

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 – AUGUST 25, 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
In Celebration of the 63rd
Anniversary of the City of
Duarte's Incorporation on
August 22, 1957

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 7:01 p.m. The meeting was called to order in celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of the City of Duarte's incorporation on August 22, 1957.

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

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, stated Ashley Bagwell is their new Administrative Assistant, and thanked the City for its continued investment.

Victoria Rocha presented community announcements including 63rd anniversary celebration event, blood drives, and census.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Andrew Raubitschek – Wilderness preserve, wildfires, hazard.

The following submitted emails about items not on the Agenda:

Wendy Romero–City of Hope home purchases on Cinco Robles.

Danielle Stelly – City of Hope parking program.

Barbara Dickerson – Citrus College resignation from Board.

Mayor Kang asked for a report about the City of Hope parking situation. Urias inquired about the Cinco Robles community, and an official response to correct misstatements made (Jordan responded).

SPECIAL ITEMS

Edison Company
(Considered out of order)

Sal Ramirez, Southern California Edison Company, presented information about the extended power outage that occurred on July 10, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Kang suggested that if there is a scope change in future outages, it could be divided into two outages.

Update – Ranch 2 Fire

Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales presented an update about the Ranch 2 Fire and its containment, the need to permanently clean up the riverbed, and the need for neighboring cities to work together. There was City Council discussion about alternatives, imposing conditions, need for a plan, funding, need for housing, concern about fires, and the neighboring cities working together.

Public Safety Status Report

Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety Status Report, including Part 1 crimes.

Community Development
Status Report

Craig Hensley presented the monthly Community Development Status Report, including information about the City of Hope plan, the Cinco Robles neighborhood, availability of parking for City of Hope employees, and the slow street program.

Parks and Recreation Status
Report

Manuel Enriquez presented the monthly Parks and Recreation Status Report, and provided an update about registration, activities, and the Mayor's Youth Council recruitment. Fasana suggested that Councilmember-elect Truong be included to participate and/or observe the Mayor's Youth Council interview process. Kang inquired if we could charge a higher fee for use of the City pool (Enriquez responded).

Monthly Financial Report

Dan Jordan presented the monthly Financial Report.

Homeless Program update

Victoria Rocha and Brian Villalobos presented an update about homeless programs, including 2020 homeless count results, current programs, Public Safety Outreach Coordinator, Union Station, SGVCOG City Hygiene Program, homeless plan implementation, rehousing funds, pilot programs, and landlord outreach and incentive program, and noted an item on the Consent Calendar is to consider approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for

8/25/20

the Duarte/Irwindale Homeless Plan, development of a Prevention, Diversion, Rapid Rehousing Program, a workforce development pilot program, and participation in a regional landlord and outreach incentive program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, H, I, J, K.

Receive and File Items D, E, F, G.

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

NOES: None

BUSINESS ITEM

Foothill Workforce Development Board

Victoria Rocha presented a staff report about options pertaining to the Foothill Workforce Development Board, and answered questions from Councilmembers. There was discussion about other options, as well as commonality with Monrovia.

Sheryl Lefmann, Chamber of Commerce, stated workforce development is extremely important, Foothill Workforce did not participate in their consortium, and suggested looking at other structures, such as Citrus College or Mt. SAC.

Kang moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to authorize the City of Duarte's withdrawal from the Foothill Workforce Development Board, approve the City of Monrovia's application to join the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board, direct that necessary documents and applications be prepared, and return to City Council for future approvals of MOUs and/or JPAs, 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 Regional Board issued a notice for the new MS4 permit, and comments are due October 23.

JORDAN: Stated he spoke with the City Manager of Azusa and Supervisor Barger's Lead Homeless Deputy, and he will report back to Council.

REILLY: Thanked and congratulated the Foothill Unity Center on its 40 years of service, thanked staff for setting up a cooling center at Royal Oaks, she is glad we are taking steps toward helping the homeless, it needs to be a regional program, and encouraged all to answer the census questions.

LEWIS: Thanked the Public Safety Work Group and Contract Cities for meeting and listening to his questions, thanked staff for the small business grant program and encouraged businesses to apply, and reminded all to get out and vote.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated Vinh Truong and Toney Lewis who will be serving on the City Council for the next four years, wished Foothill Unity Center a happy anniversary, stated there are some opportunities for improvement, engagement, and outreach regarding cooling centers, she appreciates the School District's administration and teachers, regarding the homeless, stated public safety, health and safety, and fire safety are on top of the list, and stated she hopes the regional approach will work for a long-term solution.

FASANA: Stated the rates of COVID seem to be dropping, and encouraged all to stay safe.

FINLAY: She will forward a letter to staff that she received from a resident about electromagnetic testing at Royal Oaks Park, stated some residents north of Duarte Park on Bloomdale/ Maynard are concerned about construction workers parking on Brycedale, there is a lot more trash in that area, and suggested a trash can could be placed there.

KANG: Discussed the School District's distance learning process, inquired about the new shopping cart ordinance (Villalobos responded), and stated the gas light at 2236 High Mesa has been out of service for quite some time.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk