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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 – AUGUST 27, 2019

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 in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (left at 11:05 p.m.), Kang, Lewis (arrived during Closed Session), Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to add Public Report of Closed Session after Item 6, and to adjourn in memory of William “Bill” Camil, and carried with Lewis not present.
CLOSED SESSION 1) Existing Litigation 2) Personnel	There was no public input. City Attorney Cosgrove announced the first closed session was pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (a) and (d)(1), Existing Litigation, regarding an existing rate case filed by California American Water Company with the California Public Utilities Commission, Application No. 19-07-004 (Filed July 1, 2019), and the second closed session was pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), Personnel, to consider appointment and employment of a successor City Manager.
RECEPTION – City of Duarte’s 62 nd Anniversary Celebration	At 6:00 p.m., a Reception was held in celebration of the City of Duarte’s 62nd anniversary of incorporation. City Council reconvened at 7:08 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Hector Elizalde led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Mayor Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Paras-Caracci and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	Cosgrove announced the City Council met in Closed Session as previously announced, with no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS Youth and Family Committee Annual Report Card	Adam Knight, Youth and Family Committee Chair, presented the annual Youth and Family Committee Report Card, including the Committee’s mission, background, 2018 goals, initiator reports, and what’s next for 2019.

Presentation—San Gabriel Valley Humane Society	Cindy Rigney, SGV Humane Society Board President, provided information about the Humane Society, including background, animal control, and shelter services.
Public Safety update	Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety update.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sheryl Lefmann, Chamber of Commerce, displayed new shirts, and announced upcoming events in August and September. Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs, story times, events, and classes in August through October. Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, activities, meetings, and park programs in September. Dan Yrigoyen announced Church of the Foothills fundraiser, and Duarte High School field tournament show.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about the homeless population living along the Army Corps of Engineer's property in the riverbed. Spelling of some of the names may not be accurate: Tina Zapeta, Lisa Marie Ava, Gabriel Ramirez, Mel T, Kyle Kwasnick, Jon Pelzer, Pasadena journalist, Kevin, unnamed speaker, Lee Kane, Lisa Yang, Sherry, Anna Maria, Mary Ann Ur, Steve Hernandez. Mayor Paras-Caracci asked staff to present a brief response to express the role of the City of Duarte in the matter. Herrera and Villalobos responded.
ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT	Fasana asked that the following be added to Consent Item H: Conference Attendance at Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Awards on 10/3, Santa Anita YMCA Red Envelope Gala on 11/16, Children's Advocacy Center Be a Hero for Children event on 10/5, Maryvale Vicentian Spirit Award Dinner on 9/12, and 88 Cities Summit Economic Development Conference on 9/19.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Urias seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and to add the items requested by Fasana to Item H, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, F, H. Remove Items E, G.
ITEMS REMOVED	Amanda Hamilton, Public Works Manager, presented a staff report and answered questions from Councilmembers.
Item E – Notice of Completion Las Lomas Sidewalk Repair	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to approve the acceptance of Las Lomas Sidewalk Repair project (Ruiz Concrete & Paving, Inc.), and authorize the City Clerk to initiate the Notice of Completion, and carried with Fasana not present on the dais.
ITEM E – APPROVED	
Item G – Agreement – Peckham & McKenney – Recruitment	Cosgrove presented the staff report. Lino Paras stated he would like City Council to consider in-house staff members who may be interested.
ITEM G – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Urias seconded to approve the Agreement with Peckham & McKenney, Inc., in the amount of \$27,000 (plus

City-approved printing and advertising costs) for City Manager recruitment, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Paras-Caracci called a Recess at 8:47 p.m. City Council reconvened at 9:04 p.m., with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS Council Bill 19-R-18 RV Permit Parking Fee

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item.

George read by title Council Bill 19-R-18:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES RELATING TO PERMIT AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY

Brian Villalobos presented a staff report about the item, and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Notice of the hearing was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written communications were received concerning the item.

Mayor Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the matter. There were none.

Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-18

Reilly moved, Urias seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-18, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 19-R-19 Infrastructure Modernization Program

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item.

George read by title Council Bill 19-R-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY OF DUARTE INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.10-18, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REQUIRED THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

Karen Herrera presented a staff report and PowerPoint about the proposed infrastructure modernization program including program benefits, local references, energy usage savings, annual utility cost savings, staff efficiency improvements, proposed solutions for lighting, HVAC, building automation, irrigation, and solar, as well as project overview, cost, and Options A and B pertaining to a project funding plan.

