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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 10, 2020

NOTE: Due to the state and local State of Emergency resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Newsom has issued Executive Order N-29-20 in which Section 3 supersedes Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (issued on March 12, 2020) addressing Brown Act regulations. This new order states that the City does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. The Order allows the City to hold City Council meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting electronically.

To follow the new Order issued by the Governor, the City Council meeting was closed to the public. Members of the public were able to participate on Zoom, and view/listen to the live City Council meeting broadcast on the City's website. Public comments were submitted electronically by emailing duarteinfo@accessduarte.com before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment. Emailed public comments were read into the record.

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 by teleconference in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Kang called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Urias moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda as amended to add a discussion relating to issues raised at a Water Quality Committee meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and to adjourn in memory of Sean Connery, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

CLOSED SESSION Pending Anticipated Litigation

There was no public input. The Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9 (a) and (e) (1); Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending anticipated litigation. The Closed Session concluded at 7:30 p.m. City Council reconvened at

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	7:32 p.m., with all members present.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	City Attorney Cosgrove reported that the City Council met to discuss the above item, with no reportable action taken.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Tina Carey, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, presented a report about upcoming Chamber events and office closure dates. Victoria Rocha presented community announcements including Veterans Day, drive-through, and holiday events.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, D. AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang NOES: None
COUNCIL BILL Council Bill 20-R-32 Salary/Pay Schedule (Public Safety Manager position)	Council Bill 20-R-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY-WIDE SALARY AND PAY SCHEDULE Kristen Petersen presented a staff report about the Council Bill. There was discussion about upcoming labor negotiations, other employees, need for comprehensive analysis for all positions, being fair and appropriate, adjustment being about the position and not the person, possibility of recruitment, competitive range, and uniqueness of the job title/skills. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 20-32. Urias offered a friendly amendment to instruct staff to begin the process for a comprehensive salary compensation survey, with Finlay accepting the amendment. There was further discussion about receiving the staff report in January 2021, and including scope, consulting estimate, and timeline. Urias and Paras-Caracci called for the question.
RESOLUTION NO. 20-32	The motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-32 and to direct staff to begin the process for a comprehensive salary compensation survey, with a staff report about scope, consulting estimate, and timeline to be presented in January 2021, carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang NOES: Reilly
BUSINESS ITEM (Item Added) – Water Quality Committee Meeting – SGVCOG	City Attorney Cosgrove stated that the City Council added an item under Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), relating to issues raised at a Water Quality Committee meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG).

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Cosgrove explained that the Committee met on November 10, 2020, and considered a proposed comment letter on the pending MS-4 permit, but a letter that excluded legal points implicating exhaustion of administrative remedy principles that Duarte was asked to add to the draft. Duarte believes these points are necessary to be in the administrative record, and should be asserted by the SGVCOG.

At the request of staff, Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to authorize the preparation of a comment letter that re-inserts the excised legal points for consideration by the full SGVCOG Board, and potential circulation of such points to the legislative bodies of the SGVCOG members, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

LEWIS: Attended the Public Safety Working Group meeting, and thanked all veterans.

REILLY: Discussed Sean Connery's life and accomplishments.

PARAS-CARACCI: Extended her appreciation for veterans and their work and commitment, stated she is looking forward to Councilmember-elect Vinh Truong serving, and congratulated Jody Schulz.

FINLAY: Stated Halloween Howl was quite the activity and thanked staff, discussed a letter from the Mayor of Glendora regarding the Lanterman Act, stated we might want to look into adopting a resolution, congratulated all who participated in the election, expressed her appreciation to all fighting men and women who make our country strong, and wished all a happy Veterans Day.

FASANA: Thanked all veterans, stated freedom is not free, and it is only proper to recognize veterans.

URIAS: Thanked staff for the Halloween Howl, stated this was a historic election, congratulated all who ran and the victors at all levels, and extended heartfelt appreciation for veterans and their priceless sacrifice.

KANG: Inquired about the shopping cart ordinance and cars racing on Huntington Drive (Villalobos responded), inquired about options regarding internet ISP and potential updates for internet service (Jordan responded), reported on the Homeless Task Force meeting with Azusa and Irwindale, inquired about scheduled SCE outages (Jordan responded), and stated it is important to send information about scheduled SCE outages to residents living in the affected area.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kang adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. in memory of Sean Connery.

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk