

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, SEPTEMBER 14, 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.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Via teleconference, the Closed Session was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Finlay at 6:02 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:	Urias
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 Annette Juarez, City Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Paras-Caracci.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Schulz, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by the following vote of the Council to approve the adoption of the agenda.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

5. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – The Closed Session is authorized by Government Code 54956.6 CITY REPRESENTATIVES: City Manager, Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services, City Labor Counsel. EMPLOYEE GROUPS: Duarte Management & Professional Association, Duarte General Employees Association, unrepresented management, and part-time employees.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Manager Jordan announced that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Via teleconference the Open Session was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Finlay at 7:07 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: Urias
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
Annette Juarez, City Clerk

2. SPECIAL ITEMS

- A. Presentation of retirement plaque to Foothill Unity Executive Director, Betty McWilliams and introduction of Chief Executive Director Tashera Taylor.

A retirement plaque was presented to outgoing Foothill Unity Executive Director, Betty McWilliams, and incoming Chief Executive Director, Tashera Taylor, was introduced.

- B. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Presentation

Marisa Creter, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Executive Director, gave a presentation on the first year of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and updates for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

- C. Community Development Update

Community Development Director Hensley provided an update on Public Works projects, the development of the liquor store site, and the sale of the Rite-Aid property.

- D. Parks and Recreation Update

Parks and Recreation Director Enriquez provided an update on upcoming city events and the Fish Canyon Trails rehabilitation application.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced upcoming City events.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to read all Resolutions and Ordinances presented for consideration by title only and waive further reading.
- B. Removed from Consent Calendar for discussion.
- C. Approval of minutes – August 24, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA).
- D. Approval of warrants – September 14, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- E. Receive and file Community Development Status Report.
- F. Receive and file Parks and Recreation Status Report.
- G. Proclamation – Hispanic Heritage Month.
- H. Proclamation – Suicide Prevention Month.
- I. Veto Request Letter – SB 9 (Atkins) Increased Density in Single-Family Zones.
- J. Adoption of Resolution No. 21-17 Approving an Application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program Funds
- K. City Council/City Manager Conference Attendance and other items suggested by Council.

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Truong, to approve Items A and C-K of the Consent Calendar. Motion was carried by the following vote:

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

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

- B. Approve absence(s) of City Council member(s) from the City Council meeting.

Councilmember Paras-Caracci requested clarification of the policy regarding Councilmember absences.

Moved by Councilmember Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Schulz, to approve Item B of the Consent Calendar. Motion was carried by the following vote:

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

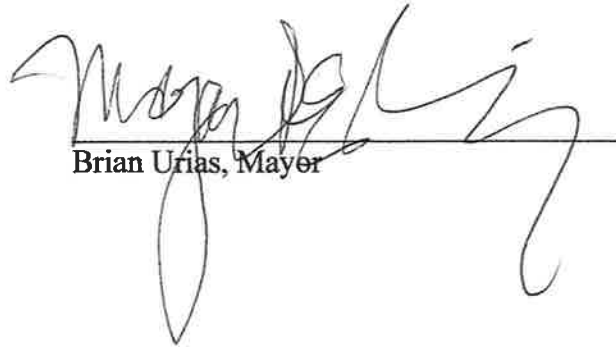
9. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

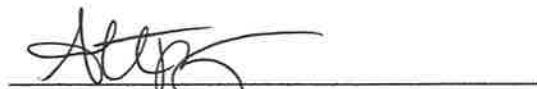
**10. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING
AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY
MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:39 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Uriel E. Macias, City of Azusa Councilmember and Mickey Dudek.



Brian Urias, Mayor



Annette Juarez, City Clerk