

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 – SEPTEMBER 8, 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. The Granicus “live-stream” option was not used, as it was determined that the Community Center would be kept available should an emergency arise due to the Bobcat fire. 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 7:02 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, Urias seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Brian Villalobos presented an update on the Bobcat fire.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Andrew Raubitschek – Duarte wilderness preserve.

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SPECIAL ITEMS

-San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness

-Homeless Services Deputy for Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Presentations were made by Scott Chamberlain (San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness), Dana Vanderford (Supervisor Barger's Office), and Sarah Tower and Shawn Morrissey (Union Station) about the homelessness situation, and included information and answers to questions from Councilmembers about stakeholders, meetings, issues, advocacy, bridge and permanent housing, riverbed, upcoming winter shelter season, regional concept with cohort of cities, funding partners, collaborations, services provided, need for sub-regional concept, and Measure H. Urias asked that staff start working with the Supervisor's office, looking at potential sites for the homeless, along with the city of Azusa.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Paras-Caracci moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, G, H.

Remove Item F.

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

NOES: None

Item E – RESOLUTION 20-29
Unrepresented Employees

Council Bill 20-R-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-13 AND ESTABLISHING A SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR UNREPRESENTED REGULAR EMPLOYEES

ITEM REMOVED – Item F
Council Bill 20-R-30
Hispanic Heritage Month

Council Bill 20-R-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE COMMEMORATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Council Bill was read in its entirety.

ITEM F – APPROVED
RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

Urias moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 20-30, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

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

NOES: None

BUSINESS ITEM

-Designation of Voting Delegate/
Alternate for League Conference
-Recommendation concerning
Resolution (not considered)

Kang moved, Reilly seconded to designate Toney Lewis as the Voting Delegate (no Alternate designated) for the League of California Cities Virtual Conference to be held October 7-9, 2020, with the recommendation concerning the resolution not considered, 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 residential eviction moratorium has been extended, and his office is working on the letter about the MS4 permit.

JORDAN: Thanked staff for helping with cooling centers and working so hard for our City.

LEWIS: Stated he spoke with the firemen on the strike team, thanked them for their service, and stated the new B-shift Captain at Station 44 is a female.

REILLY: Stated Friday is 9/11 and discussed her experience, she was glad to see the presentations about homelessness, the San Gabriel River is not a safe habitat for the homeless, that land must be reclaimed, thanked Mayor Kang for the mask give away at Royal Oaks, and thanked staff for the fabulous job they are doing during the recent crises.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked those who gave the presentations about homelessness, there is an overgrowth of weeds on the property at the southwest corner of Royal Oaks and Vineyard, regarding power outages, stated continued communication from SCE and the City is important, she is thankful for the cooling centers, inquired if the hours could possibly be shifted to 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and stated she registered the Walk For Hope Team Duarte, and hopes to raise \$2500.

FINLAY: Thanked staff and the firefighters, and regarding broadband in our City, inquired if school students are being well served (Kang responded, and stated we need to get more variety for broadband in our City, and we need to talk with Charter).

FASANA: Stated Edison sent out a detailed explanation about power outages, noted there have been extremely and unusually high temperatures, and discussed Spectrum's connections.

URIAS: Thanked staff for helping with the cooling center and organizing transportation, thanked Public Safety for working and monitoring the fire, and stated he appreciates the updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. in memory of Esther Cardona.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk

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