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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 – SEPTEMBER 22, 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 7:00 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

Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to add Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Adjournment, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, presented information about upcoming legislative updates, Supervisor Barger update, and School District candidates' forum to be presented online.

Victoria Rocha presented community announcements including blood drives, Parks and Recreation events, community clean-up, census survey information, and online CERT training.

Paras-Caracci announced Kiwanis installation on October 20.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Jody Schulz – Q & A session on October 5. Rita Kwasnick – Duarte Residents United, riverbed occupants. Kyle Kwasnick – Homeless situation, bike trail, environment.
SPECIAL ITEMS Public Safety Status Report	Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety Status Report, including Part 1 crimes, update on fires, and homeless outreach. Paras-Caracci suggested the City provide information to educate the public about preparation for disasters.
Community Development Status Report	Craig Hensley presented the monthly Community Development Status Report, including information about the slow streets program, LEAF grant, housing element, and City of Hope project, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Paras-Caracci suggested residents be notified to avoid the area on Duarte Road during construction. Kang stated the sign at Central/Highland is blocked by a telephone pole, and asked that the bolts be checked on the sign at Buena Vista/Central.
Parks and Recreation Status Report	Manuel Enriquez presented the monthly Parks and Recreation Status Report, and provided an update about recreational offerings, rentals, and events, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
Monthly Financial Report	Dan Jordan presented the monthly Financial Report, and answered questions from Councilmembers.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote: Approve Items A, B, C, H, J. Receive and File Items D, E, F, G. Remove Item I. AYES: Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Lewis, Finlay, Fasana, Urias, Kang NOES: None
ITEM REMOVED – Item I Contract – Roof Replacement	Reilly inquired why this was not discussed at the budget workshop, and asked if there are other capital replacement items we should be prioritizing. Jordan responded. Enriquez provided additional information about solar panels.
ITEM I – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to award the contract to Commercial Waterproofing Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$110,398 for Roof Replacement for City Hall Building Project, and approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$110,398 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	COSGROVE: Stated the Governor approved AB 992 relating to standards for social media and the Brown Act, he will for-

ward the information, and reported on the storm water litigation regarding the MS4 permit.

LEWIS: Asked everyone to complete the census, and to vote.

REILLY: Provided information about Justice Ginsburg, her cases, and her goals, stated Fire Chief Osby spoke at the Contract Cities meeting, she was shocked about the shooting of the two Deputies, and stated her thoughts and prayers are for their recovery.

PARAS-CARACCI: Invited participation in the Virtual Walk for Hope on October 4, stated she would like for Council to reassess the structure and terms of Commissions, suggested possibly including historical, arts, disaster preparedness, and environmental, inquired about when the entire Council can meet with Supervisor Barger, stated she currently serves a two-year term on the Community Education Council, Councilmember Lewis is the alternate, her term is ending, she is willing to continue to serve unless someone else is interested, and noted the appointment needs to be made at a City Council meeting.

FASANA: Related incidents about Justice Ginsburg's service, stated the transit police have had a difficult week with the shootings, he hopes the dialogue between the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors will improve, and stated we may want to consider meeting together in person for a City Council Meeting within a month or two. Finlay agreed.

FINLAY: Stated she is pleased to support Councilmember Paras-Caracci's team at the Walk for Hope, displayed a book her son wrote for his dissertation at the City of Hope, thanked all those who kept our City safe during the fires, and stated the Firemen and the Sheriff did an amazing job.

URIAS: Thanked staff and first responders for working on the fire, stated we owe them a debt of gratitude, he would like to recognize Public Safety staff and first responders once things get better, he would like to look into Commission restructuring, suggested the possibility of environmental, beautification, and arts, stated those could be incorporated into an existing Commission, and asked that we look into the possibility of putting up some murals in the City, and the feasibility of a farmer's market.

KANG: Inquired if shopping carts are being picked up regularly (Villalobos responded), appreciates the Azusa Mayor trying to clean out the riverbed, we need enforcement to make it safe, stated the Azusa, Irwindale, and Duarte Mayors are working with Grace Napolitano to help find a solution, stated there was a fire last night in the industrial area by the Mt. Olive on-ramp,

inquired about training CERT or ham operators to use radios in the event of an emergency (Villalobos responded), and stated there is an uptick in COVID now.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. in memory of Dan Holloway and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk