

CITY OF DUARTE

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
THE DUARTE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE DUARTE COMMUNITY
FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

**5:00 PM – Special Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Duarte and
the Duarte Unified School District Board of Education**

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Duarte Unified School Board President Reyna Diaz welcomed everyone to the joint meeting.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by MAD Town Council Member Williams.

3. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Kang, Lewis, Schulz, Truong, Garcia, Finlay
*Councilmember Kang arrived at 6:54 p.m.

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Thai Viet Phan, City Attorney
Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager / Director of
Administrative Services
Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
Annette Juarez, City Clerk
Christine Soo, Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Secretary

Board Members Present: Reyna Diaz, Ceci Carroll, Ken Bell, Frank Figueroa,
Dr. James Finlay

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dr. Gordon, Superintendent
Tiffany Bell, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services
Nadia Hillman, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services
Rick Crosby, Assistant Superintendent - Personnel Services

MAD Town Council Members Present: Terrence Williams, Joan Schmidt, Linda Sells,
Michelle Wright

MAD Town Council Members Absent: Dave Hall, Yvonne Bullock

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. City Council

Moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Schulz, and carried by the
following vote of the Council to adopt the agenda.

AYES: LEWIS, SCHULZ, TRUONG, GARCIA, FINLAY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: KANG

B. School Board

The agenda was unanimously adopted as written by the members of the Duarte Unified School Board.

5. INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Public Safety Update

i. City-Wide Activities

Public Safety Services Director Villalobos shared upcoming events with the Sheriff's Department; provided an update on the installation of K-rails on Melcanyon Road; explained the levels of evacuation alerts; and explained the impact these measures would have on protecting Valley View Elementary School and the homes in the community.

Discussion ensued regarding K-rail installation and impacts.

Director Petersen discussed costs and reimbursements regarding K-rail installation and emergency responses.

ii. DUSD Safety Initiatives

Superintendent Amerson thanked the Duarte City Council and the MAD Town Council for their collaboration, and he introduced the MAD Town Council.

MAD Town Council Member Williams briefly introduced himself and the members of the Council that were in attendance; shared the history and accomplishments of the town council; and expressed appreciation for the work done by the City and the School District.

MAD Town Council Member Wright shared the importance of the 988 hotline and mental health awareness.

MAD Town Council Member Schmidt commented on the impacts the MAD Town Council has made on the cities of Monrovia, Arcadia, and Duarte.

MAD Town Council Member Sells shared that the Council was successful in establishing a new library in the City of Arcadia and that the City will soon be establishing a land committee.

Superintendent Amerson shared that the School District is taking a comprehensive approach to school safety; ensuring that internal measures and tactics are also utilized to keep students safe; discussed preventive measures to combat speeding near Valley View Elementary and Beardslee Academy schools; and discussed building capacity and leadership development.

Discussion ensued regarding professional development for DUSD personnel.

Assistant Superintendent Crosby discussed liability and risk management initiatives to mitigate potential incidents on school grounds.

Councilmember Kang arrived at 6:54 p.m.

B. Development Update

i. Housing Trends

Community Development Director Hensley provided an update on the housing developments within the City; and reported the upcoming developments that are currently in plan check.

ii. School Consolidation

Superintendent Amerson provided an update regarding the Andres Duarte Consolidation Project; announced that the district is exploring options to maximize usage of the school ground for community benefit and evaluate residential development to increase enrollment; and shared that schools will become consolidated due to a decrease in the population of children, not due to a decrease attendance rates.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent Amerson thanked the Council and the MAD Town Council for Meeting.

8. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ SCHOOL BOARD/ TOWN COUNCIL

None.

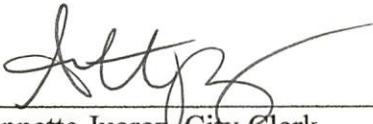
9. ADJOURNMENT

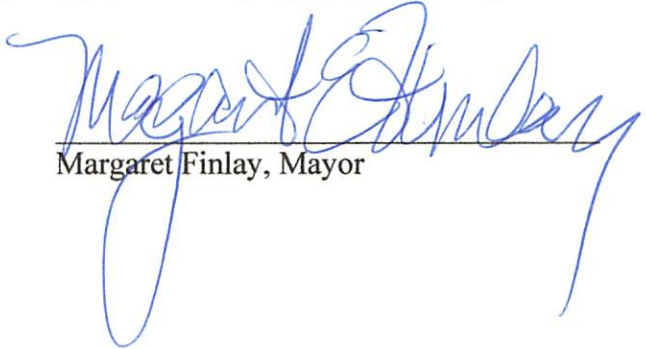
A. City Council – To Regular Meeting, October 25, 2022

There being no further business to discuss, the special joint meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

B. School Board

There being no further business to discuss, the special joint meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.


Annette Juarez, City Clerk


Margaret Finlay, Mayor