

CITY OF DUARTE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, THE DUARTE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE DUARTE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

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 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 announced onto the record.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Via teleconference, the Regular Session was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Finaly at 7:11 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present:	Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
Councilmembers Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Daniel Jordan, City Manager Thai Viet Phan, Assistant City Attorney Kristen Peterson, Assistant City Manager / Director of Administrative Services Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager Craig Hensley, Community Development Director Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services Marilyn Mays, Recreation Supervisor Annette Juarez, City Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Kang.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A moment of silence in honor of Mayor Bryan Urias was held.

Councilmember Paras-Caracci expressed her thoughts on the passing of Mayor Urias and gave her condolences to his family.

Councilmember Truong shared memories of Mayor Urias and expressed condolences to his family.

Councilmember Schulz shared memories of Mayor Urias.

Councilmember Kang expressed his thoughts on the passing of Mayor Urias and sent best wishes to his family.

Councilmember Lewis shared memories of Mayor Urias and expressed condolences to his family.

Mayor Pro-tem Finlay shared memories of Mayor Urias and expressed condolences to his family.

4. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Mayor's Youth Council Update

Recreation Supervisor Mays introduced Mayor's Youth Council members Ella Batista, Oscar Barajas, Sarah Dowiri, Brielle Finlay, Ethan Finlay, Adrian Fuentes, Roselyn Gonzales, Angela LiuZeng, Carlos Mejia, Hope Peoples, Anna Perez, Elizabeth Perez, Diya Shah Patel, Rebecca Ramirez, Victoria Ramirez, Idalee Villa, and Ayana Zuniga.

Mayor's Youth Council President Elizabeth Perez provided an update on upcoming activities.

B. Public Safety Update

Director of Public Safety Villalobos provided an update on crime, Measure H and outreach coordination, and emergency preparedness.

In response to questions from the Council, he provided information regarding patrols on Huntington Drive, the closing of Men's Central Jail, and speed surveys.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Veronica Lopez, Office of Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio expressed condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, and community for the passing of Mayor Urias. She provided information about upcoming community events.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming library programs and events.

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced upcoming City events.

Councilmember Paras-Caracci announced the Walk for Hope event and provided information about how to donate.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Vivian Romero, former City of Montebello Mayor, addressed the Council to express her condolences in the passing of Mayor Urias.

Steve Hernandez shared his thoughts about Mayor Urias and expressed his condolences to the family.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes – October 12, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA).

B. Approval of warrants – October 26, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA)

C. Receive and File Public Safety Update Report

D. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-23 and Resolution No. 21-24 Fixing the City's Medical Insurance Contribution for Councilmembers and Employees for 2022.

E. Proclamation proclaiming November 1-2, 2021 as Dia de los Muertos.

F. Letter of Support for City of Monrovia's Local Area Modification Application to Withdraw from the Foothill Workforce Development Board.

G. Receive and File Monthly Financial Report.

H. City Council/City Manager Conference Attendance and other items suggested by City Council.

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Schulz, and carried by the following vote to approve Items A-H of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Extension of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Foothill Transit for the operation of the DuarteBus Service

Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services presented the Staff Report and provided a background on the partnership with Foothill Transit and the DuarteBus service.

Doran Barns, Foothill Transit Executive Director and Kevin Parks McDonald, Foothill Transit Deputy Executive Director responded to questions posed by the Council regarding ridership, equipment performance challenges, and vehicle ownership.

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Truong to approve a two-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with Foothill Transit.

There was discussion regarding the approval of a two-year term rather than a three-year term, performance issues with the buses, the benefits of partnering with Foothill Transit, and the operation of City owned buses, and electric vehicle technology.

Assistant City Attorney Phan clarified the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Paras-Caracci.

Moved by Councilmember Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to approve a three-year extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with Foothill Transit for the operation of the DuarteBus as recommended by Staff.

AYES: Finlay, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
NOES: Kang
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

B. Burrtec Waste Annual Performance Review. Amendment No. 13 to the Refuse Collection and Recycling Agreement, and Annual Refuse Collection and Recycling Rate Adjustment

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha introduced the Item, stated the recommendations of Staff, and gave an overview of the 2020 Annual Performance Review.

Burrtec Vice-President Richard Nino presented the Annual Rate Review and provided information regarding the Multi-Family Bulky Item Pickup Program and associated costs.

There was discussion regarding the cost of the Multi-Family Bulky Item Pickup Program, disposal and processing rates, and educating the public.

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Truong, to approve the Burrtec Waste Services 2020 Annual Performance Review; and approve Option A of Amendment No. 13 to the “Municipal Solid Waste, Recyclables and Green Waste Services Agreement between the City of Duarte and Burrtec Waste Services: setting the refuse collection and recycling rates shown in the schedule to become effective January 1, 2022, and approving the Multi-Family Bulky Item Pickup Program.

AYES: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

C. Potential formation of a “South Duarte Community Center Ad Hoc Committee”

This Item was tabled to a future meeting.

10. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

11. APPROVE ABSENCE(S) OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS EXCUSED

None.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Councilmember Kang requested that Staff contact CalTrans regarding the cleanup of the freeway off-ramp at Mount Olive Drive.

Councilmember Paras-Caracci encouraged everyone to participate in or donate to the Walk of Hope; and expressed her condolences to his family.

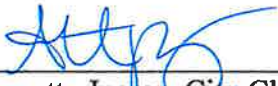
Councilmember Schulz stated that 28 tons of trash were collected at the Encanto Park cleanup; and stated that she will be organizing a cleanup in District 6 in honor of Mayor Urias.

Councilmember Lewis expressed his condolences to the Urias Family.

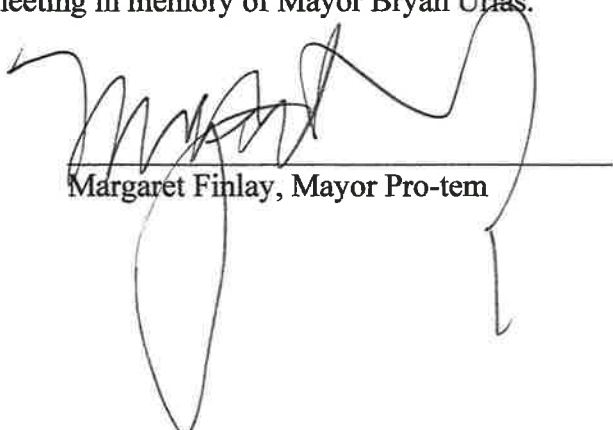
Mayor Pro-tem Finlay expressed her appreciation of Staff and the Council; and stated that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Mayor Bryan Urias.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:03 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Mayor Bryan Urias.



Annette Juarez, City Clerk



Margaret Finlay, Mayor Pro-tem