

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 – OCTOBER 13, 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 Pro Tem Urias called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (arrived at 7:34 p.m., left at 8:32 p.m.), Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Urias

ABSENT: Kang

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
Jordan, City Attorney Cosgrove

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to add Eddie Van Halen to the Adjournment, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Finlay, Kang

INTERVIEWS Mayor's Youth Council

The City Council conducted interviews for the Mayor's Youth Council. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victoria Rocha presented community announcements including City events, blood drives, programs, and census and election information.

	Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, presented information about upcoming Chamber programs and virtual meetings.
SPECIAL ITEMS	
Presentation – Immigration Resource Center	Dr. Joel Perez, Interim Executive Director of the Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley, presented information about the legal services and resources provided to immigrants in the area, the Center’s mission, vision, assistance, and application process, announced Annual Gala on October 24, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
	Reilly suggested the link to the Center be listed on the City’s website.
Update – Hawthorn Suites	Craig Hensley presented an update on the Hawthorn Suites by Windham Hotel Project, 1230 Huntington Drive, including the demo progress, architect information, and schedule, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, G. Remove Items D, E, F. AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Fasana, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: Finlay, Kang
ITEMS REMOVED – Item D Proclamation–Red Ribbon Week	Paras-Caracci acknowledged those who are working diligently on Red Ribbon Week. Brian Villalobos provided additional information about the event.
ITEM D – APPROVED	Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Fasana, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: Kang
Item E – Proclamation Filipino-American History Month	Paras-Caracci discussed the Proclamation and history of Filipino-Americans, and introduced JoAnne Oloteo, who provided additional information.
ITEM E – APPROVED	Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the Proclamation for Filipino-American History Month, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Fasana, Finlay, Urias NOES: None ABSENT: Kang
Item F – Council Bill 20-R-31 L.A. Urban County PLHA	Council Bill 20-R-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM BY

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Reilly stated she supports keeping the funds in the San Gabriel Valley, and inquired about other choices. Craig Hensley introduced Caitlin Sims, COG, who described the proposed use of the funds, the trust's use of the funds, and matching funds.

ITEM F – APPROVED
RESOLUTION NO. 20-31

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 20-31, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kang

BUSINESS ITEMS
Appointments to Mayor's
Youth Council

Urias moved, Reilly seconded to appoint Vanessa Valdez, Casey Carrillo, Anna Perez, Lyssa Kleier, Elizabeth Perez, Carlos Mejia, Sarah Dorri, Faith Peoples, and Alexandra Tapia to the Mayor's Youth Council, for terms ending June 30, 2021, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Finlay

ABSENT: Kang

Appointments – Homelessness
San Gabriel Riverbed
Three-City Ad Hoc Committee

City Manager Jordan presented the staff report about the item, and discussed options for appointments.

There was discussion about the effects of homelessness in the riverbed throughout the City, having three Duarte City Councilmembers participate, residents' complaints, the growing homeless population near the Gold Line, informal monthly meetings, Brown Act, participation of Azusa and Irwindale, and the need for continuous enforcement, control, and clean-up.

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Urias, Mayor Kang, and Councilmember Reilly as the City of Duarte representatives to the three-city Ad Hoc Committee to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Riverbed, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kang

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

JORDAN: Thanked staff for the fabulous job at the Duarte Family Feud, and stated it was a wonderful event.

COSGROVE: Provided information about AB 992 pertaining to communications on internet-based social media platforms and responding to social media posts.

FINLAY: Thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the innovative and creative events during the Covid situation, thanked Blanca Rubio for the event at Pax Pharmacy, and stated she hopes people are voting early.

FASANA: Stated he would like to see a presentation about the 210 connected corridors program, and stated there is an impact on Huntington Drive when there is traffic or an incident on the 210 freeway.

LEWIS: Congratulated all of the Mayor's Youth Council candidates, attended and voted at the League of California Cities Conference, stated this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and he sends prayers to all survivors.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated Mayor Pro Tem Urias ran a great meeting, staff and volunteers did a fantastic job at the Family Feud event, announced the Unity March is coming up, encouraged staff to plan to have a Council Meeting to allow the City Council to be present in part, and suggested it could be when the new Councilmembers are sworn in.

REILLY: Stated the Pax Pharmacy event was wonderful, the hotel site looks better with the debris removed, she and Mayor Kang attended an informal group meeting about the San Gabriel riverbed, congratulated winners and emcees of the Family Feud event, inquired about trees being cut down (Hensley responded), inquired about the Great American Shakeout (Villalobos responded), and commented on Eddie Van Halen's history and passing.

URIAS: Stated City of Hope employees are parking on Buena Vista Street from Duarte Road to Irwindale, it is an issue for residents, they have obstructed mailboxes, and asked that staff mitigate this, or issue permits for residents to park on the street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. in memory of Eddie Van Halen.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Urias

City Clerk