Ashley Cascio, Climatec, answered questions from Councilmembers about the proposed program.

There was discussion about the options, water controllers, sensors, LED, museum, interest rate, HVAC, Teen Center, Senior

Center, maximizing leverage, work breakdown structures, financial implications, ad hoc committee meetings, City Council sub-committee, design and build procurement, and fiscal emergency.

Notice of the hearing was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written communications were received concerning the item. Cosgrove stated the Public Hearing notice was published on June 8 and August 10, 2019.

Mayor Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the matter.

Lino Paras inquired about monitoring the savings, maybe investing for a second opinion, the impact of cyber-attacks, and thinks 15 years is too long.

Steve Hernandez stated it is better to lease solar, this takes the maintenance cost off us, discussed monitoring of broken valves and flow monitors, regarding fiscal emergency, stated this is a good faith effort to showing cost savings now, important to find a way to keep costs down, he is in favor of this, our buildings are older, and we need to take care of them.

Mayor Paras-Caracci closed the Public Hearing.

There was additional discussion about design and build, LED lighting, limited staff size, valid option, saves energy over time, may not need it now before March, issues with water, need to look for long and short term solution, and this being a way to decrease expenses.

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to put this item off until after the March 3, 2020, election. Fasana offered a friendly amendment that if the City does not have a measure on the ballot, this item can come back sooner. Finlay accepted the amendment.

There was discussion about the Ad Hoc Committee report and recommendation, consequences about waiting until March, negative cash flow, increase in interest rate, credit score, efficiency in saving money in operating expenses, perception, solar panels being made in China, procuring materials, competitive bid on labor, and doing LED and solar now.

Kang moved, Reilly seconded a substitute motion to move forward with the LED and solar only, to include everything except HVAC, irrigation, and building automation, and failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Reilly, Kang.

NOES: Lewis, Finlay, Urias, Paras-Caracci

The motion to continue this item until either the deadline for the ballot measure has passed (late November-early December) or if a measure is on the ballot, to continue this item until after the election (mid-to-late March), failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Lewis, Finlay

NOES: Urias, Reilly, Kang, Paras-Caracci

Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to continue this item with the option of bringing it back at City Council direction by a majority vote of Council, and failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Finlay, Paras-Caracci

NOES: Fasana, Reilly, Urias, Kang.

Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-19, per staff recommendation. There was further discussion. Finlay suggested a substitute motion to bring the contracts back in March 2020. There was no second. Reilly called the question.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-19

Cosgrove clarified that the motion was to adopt Resolution No. 19-19, with staff to update the contracts and bring them back for City Council approval in September. Reilly agreed. The motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-19, with staff to update the contracts and bring them back for City Council approval in September, carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Urias, Reilly, Kang

NOES: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Lino Paras – Tariffs, fiscal emergency, Measure H.

Sheryl Lefmann – Homelessness.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/ ATTORNEY

FASANA: Presented facts about wealth in the U.S. from a Brookings Institution report, and the need for housing.

LEWIS: Stated at the entryway to the City on Evergreen, there are bushes that are not visually pleasant, regarding the homeless situation, suggested asking for help can be done without yelling, we have a Homeless Outreach staff member, and we care.

URIAS: Noted the civility of the Council tonight, all are working for the best interest of the community, he appreciates working with this Council, and stated he ultimately voted his conscience.

KANG: Stated the first Costco in Shanghai opened, there will be more financial issues in the future, homelessness is a regional issue, and the County and State need to help these people immediately.

REILLY: Stated Council can discuss, argue, and come to a consensus, this shows Council can work together, and she thinks we will be decreasing expenses and will help with the emergency.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked all who attended the meeting and shared their passion, thoughts, and suggestions.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED

In addition to the meetings/events reported on the Agenda, the following attendance reports were provided:

Reilly – Contract Cities Academy, Duarte High School Government class, Boxing Tournament, Fire Department presentation, opening of Cristo Rey Cottages at Santa Teresita, and Woman's Club fundraiser.

Paras-Caracci – Santa Teresita cottages ribbon-cutting, Boxing Show, and Bonuan Association of Southern California officer installation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 p.m. in memory of William “Bill” Camil.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk