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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 – OCTOBER 27, 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 6:30 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, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION Pending Litigation

There was no public input. The Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Pending Litigation, Cities of Duarte et al v. State Water Resources Control Board et al, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2016-00833614-CU-WM-CJC and Related Case City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board-Los Angeles Region, et al, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-00833722-CU-WM-CJC. The Closed Session concluded at 6:59 p.m. City Council recon-

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PUBLIC REPORT OF
CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL ITEMS

Introduction of Mayor's Youth
Council – Oath of Office

vened at 7:05 p.m., with all members present.

Cosgrove announced the City Council met to discuss the storm-water litigation as stated above, with no reportable action taken.

Victoria Rocha presented community announcements including election information and upcoming community events.

Manuel Enriquez introduced newly appointed members of the Mayor's Youth Council Vanessa Valdez, Casey Carrillo, Anna Perez, Lyssa Kleier, Elizabeth Perez, Carlos Mejia, Sarah Dorri, Faith Peoples, and Alexandra Tapia. Mayor Kang administered the Oath of Office to the members, and congratulations were extended.

Introduction of new AmeriCorps
Fellows

Manuel Enriquez invited Raina Martinez, Foothill Unity, and Peggy Diamond, Duarte Senior Center, to introduce the new AmeriCorps Fellows Jonathan Tsou, Jannette Chavez, Elyssa Santano, Abraham Martinez, Alan Melgoza-Calderon, and Daisy Perez. City Council welcomed the AmeriCorps Fellows to the City, and thanked them for their service.

Chamber of Commerce
Quarterly Report

Sheryl Lefmann presented the Chamber of Commerce July – September 2020 Quarterly Report, including advocacy, work-force development, restructuring, membership activity, and legislation, and announced upcoming virtual meetings.

Connected Corridors Program

Craig Hensley introduced Zema Katshnlson, Program Manager for Connected Corridors, who also introduced Anthony Patire and Brian Peterson, and presented information about the program, including vision, geographical area, key objectives, partners, integrated corridor management system, coordinated response plan, major investments, timeline, benefits, and issues, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Fasana and Kang discussed the possibility of expanding the scope of the program to perhaps include Irwindale and Azusa.

Public Safety Status Report

Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety Status Report, and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Community Development
Status Report

Craig Hensley presented the monthly Community Development Status Report, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to the planned SCE upgrade to the Honeywell circuit. Kang suggested SCE send postcards to residents about planned outages due to the upgrade.

Parks and Recreation Status
Report

Manuel Enriquez presented the monthly Parks and Recreation Status Report, provided an update about upcoming events, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Kang asked that data for swimming pool usage in the evenings be provided, and suggested the possibility of conducting boxing exercises on the field.

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Monthly Financial Report	Dan Jordan presented the monthly Financial Report, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to Measure D, mid-year budget review, and transient occupancy tax.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Urias moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, I, J. Receive and File Items D, E, F, G. Remove Item H. AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang NOES: None
ITEM REMOVED – Item H L.A. Grand Jury – Food Waste	Victoria Rocha presented a staff report about the item, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
ITEM H – APPROVED	Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the response to the L.A. Grand Jury report regarding food waste, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang NOES: None
BUSINESS ITEM Tripepi Smith & Associates 1) Amendment No. 1 2) Two-year Agreement	Victoria Rocha presented a staff report and PowerPoint about the communications and social media services, including scope of required services, comparison of proposals received, social media management examples, audit, website work, Duarte City News, and graphic design, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc., to increase payment to a not-to-exceed amount of \$35,000 for services rendered from September 1-October 31, 2020; and to approve a two-year Agreement for Professional Services with Tripepi Smith & Associates, Inc., for \$246,470 (FY 2020-21 – \$130,610 and FY 2021-22 – \$115,860) to provide Communication and Social Media Services, with a FY 2020-21 budget amendment of \$71,190 from the General Fund, 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	JORDAN: Stated some Councilmembers have suggested an in-person Council Meeting on December 8. Urias stated he does not think it is the right time as COVID numbers are rising, the pandemic is not over, and it is supposed to spike higher in the winter. Finlay stated she would like John Fasana's recognition event to be held outside with social distancing, perhaps in the Courtyard, the weather forecast needs be checked, and stated we can have Mr. Jordan take a look and see what we can do. Kang stated he agrees John Fasana needs to be recognized, he is

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concerned about health and public safety, he does not want us to be perceived as renegades, the numbers are spiking, and we might need to reassess the situation. Jordan stated perhaps a daytime meeting could be held outside, we do not want to do anything dangerous or irresponsible, and we want to safely and sanely set a good example.

REILLY: Stated the Unity March was dedicated to Susan Hirsch, thanked staff, and wished all a Happy Halloween.

LEWIS: Thanked staff for the stop sign and crosswalk, and reminded all to get out and vote.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she worked with Susan Hirsch for many years, she assisted many Duarte students, she will be sorely missed, Saturnina Tacusalme was a long-time Duarte resident, Saturday's event went well, thanked staff, and stated we received two LA championships this month.

FINLAY: Stated the Unity March was great.

URIAS: Stated "Go Dodgers," wished all a Happy Halloween, thanked staff for taking action on the traffic situation at City of Hope, stated the Coronavirus is trending up again, and we need to continue the education campaign.

KANG: Stated COVID is spiking up now, this is real, it affects the brain, heart, and lungs, we need to take precautions, and inquired about the thermal camera (Jordan responded).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m. in memory of Susan Hirsch and Saturnina Tacusalme.

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk