report about the proposed Ordinance, and answered questions from City Council.

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

Mayor Finlay asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the item. There were none.

Mayor Finlay closed the Public Hearing.

Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to introduce Council Bill 16-O-11 for first reading, and carried with Fasana absent.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

COSGROVE: Stated at the last City Council meeting, comments were made by Linda Arberry suggesting selective enforcement allegations pertaining to 2502 Bloomdale, he examined the file, the case was a complaint-driven enforcement and not initiated by the City, a number of violations have been acknowledged by the owner, and the substance of violations were supported by the evidence.

GEORGE: Thanked Councilmember Kang for serving the past year as Mayor, congratulated Mayor Finlay, and stated he is looking forward to her leadership.

PARAS-CARACCI: Extended her congratulations, stated it is wonderful that the City Council works together and continues to move the City forward, thanked staff for the Veterans Day event, she served as emcee at the Club Aspire event, attended the Monrovia-Duarte Black Alumni Association Gala, and she looks forward to the upcoming year.

KANG: Thanked City Council and staff for a great year, stated he appreciates the City Council working together, he is looking forward to the new hotel, fiber, and school district program, inquired about the status of a dog park (Monsalve responded), attended the NLC Conference in Pittsburgh, and provided information about the topics that were discussed.

REILLY: Commented on soda tax and legalization of marijuana, she is glad to see the Highland Avenue improvements, inquired about the project's completion (Hensley responded), inquired if there was CDBG or other funding for homelessness, appreciates the flooring and sewing cabinet at the Senior Center, went on a bird walk through the Museum, stated the bioswale at Encanto

Park and the area along the riverbed needs some housekeeping, asked that we look into how often it is cleaned, thanked the agencies involved in helping with a ramp, painting, and landscaping of Mrs. Sandoval's home, and she would like us to connect with the Church of the Foothills, as they have property in the back that they are willing to turn into a community garden.

FINLAY: Thanked staff for a fun evening, she enjoyed the Veterans Day program, she is grateful to City Councilmembers and thanked them for instilling confidence in her as Mayor, and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. in memory of Leonard Cohen, Leon Russell, Scott Coykendall, and Benjamin Marconi, and carried with Fasana absent.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk