

CITY OF DUARTE

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
THE DUARTE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE DUARTE COMMUNITY
FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

6:00 PM – Closed Session

7:00 PM – Regular Session

CLOSED SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Kang, Lewis, Truong, Garcia, Finlay
*Councilmember Kang arrived at 6:05 p.m.
Councilmembers Absent: Schulz
Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Thai Viet Phan, City Attorney
Annette Juarez, City Clerk

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Truong, and carried by the following vote of the Council to adopt the agenda.

AYES: LEWIS, TRUONG, GARCIA, FINLAY
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: KANG, SCHULZ

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION

None.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the following:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) Title: City Manager

REGULAR SESSION

5. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Kang, Lewis, Kang, Truong, Garcia, Finlay
Councilmembers Absent: Schulz
Staff Present: Daniel Jordan, City Manager
Thai Viet Phan, City Attorney
Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager / Director of Administrative Services
Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager
Annette Juarez, City Clerk

6. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Rosa Holguin.

7. CITY ATTORNEY CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Phan announced that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

8. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Presentation of a proclamation proclaiming September 11-17 as National Patriotism Week in the City of Duarte to the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427

A proclamation proclaiming September 11-17 as National Patriotism Week in the City of Duarte was presented to Irene Lozano, President of the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427.

B. Parks and Recreation Department Update

Director of Parks and Recreation Enriquez gave an update on the Fish Canyon Falls Trail Planning Restoration Project; announced registration for Fall recreation classes; provided information about upcoming events; and gave an update on a recent community meeting held regarding a dog park.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced upcoming City.

Andrew Smith, Executive Director of Royal Oaks and Westminster Gardens, introduced himself and provided information about the organization and its partnerships.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to read all Resolutions and ordinances presented for consideration by Title only and waive further reading. (CC/HA/FA)
- B. Approval of absence(s) of City Councilmember(s) from the City Council meeting.
- C. Approval of minutes – June 28, 2022, July 12, 2022, and July 26, 2022. (CC/HA/FA)
- D. Approval of warrants – August 23, 2022 and September 13, 2022. (CC/HA/FA)
- E. Receive and file the Parks and Recreation Department Status Report for September 2022.
- F. Receive and file the Community Development Department Status Report for September 2022.
- G. Approval of a Veto Request Letter regarding Senate Bill 1127 (Atkins) Workers' Compensation: Liability Presumptions.

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

AYES: KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, GARCIA, FINLAY
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SCHULZ

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

None.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Municipal Code Amendment 22-03 – A city-initiated request to modify Duarte Municipal Code Chapter 16.04.100, to provide new building standards for electric vehicle charging stations that comply with State law; and first reading of Ordinance No. 911

Assistant Planner Nash presented the Staff Report describing Municipal Code Amendment 22-03 which would provide new building standards related to electric vehicle charging stations in compliance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 1236 and Assembly Bill 970.

Mayor Finlay opened the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

City Clerk Juarez announced that no written comment was received.

Public Comment

None

Mayor Finlay closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

In response to questions posed by the Council, Assistant Planner Nash, Planning Manager Golding, and Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services Petersen provided information about electric charging stations in the City and available incentive programs.

There was brief discussion about electric charging stations.

Moved by Councilmember Truong, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and carried by the following vote of the Council to introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. 911 modifying Duarte Municipal Code Chapter 16.04.100, to provide new building standards for electric vehicle charging stations that comply with State law.

AYES: KANG, LEWIS, TRUONG, GARCIA, FINLAY
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: SCHULZ

14. BUSINESS ITEMS

None.

15. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Hernandez addressed the Council to state that Westminster Gardens has previously hosted CERT Training; and commented on 9/11 and the cost of freedom.

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

Councilmember Truong thanked Staff; and thanked the residents that stayed for the Council Meeting.

Councilmember Garcia thanked Staff for their work; expressed his appreciation of the cooling center at the library; invited everyone to the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting; encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming City Picnic; and announced a tree planting ceremony in memory of former Councilmember Bryan Urias.

Councilmember Kang inquired about a freeway closure at the 605 and 210 junctions; and inquired about an increase in transients in the area.

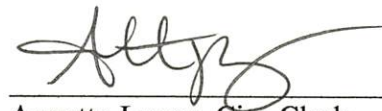
Director of Public Safety discussed homelessness.

Councilmember Lewis reported on the League of California Cities Conference that he attended.

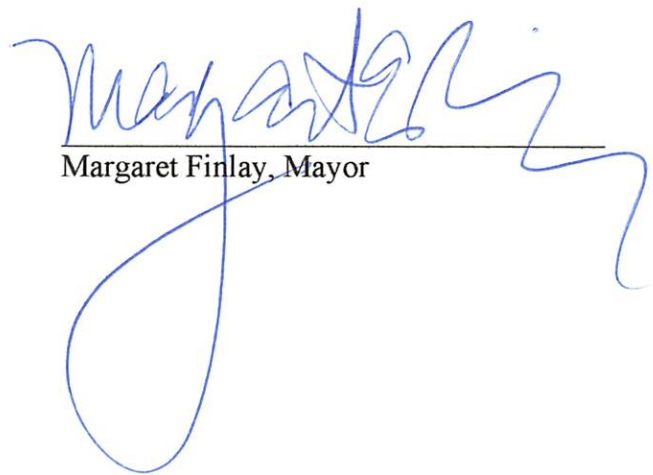
Mayor Finlay expressed her appreciation of the Library's partnership in hosting a cooling center; announced that Queen Elizabeth II visited the City of Duarte in 1983 to help dedicate a building at the City of Hope; and shared memories of Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez and Queen Elizabeth II.



Annette Juarez, City Clerk



Margaret Finlay, Mayor